

## COOPENERGY Action Plan Report:

**Partner:** RAEE, FRANCE

**Joint-Action:** Collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures (SCOT and PLU) for sustainable energy territories

**Pillar:** 2 Modelling, planning and monitoring tools for decision makers & 3 Awareness raising and stakeholders involvement instruments

### Regional/local authorities involved:

Régional Council of Rhône-Alpes,

Syndicat mixte **SCoT Grand Rovaltain** : in charge of the development and implementation of the SCOT (Schéma de Cohérence Territoriale: Spatial planning document for the whole territory)

**Valence Romans Sud Rhône-Alpes - VSRA**: Public authority in charge of the whole territory – gathering 51 municipalities

Municipality of **Montmiral** (part of the VSRA territory)

Municipality of **Clérieux** (part of the VSRA territory)

### Stakeholders involved:

The following stakeholders were involved in addition to the above public authorities:

Spatial planning agency of Drome: **CAUE 26**

Local energy agency: **ADIL 26**

Social housing companies: **Habitat dauphinois, SDH**

Regional representation of National authorities: **DDT26, DDT07**

National public authority in charge of housing: **EPORA**

### About the joint action

The joint action consists in reviewing existing spatial and energy planning procedures within the VSRA territory (SCOT Grand Rovaltain, PCET Valence Romans) and implementing multi-level stakeholder actions leading to the joint elaboration of climate friendly planning documents.

In order to successfully implement the joint action, the regional and local stakeholders involved in the joint local working group, have implemented the following activities:

#### 1- **setting up of the local working group:**

A local working group was set up and involved the above listed stakeholders. The local working group was coordinated by RAEE and met 6 times during the course of the project.

The local working group decided to implement two activities at regional level in order to support the joint action at local level:



- 2- a **regional survey** was carried out at regional level by the spatial planning agency in order to identify gaps and barriers for developing and implementing climate friendly spatial planning documents in Rhône-Alpes. The survey highlighted crucial needs for improved dialogue also on technical and regulatory basis between energy and spatial planning experts.
- 3- **One info day** was organized in 2014 at regional level dedicated to improving the dialogue between energy and spatial planning experts and focusing on barriers.

Following the implementation of the above regional activities, several actions were carried out at local level within the Valence Romans Sud Rhône-Alpes territory.

- 4- **Participatory review** of the spatial and energy planning documents: SCOT Grand Rovaltain (spatial planning document) and PCET Pays de Romans and Valence Agglo (Local SEAP), were reviewed during a participatory process involving the above stakeholders.

Based on the outputs of the review, recommendations were formulated by the local working group. These recommendations tackled both governance as well as technical matters related to a better reciprocal understanding of energy and spatial planning issues.

- 5- The recommendations were discussed and shared during a **dedicated local working group meeting** at local level during which training sessions were organized focusing on ways to implement the recommendations.
- 6- **A second info day** was organized in 2015 at regional level dedicated to improving the dialogue between energy and spatial planning experts and focusing on enabling factors.

Due to territorial administrative changes, VSRA's local SEAP had to be revised in 2015. This activity was considered as an opportunity to build on existing recommendations formulated during step 4 above and implement a joint revision process involving both spatial and energy experts.

- 7- **Revision of the local SEAP of the VSRA** territory based on the recommendations about improved governance. Although the spatial planning documents were not revised at this occasion due to their own revision agenda, spatial planning experts were associated to the revision of the local SEAP which has led to a better understanding of the energy objectives and measures, improved dialogue with energy experts. Moving forward spatial planning experts will be better prepared to integrate climate friendly measures into spatial planning documents

## About the Collaboration model

The collaboration model was based on the:

- Setting up of a partnership agreement between a spatial planning (CAUE26) and an energy planning (RAEE) agencies. The purpose of the partnership agreement was to facilitate joint technical working focusing on the VSRA territory and organization of capacity building activities.
- Creation of a multi-level stakeholder group involving National, Regional and Local public authorities, spatial and energy planning agencies as well as other regional and local stakeholders interested in integrated territorial planning.



## Collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures (SCOT and PLU), Action Plan

ACTION	DEADLINE (YY.MM.DD)	STATUS	PROGRESS
Setting up of the local working group	13.12.01	Done	
Organizing and coordinating LWG1- Local working group / Kick off meeting <i>Romans</i>	13.12.17	Done	Focused on stakeholder's involvement, initial review of existing barriers
Carrying out the regional survey and analysis	Jan-Feb 2014	Done	
Organizing and coordinating LWG2- Local working group Lyon	14.03.19	Done	Focused on the Info day and tools for improved dialogue
Organizing and coordinating LWG 3 - Local working group Alixan	15.01.15	Done	Mobilized regional and local stakeholders around the review of existing plans.
Presentation made at local GTLU meeting	15.01.29	Done	Dissemination at regional level
Organizing and coordinating LWG4- Local working group / Alixan	15.04.07	Done	Capacity learning focusing on understanding expectations from both parties and implementing enhanced dialogue



Organizing and coordinating LWG5- Local working group Lyon	15.04.30	Done	Focused on the Info day preparation and discussions about enabling factors and recommendations for developing climate friendly spatial plans
Organizing and coordinating LWG6- Dedicated local working group for revised local SEAP Alixan	15.06.25	Done	Implementing local user group recommendations for the revision of the local SEAP
Follow up interviews	Planned in Oct 2015	Ongoing	Interviews of local stakeholders (3 PLUs) to adapt local SEAP in a joint and participatory manner involving energy and spatial planning experts.