



“LOCARBO - Novel roles of regional and Local authorities in supporting energy consumers’ behaviour change towards a low CARBOn economy”

FINAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Friday 4th, December 2020 – Webex platform (instructions below)

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LOCARBO is an interregional cooperation project for improving low-carbon economy policies. It aims to improve policy instruments targeting demand-driven initiatives to increase energy efficiency and the use of renewables in buildings, through innovative ways of supporting energy consumers’ behaviour change and combat climate change.

Many of Europe's local/regional actors struggle with developing targeted, implementation-oriented policies addressing low carbon challenges. This holds particularly for energy wasting buildings irrespective of their ownership or use. Since buildings are responsible for 40% of energy consumption in the EU this is a highly relevant issue in the European context. The challenge to involve and motivate stakeholders (especially energy consumers) is perceived broadly as a major problem for public authorities. Motivation and awareness of consumers are of high significance to influence their behaviour and support more conscious energy decisions.

Policy Change. LOCARBO is unique in focusing its activities on bottom-up initiatives and mainly because of the approach to combine and roll-out innovative practices linked to three strongly interrelated thematic pillars (services, organizational structures and technological solutions).

The result is the development of 7 fully feasible Action Plans with the focus on improving 7 Policy Instruments influencing EUR 100M of funds.

Policy changes are related to the main following main strategic sub-themes:

- *Sustainable energy and climate change mitigation and adaptation:* the promotion of intervention concerning the climate and the urban environment *governance*, aimed to improve the quality of life through the integrated territorial/urban planning to promote a higher sustainability degree for the urban systems, through plans of integrated management for the urban services, with a special attention to the set of ecologic lifecycles and related issues of CO2 emission reduction and concrete actions for mitigation and adaptation to climate changes;
- *Natural resources preservation and disaster risk reduction/management:* to preserve the conservation of biodiversity, the carbon and water storage, through a sustainable and resilient policies that reduce territorial risks, prevent disasters, and enhance territorial safety, security and resilience;
- *Integrated territorial planning:* To promote the establishment, in urban planning tools, of actions aimed to improve the energy efficiency in the residential, productive and service buildings, starting from the public ones, looking at the European Parliament and Council guideline 2010/31/UE, of the 19 of May 2010, on the energy supply in buildings, through institutional and awareness-rising actions aimed to the implementation of the ambitions raised from municipalities, citizens groups, local communities and the local actors;
- *Knowledge sharing:* to promote the transfers of good practices among virtuous territorial realities in order to balance the environmental sustainability target and the quality of life standards within homogeneous territorial areas; to combine the minimal mandatory energy efficiency standards with incentive measures to achieve the most ambitious goals, by promoting the use of the best technologies to reduce the emissions of the new buildings and forms of compensation for the emissions that we are unable to eliminate;
- *Community engagement/empowerment:* to promote the awareness-rising, information and training for citizens, economic operators, designers, researchers, illustrators, technicians for local authorities, condominium manager, etc. for gradually empowering them in the actions;
- *Inter-Institutional partnerships:* the enhancement of the municipalities and territories networks in their

action to promote good practices, information circulation, facilitation of the relationships between local territories and global institutional levels; the diffusion of tools among institutions, bodies and companies that have expertise in the management of the territories aimed to re-establish the frame on attribution of responsibilities and improve the levels of collaboration between them.

Interregional Learning Approach. The 7 partners from Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania and the UK are aware that regional policies on energy efficiency can only be successful if pieces of the puzzle are brought together. This has been achieved through inter alia intense local stakeholder group involvement, interregional site visits and the compilation of a good practice inventory.

Who will benefit? By implementing the action plans an enlarged circle of end-users will benefit from making conscious decisions on energy efficiency and implementing investments using smart technologies. They will be assisted by new-type of services and innovative cooperation models promoted by local Authorities.

Budget: €1,608,676.00 - **Duration:** 1 Apr 2016 to 31 March 2021

Partnership:

- 1) Province of Potenza (Lead Partner)
- 2) Basilicata Region (Italy)
- 3) City of Vila Nova de Gaia (Portugal)
- 4) Durham County Council (Great Britain)
- 5) Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania)
- 6) Hungarian Innovation and Efficiency Not-for-profit Ltd. /MI6 (Hungary)
- 7) City of di Alba Iulia (Romania)

Connection with the Province of Potenza's #weResilient Strategy (2013)

The policies and actions put in place are based on the so called **#weResilient** strategy that has been specifically outlined and defined for pursuing regional socio-economic development through a structural combination of environmental sustainability, territorial security and climate change contrasting polices to be implemented through specific actions at urban and local level. The main objective of the **#weResilient** strategy consists in coordinating urban policies and planning and in assisting the local territory through a subsidiary engagement process mainly addressed to municipalities, communities, social groups and citizens, for pursuing an improved territorial governance and appropriate land use policies/actions with wide area (regional) outlook.

A key element of the strategy is the active engagement of communities in local decision-making in the field of territorial policies (sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate changes adaptation/mitigation) and the coordinating/driving action directed to the Municipalities in this inclusion process. Hence the establishment of 'permanent platforms' focused on the implementation of a Resilience of communities that is inclusive of the different categories/social groups. This process of institutional "involvement" has the objective of strengthening the capacity of individuals and communities to reduce risks of catastrophes and to pursue sustainable development by spreading knowledge and raising awareness about the importance of prevention and risk mitigation and through their involvement in relevant decision-making processes related to territorial policies. The involvement of relevant "institutional" stakeholders completes and integrates all the participation process. In January 2015, the Province of Potenza was acknowledged by the UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) as a world ROLE MODEL for Inclusive Resilience and Territorial Safety thanks to the unique coordination action of its 100 Municipalities that have all signed up to the "Making Cities Resilient" Campaign. The Province of Potenza has been also acknowledged as Community Champion "Knowledge For Life" - IDDR2015, EU Covenant Of Mayors For Climate And Energy Coordinator (2016), City Alliance Best Practice "Beyond SDG11" (2018)

In LOCARBO, the Province of Potenza is engaged also in enlarging the territorial coverage of the capitalization action by involving relevant stakeholder and governmental organizations. Being a UNDRR World Role Model, UNDRR has been one of the relevant capitalization key-actor with the main function to provide knowledge and to capitalize from our experience to improve the administrative capacity of global governments at all levels in implementing effective strategies in sustainable and resilient territorial development as the **#weResilient** strategy (<https://www.facebook.com/provpzresilient>). In LOCARBO context UNDRR has been a major player of community involvement and trust building process: by informing local communities/ administrations on the content and related funding opportunities of the strategy adopted, disseminating results of interregional learning, providing "field" feedback towards policy implementation.

More information about LOCARBO project and partners:

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/locarbo/>

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<p>09.50 – 10.00 10.00 – 10.15 CET</p>	<p>While waiting for connection: LOCARBO Video presentation</p> <p>Welcome and Opening of the Event</p> <p>Coordinators (Hosting Partner Vila Nova de Gaia + LP Province of Potenza)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alessandro ATTOLICO, <i>Province of Potenza, Lead Partner Project Manager Coordinator</i> • Margarida ROCHA, <i>Vila Nova del Gaia, Project Communication Manager and Conference's host</i> <p>Messages from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduardo Vítor RODRIGUES, <i>Mayor of Vila Nova del Gaia</i> • Rocco GUARINO, <i>President of the Province of Potenza</i>
<p>10.15 – 10.30 CET</p>	<p>INTERREG EUROPE: State of play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne ROCHETEAU, <i>EU Interreg Europe program Joint Secretariat</i>
<p>10.30 – 10.30 CET</p>	<p>The LOCARBO project (rationale, main objectives, achievements, results)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alessandro ATTOLICO, <i>Province of Potenza, Lead Partner Project Manager Coordinator</i>
<p>10.40 – 10.50 CET</p>	<p>Addressing Key Note Speech: Challenges and opportunities for low-carbon and climate resilient policies in Covid-19 era</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abhilash PANDA, <i>Head of Infrastructure Resilience & Deputy for Intergovernmental and Partnerships Branch – UNDRR, Geneva</i>
<p>10.50 – 12.00 CET</p>	<p>Round Table: Perspectives, tools and actions for improving transition towards low-carbon and climate resilient economies and behaviors (5-7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luigi Emanuele MARSICO, <i>President, Basilicata Energy Cluster ETS, Italy</i> • Domenico TRIPALDI, <i>Director General, Planning and Finance Dept., Basilicata Region, Italy</i> • Gianni ROSA, <i>Councillor, Energy and Environment, Basilicata Region, Italy</i> • João GALAMBA, <i>Secretary of State for Energy, Portugal</i> • Mark JOSLYN, <i>ERDF Sustainability Manager, European Programmes & Local Growth, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – Renaissance, UK</i> • Giedrius GECEVIČIUS, <i>Chairman of the Board, Public Institution Lithuanian Energy Agency, Lithuania</i> • Katalin BARNA, <i>International Affairs Division of the Managing Authority, Hungary</i> • Gabriel PLEȘA, <i>Mayor of Alba Iulia Municipality</i> <p>Q/A from audience (10-15 min)</p>
<p>12.00 – 13.15 CET</p>	<p>Partners' experience in LOCARBO initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosalia SMALDONE, <i>Province of Potenza, Italy</i> • Lucia BRISCESE, <i>Basilicata Region, Italy</i> • Carla PIRES, <i>Municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal</i> • Helen GRAYSHAN, <i>Durham County Council, UK</i> • Jolanta DVARIONIENĖ, <i>Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</i> • Zoltán OLETICS, <i>Hungarian Innovation and Efficiency Nonprofit Ltd., Hungary</i> • Alexandra CIRSTOIU, <i>Alba Iulia Municipality, Romania</i> <p>Q/A from audience (10 min)</p>
<p>13:15 – 13:30 CET</p>	<p>Conclusions and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla PIRES, <i>Municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia</i> • Alessandro ATTOLICO, <i>Province of Potenza, UNDRR MCR Campaign Advocate</i>

Moderator:

- **Francesco SCORZA**, *Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Basilicata and President of the Basilicata Region Section of the National Planning Institute*

Co-moderators:

- **Alessandro ATTOLICO**, *Lead Partner Project Manager Coordinator Province of Potenza, UNDRR MCR Campaign Advocate*
- **Carla PIRES**, *Vila Nova del Gaia, Project Communication Manager and Conference's host*

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