



## Newsletter #6

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### More Carbon Reduction by Dynamically Monitoring Energy Efficiency

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Dear Reader,

welcome to EMPOWER's sixth Newsletter.

Partners have been very busy with organizing Import Workshops focusing on high-level Interregional Exchange of experiences, learnings and knowledge in this Semester.

In this edition you will find information about EMPOWER's activities 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.

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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.



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Ready to prepare REGIONAL ACTION PLANS!

## Empower Import Workshops News

In Semester 5 the **EMPOWER Import Workshops have started**. After hosting the Peer Review, attending a number of Study Visits and organizing two Technical Workshops, partners have entered into the final phase to “gain experiences and new learnings” in EMPOWER. For this purpose Import Workshops are being implemented.

All Import workshops topics are crucial in consolidating the learning process among project partners. Experts invited from project partners will assist them and their regional stakeholders to import their good practices into policy in each region and to prepare their Regional Action Plan.

**You are also very welcome to find out more about EMPOWER best practices developed in each partner region in [GOOD PRACTICES REGISTER](#).**

**Import workshops were already organized in seven partners region: Ireland, Spain, Slovenia, Sweden, Poland, Portugal and Germany.**

### Import Workshop in Santander

Santander City Council hosted the Import Workshop in Santander on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March in which participated more than twenty stakeholders including not only local ones, such as VIESGO, UTE TELEFONICA-NEC, SONINGEO, ESCAN, CIC Consulting, University of Cantabria and municipal staff, but also guest speakers from Slovenia (ENERGAP) and Ireland (SEAI). [More](#)



### Import Workshop in Cork City

The Southern Regional Assembly held an Import Workshop for the EMPOWER project on 27<sup>th</sup> of March in Cork City. The Workshop was highly participative and also included a site visit to view social housing units which have been retrofitted by Cork City Council. [More](#)



### Import Workshop in Maribor

On 16<sup>th</sup> of April Energy Agency of Podravje hosted the Import Workshop in Maribor about Energy management and monitoring in Hospitals. Experts from Sweden joined the workshop and discussed with participants how to monitor energy efficiency and use the data to plan possible improvements (regarding energy efficiency cooling system, ventilation systems, costs for medical devices, the modern system of tracing the mobile medical devices, ideas about public procurement in medical sector – environmentally and financially effective) in the University Medical Centre Maribor. [More](#)





### Import Workshop in Warsaw

Mazovia Energy Agency hosted the Import Workshop in Warsaw on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in which participated stakeholders from local Managing Authorities including Marshall Office of Mazovian Voivodeship - Department of Regional Development and European Funds, Mazovian Unit of Implementation European Projects, Mazovian Office for Regional Planning, Mazovian Real Estate Management and an expert from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. [More](#)



### Import Workshop in Växjö

More than 85 participants from the local authorities in Southeast Sweden, the regional energy agencies in Sweden and members from Fedarene participated in the Import Workshop in Växjö on a hot day in May 2019. The topic was resource efficiency and smart cities, focusing on green governance, E-mobility, energy monitoring and district heating. [More](#)



### Almada Import Workshop

AGENEAL Agency, in conjunction with Almada City Council, organized an Import Workshop for the EMPOWER project on 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 in Almada. The workshop focused on the topic of “Innovative Financing of Low Carbon Technologies for Smart and Circular Cities”. Manuel Nina from GoParity – Sustainable Development S.A., in Portugal, provided a presentation on PontoEnergia: The “one stop shop” for Sustainable Energy Investment, François Corre (Lorient City Council) provided a presentation on PV Crowdfunding Scheme: Renting solar panels from local citizens. [More](#)



### Exchanging Tips and Experiences about Energy Monitoring

At the Import Workshop on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in Magdeburg, experts from Ireland, France and Slovenia came together with local stakeholders to share their experience with similar systems and to give advice for the implementation process. Policy owners, energy experts and representatives from regional municipalities discussed the chances and challenges that came with each of the presented Good Practices and drew inspiration for Saxony-Anhalt. [More](#)





## Empower Project Management Group Meeting #5

**ARRR, Agency of Tuscany Region organised EMPOWER 5<sup>th</sup> Project Management Group Meeting in cooperation with project partners on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March in Florence, Italy.**

Partners were welcomed by Vlasta Krmelj, lead partner of the project. The meeting was the occasion to monitor what the project partners has done so far and to share and plan actions and further steps to be implemented in the next months. Partners have actively exchanged information's, news, views and experiences, including: Policy improvement through Interregional Learning process, the ideas of preparation and organization of 9 Import Workshops (one in each partner region), preparation of Regional Action Plans (RAP) based on Interregional learning via Peer Reviews, Study Visits and Workshops, Communication and Dissemination progress report and work plan for the next Semester and the venue for the next Project Management Group Meeting in November 2019.



## Empower enters the next stage

In the last months project partners were focused mostly on organizing Import Workshops which were crucial step in consolidating the learning process. Now Empower partners are ready for preparing Regional Action Plans (RAP).

Each RAP will be finalized using an intense approach to ensure that proposals will be quickly and completely implemented by the policy owners. Project partners will assist them to improve its policy instrument. Partners would also hold meetings with their Local Stakeholders Groups.

## 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 Import and Technical Workshops 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](#)!





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- 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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