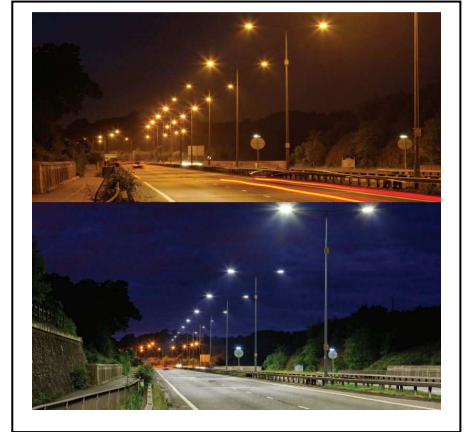


Report: Evaluating the Joint Action

Joint procurement process and collaboration in Public Lighting, Liguria Region

Context and rationale

Measures aimed to the refurbishment of the Public Lighting system 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, despite its contribution target in terms of CO₂ is not comparable to other actions, its impact is considerable in terms of raising awareness the citizens about energy efficiency issues and potentials. 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 procurement process and collaboration in public lighting

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 process of public lighting refurbishment providing concrete tools, IRE SpA worked to collect the related existing good practices in the Region and to share in the working tables all these resources. As final step, **a draft of a model of a joint procurement tender** for the public lighting renovation will be provided by IRE SpA to support all the municipalities that are interested in carry on these activities.

Key results of the Collaboration

- > **45 regional and Local Authorities** directly involved
- > **A permanent Regional Steering Committee established** (13 representatives)
- > **Draft of a model of a joint procurement tender for the public lighting**



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 (Staff required or funding)

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 and external consultants whose expertise is needed as support to the draft of the tender process.

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 support to the municipalities in the renovation of Public lighting system, it's planned to:

- Present the related draft of a model of a joint procurement tender prepared by IRE to the LAs during next SC meetings but also in other regional events.
- Carry on a participated monitoring of the activities to analyse the results of the application of the tender with all the LAs that will decided to apply it.

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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