



# Newsletter #3

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## More Carbon Reaction by Dynamically Monitoring Energy Efficiency

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Dear Reader,

welcome to EMPOWER's third Newsletter.

This period of the project was very busy with lots of interesting learnings, exchanging and opportunities for partners and stakeholders to visit several good practices.

In this edition you will find information about EMPOWER's Study Visits over the past months, as well as the next upcoming activities on the project.

Overall, we are well on our way to empowering our regions. Our project website is also a great source of information for news, updates and progress on key outputs. Follow us on [www.interregeurope.eu/empower](http://www.interregeurope.eu/empower).

We hope you enjoy learning more about EMPOWER!

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### EMPOWER AT A GLANCE

EMPOWER aims to reduce carbon output by dynamically monitoring energy efficiency in buildings, with special focus on the use of innovative financial instruments.



Read more about EMPOWER at:

[www.interregeurope.eu/empower](http://www.interregeurope.eu/empower)

## Empower News on Study Visits

Each country hosted a Study Visit, providing an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to visit relevant good practices to learn more and increase their capacity about the practice. Study visits are the cornerstone of the exchange and learning process of the EMPOWER Project.

### Maribor, Slovenia



The two-day Study Visit on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Maribor was hosted by the Energy Agency of Podravje.

During the visit, attendees got a first-hand experience on development and managing the Energy and Financial Monitoring System in public buildings. Municipality of Maribor has implemented energy monitoring system, which is web based monitoring tool using special software programme for monitoring and analysing energy related data and preparing reports. [Read more](#)

### Mazovia, Poland



Study Visit in Mazovia took place in the beginning of January 2018 and focused on Jessica Project. The first day began in Warsaw Military University and continued with a tour around the campus to see all the investment from Jessica Project.

On the second day participants went to Legionowo city where they participate in city tour which has a lot of Jessica investments: among others Football field and Kindergartens. [Read more](#)

### Kalmar, Sweden



During 2 intensive days in January 2018 Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden was hosting stakeholders from Slovenia and France.

They visited energy efficient buildings as best practice. The visitors get a chance to meet and talk with decision makers, implementers and owners of public buildings, where the methods of passive house building and innovative financing solutions were highlighted.

[Read more](#)





## Cork, Ireland



EMPOWER's Irish partner the Southern Regional Assembly with the assistance of Cork City Council and Cork Institute of Technology, hosted a very successful Study Visit on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February, which attracted participants from Germany, Spain, Slovenia, Poland and Ireland.

The purpose of the study trip to Cork was to learn more about successful energy monitoring programmes currently being rolled out in Ireland. [Read more](#)

We have presented you four Study Visits which were hosted from December 2017 to March 2018. About other we will write in the next edition of Newsletter, which will be published at the end of June 2018.

## Empower Project Management Group Meeting #3

**On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the City of Santander in Spain hosted EMPOWER partners for the third Project Management Group Meeting (PMG3).**

Partners had the possibility to exchange and to share their general thoughts, feelings and improvements about project activities implemented in the last six months. There were a mix of presentations on Communication & Disseminations, Study Visits, Good Practices Register and Project Management. At the meeting the new partner, Florence Energy Agency from Italy (P4) had official introduction to all partners.

In the end of the meeting the Work Plan for Semester 3 and 4 was presented by the lead partner, Energy Agency of Podravje.



## Empower enters the next stage

We are moving from the learning and exchanging experiences phase to the phase of preparing Regional Action Plans. In the first 16 months project partners focused mostly on Peer Review and lessons learned from the Study visits. A series of Study Visits were hosted to allow the Stakeholders to get more familiar with specific financial and energy monitoring measurements. The Register of Good Practices was prepared and adopted.

Besides finishing the remaining Study Visits, project partners will perform two main activities in the next period: to organize two Thematic Technical Workshops: one led by Almada, Portugal on Energy Monitoring and a second led by Saxony Anhalt, Germany on innovative financing of energy projects. Each project partner will also produce the Regional Action Plan.

## What is new on Empower website?

Our project website is constantly updated! This semester there were several new folders introduced to our [website library](#) and [news](#): Check out the articles about Study Visits hosted by project partners with photos, the Good Practice Register, the Project Brochure and Media Appearances in partners regions.

Do you still want to learn more? You can also find information on good practices from all over Europe on the [Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform!](#)



## Partners & Contacts

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## Project partners

- Energy Agency of Podravje – Institution for Sustainable Energy Use (SI) – Led partner
- Local Energy Management Agency of Almada, AGENEAL (PT)
- Southern Regional Assembly (IE)
- Florentine Energy Agency (IT)
- Municipality of Lorient (FR)
- Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (SE)
- Mazovia Energy Agency (MAE) (PL)
- Development Bank of Saxony-Anhalt (DE)
- Santander City Council (ES)



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