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Newsletter - February 2025

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Dear readers,

In few months, we will celebrate 10 years of IEECP. We are planning many things to make this year special – we see already that it will be a different one, though not for the best reasons. It will be a year for standing (even more) together in the fight for climate justice, for a fair transition, and above all, for a trusted and backed research.

In times when data and science are questioned daily, fake news make our work harder but even more needed; we must strengthen collaborations and popularisation of science efforts, gathering a strong community that shares our unchanged ambition to build a low-emissions and resilient future. You are part of this community, and we wanted to thank you for that!

A couple of months ago, we wrote in our manifesto that "*We believe that social and climate struggles go hand in hand in a convergence of struggles".* Today we revisit the values that drive our work, reminding ourselves that respect and tolerance, openness and appreciation are the key to 10 more years together.

Within IEECP, but also when working with clients and partners, we are committed to maintaining responsibility for quality and loyalty, an unbiased approach, efficiency, and open, inclusive communication, and will continue doing so for the next decades. Are you with us?

Marine Perrio, for IEECP

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

EVENTS — These are busy times for our team organising events! A selection of the next ones is available here:

- **Rethinking Funding at the Local Level: Moving Beyond Subsidies to Fast-Track the Energy Transition-PROSPECT+ Final Event, March 11, Brussels**. The event will explore actionable recommendations to enable cities to access the resources required for energy transition and climate neutrality. These insights are particularly relevant for policymakers, investors, and stakeholders shaping support for cities' energy transition. Register here.

The LIFE NECPlatform project has organised more than 30 multi-level energy and climate dialogues in 6 Member States paving the way for additional countries willing to establish and implement Climate and Energy Dialogue platforms. This final event of the project will be the opportunity to hear and discuss its findings. Register.

- **No Country for Old Coal** – On April 10, JUSTEM will share its key outcomes, tools and policy recommendations, and host an honest discussion about energy poverty, employment, gender equality, and community participation within the process of Just Transitions. Join us in Brussels or online and be part of the dialogue.

(Cool) women in science. On February 11, the project CoolLIFE gathered "cool women in science" to share their expertise and experience in a webinar, which recording is available - coinciding with the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**. That week, RE-WITCH shared interviews and infographics, now all available in the project website, see the tab (Cool) women in science.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ACTION FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Infographics (REGILIENCE) – Sources of information about the environment and climate change, a citizen survey on mitigation and adaptation.

Article (NECPlatform) – LIFE behind the scenes of the clean energy transition.

Policy brief (IN-PLAN) – The IN-PLAN Practice for Integrated Planning: Supporting Local Authorities from Design to Implementation.

Policy brief (Optfor-EU) – Harnessing the potential of European forest ecosystem services: OptFor-EU gives key recommendations to advance decarbonisation and climate resilience in its first policy brief.

Video (Regio1st) – Unlock the power of Regio1st Planning Framework – Implementing the Energy Efficiency First principle in regional planning.

Community of Practice (ENTRACK) – Call for a Community of Practice to empower local authorities in rural areas to design energy policies with a social perspective. The call is open in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece.

EVENTS

Energy Efficiency First: How Energy Agencies Shape Smarter Energy Planning (Regio1st) – February 25, 14:00 to 15:00 CET, online.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCING AND BUSINESS

Poster (ENERGATE) – The Energy Efficiency Marketplace and how it connects building owners, implementors, financiers and public bodies.

Factsheet (ENERGATE) – Key takeaways from the Greek national workshop in Athens, December 2024.

EVENTS

From Innovation to Market: New, Advanced Services for Energy Efficiency in Buildings – InEExS and ENERGATE workshop, 22 February 2025, 13:30 – 15:30 EET, Verde.tec Forum 2025- Environmental Technologies Exhibition: Workshop Room 1, MEC Exhibition Center, Paiania.

Maximizing energy efficiency in industry: Insights and policy recommendations from three EU-LIFE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY

Briefing (ENSMOV Plus and ENEFIRST Plus) – Energy savings potentials for policymaking: examples in the context of the EED (European Workshop materials).

Newsletter (ENSMOV Plus) – Discover ENSMOV Plus' 3rd project newsletter with materials on energy savings potentials, transport, energy poverty, the EU legislation, and more!

EVENTS

Webinar (SteamSAVE+) – 6 March, 11 CET, Online. Join streamSAVE's third dialogue meeting on Energy savings in companies: technology-focused vs. system approach.

Final event (EU-MORE) – **Boosting energy savings in industry and the service sector by accelerating replacement of old and inefficient electric motors, March 11, Brussels and online.** Join interactive conversations about effective policymaking aimed at enhancing energy savings in the industrial and service sectors.

CONSUMERS AND COMMUNITIES

Article (HouseInc) – Defining housing inequality- a state-of-the-art literature review reveals a multifaceted concept.

Article and graphic (HouseInc) – Towards inclusive housing systems: a conceptual framework to study housing inequality.

Video (ReLIFE) – Unlocking data accessibility for a sustainable future empowering deep renovation in Europe's building sector.

Recordings and slides (RENOVERTY) – Quantifying the Impact: Addressing Energy Poverty Through Efficiency.

EVENTS

Webinar on Energy Communities and EU Policy Updates (Citizen-Led renovation) – 6 March, 14:30 CET, Online.

BUILDINGS

Video (EBENTO) – Demonstrating EBENTO in Athens, to enhance energy efficiency in Greek buildings using performance guarantee tools.

Roadmaps (InEExS) – The first roadmap for overcoming barriers in regulation, finance, and market design provides an analysis of the factors impeding the adoption of smart services and technologies at both the Member State and EU levels. The roadmap on the identification and prioritisation of viable smart services and technologies focuses on connecting energy sectors and carriers.

New pilots map (InEExS for the Smart Energy Cluster) – This interactive map, newly launched on the Smart Energy Cluster website, is designed to help projects within the cluster easily identify pilot sites by country or by project. Additionally, it provides direct links to each project's pilot webpage, fostering stronger collaboration and knowledge sharing between members.

Event series (DeCo2) – January-June 2025, Austria. The "How Can I...?" series was developed as a lecture and discussion format within the EU project DeCO2 for the residents of the Terrassenhaussiedlung in Graz, Austria. From January to June 2025, the series will act as an information hub, featuring both expert residents presenting proven methods and external consultants offering insights into new solutions.

The IEECP newsletter gathers news from projects receiving funding from the European Horizon 2020, Horizon EU and LIFE programmes. See all projects IEECP coordinates or participates in.

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