

# EMPOWER

More Carbon Reduction by Dynamically Monitoring Energy Efficiency



## EMPOWER Study Visits

Sharing best practices, knowledges and solutions

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The partnerships of 9 European regions are working together to share experiences, solutions and good practices to develop and deliver better public policy to reduce carbon emissions and innovative use of financial instruments.

In the second and third Semester partners have been very busy with the Study Visits. The first Study Visit was hosted by Lorient and was followed by Maribor in 2017. In 2018, Study Visits were hosted in Mazovia, Kalmar, Cork, Magdeburg, Santander and Almada. Details about the Study Visits can you find and read on the Empower project website [www.interregeurope.eu/empower](http://www.interregeurope.eu/empower).

Relevant good practices were presented by different experts that the Study Visits participants were able to understand systems in very detailed way. They met people working on the cases which were able to answer all questions raised by participants. Participants exchanged their experiences in energy field linked to the Energy and Financial monitoring. Results were reported to stakeholders to spread out the new experiences.

All participants gave very positive feedback about gaining new knowledge, sharing experiences and making closer friendships with their own stakeholders and other visitors and partners. They took home not only good practices regarding energy monitoring and financial instruments but also other related ideas.

After the visits all good practices seen will be imported into policy in each region through Technical & Import Workshops and Regional Action Plans which will be produced by each partner.

The next phase of EMPOWER is to organize two Technical Workshops. One on Energy Monitoring organized in Almada and the other on Financial Instruments organized in Magdeburg.

*EMPOWER is a five-year, inter-regional project which commenced January 2017. The project aims to reduce carbon output by dynamically monitoring energy efficiency in buildings, with a special focus on innovative methods of financing. Consisting of 9-partners: from Ireland, Slovenia, Portugal, Italy, France, Sweden, Poland, Germany and Spain. The project was approved for a grant of € 1.90 m by the Interreg Europe Programme, through the European Regional Development Fund.*

For more about the EMPOWER project, you can read here [www.interregeurope.eu/empower](http://www.interregeurope.eu/empower)

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