

Report: Evaluating the Joint Action

Joint model for the implementation of Municipal Building Codes in Liguria Region, Liguria Region

Context and rationale

Measures to improve/update the Building Regulation are a priority in almost all Municipalities of Liguria committed to the Covenant of Mayors and this represents, indeed, a key action in all the local SEAPs since, in general, it can contribute to the CO₂ reduction target up to 25% of the overall objective. In order to meet the needs of the Local Authorities it was decided to focus on this topic for the JAs regional activities supported by IRE within COOPENERGY.



Description of the Joint Action: Joint model for the implementation of Municipal Building Codes in Liguria Region

The involvement of **Regional and Local Authorities** for this JA activities is committed to the establishment of a dedicated Local Working Group whose goal is the successful implementation of the JA. In Liguria, the LWGs meetings were connected to the **Regional Steering Committee** of the **Memorandum of Understanding for the Covenant of Mayors** originally designed within Climact Regions project and then implemented through COOPENERGY. The MoU was signed by 45 Regional and Local Authorities that are represented by the related SC composed by 13 representatives of the signatories.

How we collaborated

The SC met to discuss the regional energy policies (aimed also to Regional SEAP review) and the concrete actions linked to the JA activities.

3 meetings took place so far, in February, April and June 2015. Other meetings are planned for the fall 2015 since it was established as a permanent regional tool. In order to support the Municipalities in the update of the Building Code providing concrete tools, IRE SpA worked to set-up and test a joint model for the identification of the potential savings of energy efficiency interventions to be included, to collect the existing good practices in the Region and to share in the Working tables all these resources As final step, a free draft of a Guidebook with recommendations for the update/preparation of the Municipal Building Regulations is now being prepared by IRE SpA.

Key results of the Collaboration

- > **45 regional and Local Authorities** directly involved
- > **A permanent Regional Steering Committee established** (13 representatives)
- > **Guidebook** on Building Codes update for Municipalities



Lessons learned and success factors

- Establishment of a **permanent regional Steering Committee** involving all the authorities related to the CoM.
- **Small sized municipalities (the most of Liguria Region) are actively represented in the MLG process**, through elected representatives.

The main barrier identified by the Municipalities within the LWG meetings dealt with **the lack of technical expertise in the field of sustainable energy planning** in general, especially in the case of the small sized municipalities (the most of the total 235 municipalities of Liguria Region). The process of collection and sharing of best practices and providing concrete tools represent a very widely accepted solution by LAs.

Resources

The JA activities were implemented within the Steering Committee meetings of the Regional Memorandum for the Covenant of Mayors. All the concrete actions set-up by IRE to support the

LAs were carried on within COOPENERGY, through internal staff; it was able since the experience of IRE as energy agency in the field of energy efficiency and certification of Buildings.

Perspectives, continuation of the action

Since the Regional SC is now conceived as permanent tool for the governance of the regional energy policies, the related meetings will continue to be organized also after the end of Joint Action activities and of the COOPENERGY project.

Regarding the further future activities about the Building Codes update, it's planned to:

- Present the related Guidebook prepared by IRE to the LAs during next SC meetings but also in other regional events.
- Continue the improvement of the tool adopting the National law 164/2014 inputs on the Joint Building Code (within the end of 2015 a national model for a shared Building Code should be provided by the National level legislation).
- Carry on a participated monitoring of the activities to analyse the results of the application of the recommendations with all the LAs involved.

Transferability - The success factors for collaboration

The above described collaboration model for the implementation of JAs ensures a continuous open discussion process among the different decisional levels and the opportunity for the Municipalities, especially the small sized ones, to be involved and state their local needs. Further collaboration can be promoted on other important themes in the energy sector, like the issue of energy data collection (synergies with the IEE Project DATA4ACTION: www.data4action.eu).

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