

1st Local seminar

Event report and monitoring

Azores

Venue	RESOR Açores 1 st Local Seminar
Date	June 14 th 2019
Number of people attending	3
Type of Stakeholders involved (categories)	Government Municipality Social institution
Total number of representatives of the types of stakeholders involved	Government – 1 Municipality – 1 Social institution - 1

Agenda of the event
09h00 to 13h00

Pictures of the event



Event assessment

Overall how would you rate the success of this specific event?

- very successful
- fairly successful
- not too successful
- not successful at all

Please briefly describe the event including:

- Main experiences, viewpoints and suggestions of stakeholders on existing regional measures, projects, initiatives on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy, their effectiveness and impact.
- Main specific needs and constraints identified by stakeholders for the promotion of energy efficiency and use of renewables in companies in the region.
- Best practices / examples proposed directly by stakeholders, if any.
- Views / suggestions on the measures / policies / good practices identified in other regions.

- Specific relevant comments made by representatives of the different types of stakeholders involved on the regional analysis.
- Facilitation techniques used, if applicable (ex: brainstorming, role playing, storytelling, etc)

Given the dispersed nature of the Azorean archipelago, it was decided to have the first seminar in one of the smaller islands, where there is a lower application of structural funds. The event took place in the island of São Jorge, with a schedule that would minimise the time needed for attendees to come from other islands. The event was scheduled about one week in advance and announced through RESOR, social media and by e-mail to several institutions. These announcements were then followed by phone calls resulting in a total of 11 confirmations prior to the event.

The event took place in the local school given its central and well-known location. Unfortunately, attendance was low with only 2 people, probably due to the bad weather conditions.

Despite the low attendance, the seminar took place starting with presentations, followed by the description of interreg, the resor project, the results so far, and some of the measures proposed. An active discussion took place regarding financing as well as the choice of different energy efficiency and renewable energy systems. Attendees were well in agreement with the results presented and added a very relevant point regarding the timings for financing. Social institutions, as well as municipalities, work under strict financial calendars that must be well defined in advance. Many times, both institutions feel that the calendar of financing calls is not aligned with their own financial calendar, hindering their participation. Generalised lack of information, as well as of technical personnel to support participation, were also pointed out.

Please briefly describe main success and difficulties related to this specific event, if any. Please provide suggestions for similar or future events (including improvement you would like to apply already in the next local group events you will organize in the framework of RESOR), if any.

The event was only partially successful given the low attendance. Reasons for the low attendance, especially regarding the number of confirmations received by phone, is unclear but it may be related to bad weather conditions.