



EMPOWERing Energy Efficiency

Interreg Europe projects like EMPOWER has at its core the desire to work together across a common cause and find strength in the unity of purpose.

We face many challenges in today's world not least is the need to reduce CO² emissions from buildings and how we can source the means to finance these measures. Never daunted, European regions are innovative in seeking solutions and our strength comes through the pooling of knowledge and experience to find mutually beneficial solutions.

As a partnership, EMPOWER embodies this spirit of a shared, innovative approach. Project partners are exploring new technologies for monitoring energy efficiency and advancing better energy management. We are also looking at innovative, sustainable ways to fund the projects. The partnership of nine (including the Southern Regional Assembly on the Irish side) is working together, sharing good practices, and proposing policy improvements in this vital area.

EMPOWER is “powering ahead” in its current phase, with a Peer Review workshop taking place in Venice last March, where we will continue this good work to deepen the emerging learning from the project.

Advancement of the project was achieved at a meeting of the partners in France. We are proud of a *good practice* register which we produced and are confident that it is proving to be a useful resource for stakeholders or indeed for a wider public interested in the areas of energy monitoring and novel ways of funding energy projects.

The next exciting phase of EMPOWER is the Study visits, which will provide the opportunity for partners and stakeholders to experience these good practices first hand.

EMPOWER is a five-year, inter-regional project which commenced January 2017. The project aims to reduce carbon output by dynamically monitoring energy efficiency in buildings, with a special focus on innovative methods of financing. Consisting of 9-partners from Ireland, Slovenia, Portugal, Italy, France, Sweden, Poland, Germany and Spain. The project was approved for a grant of € 1.90m by the Interreg Europe Programme, through the European Regional Development Fund.

For more about the EMPOWER project, you can read here www.interregeurope.eu/empower

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