

Collaboration in adapting spatial planning procedures (SCOT and PLU) for sustainable energy territories

Time period: 2014- ongoing

Theme of collaboration: Planning tools for decision makers and stakeholders involvement instruments

Application: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy Sources, reduction of CO₂ emissions

Topic: Energy planning

Context /Background

The goal of this joint action is to review existing spatial planning tool at sub regional level within the territory of Valence Romans Sud Rhône-Alpes VRSRA (3 municipalities) located within Rhône-Alpes, identify gaps and barriers that will hamper the implementation of local SEAPs and propose climate friendly recommendations as far as possible through changes to spatial planning documents.

Description

In order to successfully implement the joint action, the regional and local stakeholders will implement the following activities:

- 1- Setting up the Local Working Group
- 2- Reviewing the SCOT and PCET, respectively spatial planning and local SEAP documents, identifying gaps and barriers in a participative manner
- 3- Proposing solutions for addressing gaps and barriers
- 4- Organizing two regional info days in relation with climate friendly spatial planning procedures to promote the joint action

Partners involved – Governance

Régional Council of Rhône-Alpes; Syndicat mixte SCoT Grand Rovaltain; Valence Romans Sud Rhône-Alpes – VRSRA (Public authority in charge of the whole territory – gathering 51 municipalities); Municipality of Montmiral; Municipality of Clérieux; 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.



Local Working Group Meeting

Key results

- Integration of recommendations to meet the needs of urban planning documents in the specifications of future SEAP
 - 5 public authorities (Region, Syndicat mixte SCoT Grand Rovaltain, VRSRA, Communes of Montmiral and Clérieux) and 3 spatial and energy planning agencies working together
 - Development of analysis tools for easier integration of sustainable energy criteria.





Results achieved

Spatial and energy planning actors have been mobilized and worked together during several technical meetings. Key decision makers were invited to some of the meetings. The governance of the VRSRA SEAP is now including spatial planning representatives as well and will be ready for the development of the future SEAP (covering new administrative borders). Results of the project will be brought to the future SEAP of the urban community and the energy challenges of the territory will be discussed in this instance. The regional council is also represented.

Several TEPOS (Positive Energy Territories) within Rhône-Alpes are interested in implementing integrated spatial and energy planning activities. It will result in additional joint actions in this area. A guide targeted at local public authorities and planning agencies will be published.

Barriers and proposed solutions

Spatial and energy planning experts have very limited occasions to share their respective visions, objectives and activities. It is important to set up instances and cross trainings where experts can share their views and exchange information.

Empowerment of actors, agreement on a common vision and integrated planning activities are difficult to reach. It is important to work on a prospective vision for the territory and consult local actors about energy independence, climate protection and society evolution.

Geographical priority areas for RES can be difficult to define. Using existing GIS tools can facilitate the decision process.

Lessons learned & Success factors

- Time is needed to successfully involve local actors from 2 different planning fields (spatial and energy planning).
- It is easier to experiment such a joint action when SEAP development starts.
- Support from local and regional decision makers is needed to facilitate this integrated planning effort.
- Regulatory requirements about between spatial and energy planning are not always known or implemented by local actors.

Similar Initiatives- Transferability

It is preferable to involve an independent structure as external moderator or facilitator.

There is a need to involve technical recognized experts in both fields, spatial and energy planning.

The involvement of the regional level authority helps to support the implementation of local integrated planning efforts and ensure the coherence with regional plans.

Financing & costs

Budget range

< € 100,000
€ 100,000 – € 1,000,000
€ 1,000,000 – € 10,000,000
€ 10,000,000 – € 100,000,000
> € 100,000,000
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