

## What is EMPOWER About?

EMPOWER is a project funded under the Interreg Europe Programme 2014-2020. It aims to improve public policy in the areas of energy monitoring and innovative financing of energy projects in each partner region by "sharing solutions for success".



## Why EMPOWER?

With Europe 2020 targets fast approaching and buildings alone accounting for around 40% of EU energy needs and 36% of carbon emissions, EMPOWER partners are working together and exploring good practices to find suitable solutions.

How can we collect reliable data about the energy usage and potential savings in public buildings? And how do we derive concrete suggestions for day-to-day energy management, as well as for energy efficiency investments from that data? These are questions that EMPOWER aims to answer.

Throughout the project, the nine partner regions will work together, exchange good practices and improve knowledge and policies through actions including a peer review event, study visits, technical & import workshops and regional action plans.

## What EMPOWER will do?

EMPOWER Aims to achieve a 10% reduction in carbon emissions from buildings in participating regions by 2021. EMPOWER will achieve this target by:

- ▶ Developing at least 2 cost effective energy monitoring systems and using these in existing buildings to attract private investment. Partners will demonstrate that good energy management is part of good governance.
- ▶ All project partners and their stakeholders will enhance their knowledge and improve regional development policies & programmes, resulting in a reduction in carbon emissions.
- ▶ Regional Action Plans will be produced by each partner in cooperation with their regional policy instrument owners, who will play a crucial role in the durability of the project results.
- ▶ Building the capacity of all relevant public authorities including ERDF Managing Authorities.



## How will this be achieved?

**By sharing and exchanging good practices and ideas and finding solutions to improve each partners policies. Interregional learning will be achieved by;**

**Involving Stakeholders** - Participation of local stakeholders is essential to EMPOWER's success. In addition to contributing their knowledge and experience to the project, stakeholders also improve their own capacity by learning from practices in other European countries. Stakeholders can influence and improve policies in each region.

**Peer Review Event** – Holding a Peer Review Event will bring together partners, experts and stakeholders in the areas of energy monitoring and financing energy projects. Partners' policies will be assessed and ideas shared as to how to improve regional policies. Experts suggest ideas and recommendations in relation to potential good practices.

**Sharing and implementing Good Practices** – Partners will identify good practices that will improve their regional operational programmes. These good practices will be analysed through study visits and imported into policy in each region through special workshops and Regional Action Plans.

## Key EMPOWER Facts



9 Partners



## MEET THE PARTNERS



Energy Agency of Podravje (Lead Partner)  
Institution for Sustainable Energy Use (SI)  
Local Energy Management Agency of Almada, AGENEAL (PT)  
Southern Regional Assembly (IE)  
Florentine Energy Agency (IT)  
Municipality of Lorient (FR)  
Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (SE)  
Mazovia Energy Agency (MAE) (PL)  
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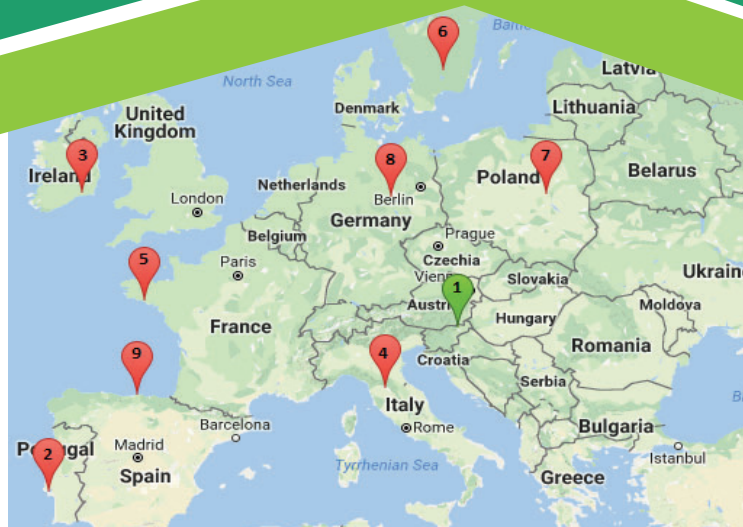
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## EMPOWER AIMS TO

reduce carbon output by monitoring  
energy efficiency in buildings,  
with special focus on the use  
of innovative financial instruments.

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