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Newsletter - March 2025

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

IEECP in the news. Three years on: How Russia's invasion reshaped energy prices across Europe. Euronews article.

Meet us in March at the Multi-Level Governance: A Key to EU Climate and Energy Goals – NECPlatform final event, 18 March, Brussels and online.

Meet us in April at the No Country for Old Coal: Transformative action for regional just transitions – JUSTEM Final Event, April 10, Brussels and online.

At IEECP, we believe that a just, green, and inclusive world is only possible when we work together. On March 8, we celebrated the women leading the way—and the men standing in solidarity with a short video. Because equality isn't a choice; it's the way forward.

New Rural Renovation Roadmaps by RENOVERTY Guide Homeowners towards Sustainable Futures – Developed in close collaboration with Local Action Groups in seven regions across the EU, these roadmaps offer clear, practical guidance on technical, legislative, and financial options, simplifying the renovation process for energy-poor households in rural areas.

Are you involved in the building sector and passionate about driving digitalisation and circularity forward? This survey, launched by the projects DeCO$_2$ and DigiBUILD, is for you! Help us explore the drivers, barriers, and enabling conditions for adopting digitalisation in the sector.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ACTION FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Event material (REGILIENCE) – Open Training Session on heat, health, and climate resilience.

Article (REGILIENCE) – How prepared is our built environment to face natural hazards?

Article and press release (NECPlatform) – Together we are stronger – The impact of multi-level climate and energy dialogue on EU Climate and Energy Goals.

Report (NECPlatform) – Guidelines for the implementation of Climate and Energy Dialogue platforms.

the OptFor-EU project: Inform-Prioritise-Collaborate: Building a Sustainable Forest Future through Regional Cooperation and Innovation.

EVENTS

Engaging Stakeholders in Regional Climate Adaptation Actions (REGILIENCE). At the EU Climate Pact flagship event, in Brussels and online, March 19, 9h30-11 CET.

Enhancing the resilience and adaptation of regions and local communities: four online Open Seminars designed to empower regions and local communities to adapt to climate change (REGILIENCE), from March 27, online.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCING AND BUSINESS

Poster (ENERGATE) – Who is the ENERGATE for?: an energy efficiency Marketplace for all the value-chain.

Report (RE-WITCH) – First release of industrial cooling needs and RE-WITCH technology specifications, authored by UoB, CNR and UNIGE.

Blog (RE-WITCH) – Why are Industries still wasting Heat?

Factsheet (ENERGATE) – Learning from a workshop on the role of ESCOs in sustainability, financing barriers for energy efficiency, and driving sustainable investments.

Factsheet (ENERGATE) – How to mobilise the mass renovation of energy-poor households in Greece? Dive into the learnings of a national workshop on energy efficiency financing.

News (EU MORE) – The project ends, leaving behind useful resources and policy measures to accelerate the replacement of old and inefficient electric motors: initiate a data collection programme + design a subsidy scheme to replace old, inefficient motors + launch a tax incentive scheme combined with voluntary agreements for "low-hanging fruit", and many more, read on the website.

EVENTS

Green Transition & Business: The National Plan and the Impact on Business (IEECP) – 15 March, Thessaloniki Greece, 17.30-19.00 EET.

Energy Efficiency: Obligations, benefits and new opportunities for companies (Audit2Measure, ENSMOV Plus and Leap to 11) – 26 March, Croatia and online (only in Croatian).

ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY

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

Report (Enefirst Plus) – Needs assessment and compilation of existing resources for the implementation of EE1st.

Op-Ed (Enefirst Plus) – Fair assessments for a fair transition: time to implement the Energy Efficiency First principle.

EVENTS

Follow-up material (Regio1st) – Energy Efficiency First: How Energy Agencies Shape Smarter Energy Planning.

CONSUMERS AND COMMUNITIES

Video (LOCATEE) – LOCATEE supports local authorities with tools and methodologies to make energy poverty more visible and support them in integrating effective solutions into their long-term strategies like SECAPs.

Newsletter (Citizen-led renovation) – In 2025, the initiative is scaling up with Phase III of the Support service, moving from pilot projects to establishing the necessary conditions and structures to guide energy communities in their citizen-led renovation journey.

Mentorship call (ASSERT) – Join a network of 25 municipalities and intermediaries, working together to foster inclusion and accessibility (deadline to apply 31st March).

Blog by Bocconi and graphics (HouseInc) – Inclusive housing: It all starts with A.

Final report (JUSTEM) – Justice in transition: empowering citizens for a fair, green economy.

Factsheet (JUSTEM) – Regional Energy Transition: Jiu Valley, Romania.

Energy poverty alleviation plans (JUSTEM) – read our proposals to reduce energy poverty in Istria (EN, HR), Jiu Valley (EN, RO), Stara Zagora (EN, BG), Western Macedonia (EN, GR), Asturias (EN, ES), and Silesian Voivodeship (EN, PL).

BUILDINGS

Article (EBENTO) – Levenshulme Area-Based Retrofit Scheme: Key Insights for the EBENTO Project.

Event recap (Build UP) – Board of Ambassadors: discussing EPBD implementation at a national level.

Blog and graphics (HORIS) – HORIS finalises its quality assessment check to take the hassle out of home renovation for consumers.

EVENTS

Why is it so complicated for banks and citizens? Lessons learned from the energy retrofit in public building sector, by RELIFE, March 12, 11:00 AM – 12:15 CET, online.

Webinar | Building Intelligence: The Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI), by SRI2MARKET, March 26, 09:00 – 13:00 EET, online, only in Greek.

From Policy to Projects: Strategies and Tools for Europe's Green Transition", a CoolLIFE webinar organised with Plan4Cold and REDI4HEAT on Thursday 27 March, 11:00 - 12:30 CET.

CoolLIFE Training: Tools and Strategies for Sustainable Space Cooling, April 1, 11:00-12:30 CET, online.

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