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Shared Experiences for energy Renovation in buildings by Public Administrations: SHERPA

<https://sherpa.interreg-med.eu>

Description of Project

The SHERPA project's main goal was to reinforce the capacities of public administrations at regional and local level in Mediterranean countries, for improving the energy efficiency of the public building stock, with a particular focus on integrated regional and local strategies and plans for energy renovation. The project's ultimate goal was to accelerate the implementation of Directives 2020/31/EU and 2012/27/EU, taking into consideration the particular context, challenges and energy saving potential from the building sector in the Mediterranean area.

SHERPA was a two-phase project, including a Testing phase and a Capitalisation phase. In the *Testing (pilot) phase*, large scale testing took place of a holistic methodology for developing 100 energy renovation projects in public buildings in 8 participating Regions (Catalonia, Valencia /Spain, Lazio, Abruzzo, Emilia-Romagna /Italy, Crete / Greece, Gozo / Malta, Dubrovnik-Neretva /Croatia), addressing four axes: governance, information, training, financing. In the Capitalisation phase, the key aims were to expand the methodology and results of the testing phase to further Regions and Municipalities across the MED area, to strengthen the collaboration between Regions and Municipalities, and to create synergies and a multiplier effect between SHERPA and other relevant EU/national projects and initiatives.

Aim/Expected Impact of Project

Over 50 public authorities signed Letters of Intent to exploit the SHERPA results in the development of their energy efficiency plans and projects, and over 60 further renovation projects were developed in Municipal buildings. To ensure further continuity and upscaling of the project results beyond its lifetime, the following were produced:

- Capitalisation Platform (www.sherpanet.eu): an online platform operational after the end of SHERPA, with two distinct functions:
 - o *Online Capitalisation Forum: a networking forum of public authorities and interested stakeholders involved in energy efficiency of buildings in the MED area and beyond*
 - o *4 Thematic Capitalisation Toolkits: a "hub" of useful information (deliverables, best practices, methodologies, tools and results) on the energy renovation of buildings, collected from SHERPA and other MED/EU projects and initiatives, organised into 4 thematics (policy, technical, financial, awareness).*
- Joint Action Plan: a strategic document setting a common framework to streamline EU/national/ regional policies in the field of energy renovation of buildings in the MED area, seeking the integration of results from SHERPA and other relevant projects and initiatives. It identifies strategic themes and operative actions, as well as an investment plan for financing the actions' implementation.

Involvement of the Agency and Link to the EU Green Deal

Renovation Wave