

How to work collaboratively on energy projects

Top tips for Regional and Local Authorities

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Liguria Region, Italy

“Integrate a top-down approach with a bottom-up approach.”

“Develop Multi-level Governance (MLG) structures that are a permanent tool beyond the life of EU projects e.g. a working group or steering committee.”

“It is important to monitor the action after it is implemented.”

Norrbotten County, Sweden

"Successful collaboration needs commitment from all involved partners. Invest enough time to built trust!"

"Show tangible results to engage stakeholders in the positives of energy planning."

"Celebrate successes and praise your partners and their good work."





Zlin Region, Czech Republic

“Visit each municipality in person, to engage them in energy actions. Reliable data is needed for credible results and study findings.”

“Some results need to be clearly visible early on in the process, to showcase the benefits of the project to others and keep existing stakeholders engaged.”

“Combine general promotion of the action with a specific approach tailored to each municipality.”

The Basque Country, Spain

“Establish a methodology for working with stakeholders that can be extended beyond the lifetime of specific projects or funding streams.”

“Meet in small groups at the early stage of the process to allow for better feedback.”

“Mentor local authorities to help them with contracting and managing energy projects.”





Kent County, UK

“Make links across sectors and find out their priorities. Then demonstrate to these sectors how your strategy is delivering on these priorities, to ensure the strategy is jointly owned and delivered.”

“Take an evidenced based approach to your priorities.”

“Communicate at all levels. Do not assume the different tiers of government or organisations will filter information down and up to one another.”

Metropolitan Rhine-Neckar Region, Germany

“Energy ambassadors can build links between the regional councils and the citizens, to support the energy turnaround.”

“Create steering committees and invite stakeholders across different sectors, to get them involved in the energy strategy or project.”





Rhône-Alpes Region, France

“Build capacity between the local and regional levels by discussing barriers and knowledge gaps (e.g. financial barriers). Then hold information days and invite experts who can fill this gap (e.g. banks, EU funding experts) and who can provide the necessary information and expertise to get projects going.”





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