

CLEAN project celebrated its Final Conference

CLEAN project partners have been working with the lessons learnt from the cooperation activities in Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Romania, Greece, Finland and Sweden.

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CLEAN or ‘**Technologies and Open Innovation for Low-Carbon Regions**’ project is part-funded under the [Interreg Europe](#) programme with the main objective of improving the capacity of the low-carbon policy instruments in the participating 9 partner regions.

On the 8th of November 2021, CLEAN partnership held a Final Conference for the project. The conference, called ‘*Technologies and Open innovation for low-carbon regions*’ showcased inspiring examples of key topics that have been addressed during the lifetime of the project:

- **Towards low carbon regions**
- **Open innovation for greener public buildings**

Ségolène Jean from **Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat** informed the partners about the performance of the ongoing Interreg Europe and 2021-2027 Programme and congratulated the CLEAN project for being such a successful project in terms of results.

During the event experts and partners showed how project partner regions have worked together between 2017-2021 **to improve the capacity of their policy instruments to increase energy efficiency.**

Sari Pitkänen, Forest and Climate Expert from Regional Council of North Karelia (Finland), shared an overview of the North Karelia Climate and Energy Programme 2030.

For the Region of Crete (Greece), the project coordinator, Maria Apostolaki, presented the proposal of the Crete Region for the conversion of a rural area into low carbon area and the **Mayor of Lassithi Plateau, Giannis Stefanakis**, explained the actions of the Municipality in the field of energy transition, emphasizing the effort to revive the wind farm.

CLEAN project French partner Florian Guillote, project manager at Les 7 Vents, shared an overview of the results of the implementation of the CLEAN project Action Plan in Normandie.

Iker Martinez from Fomento de San Sebastian (Spain) presented the ENERTIC Smart Building, a bioclimatic character building that meets the maximum parameters of Energy Efficiency and fosters the use of renewable energies.

For the Municipality of Iasi (Romania), project manager Elena Farca, talked about the innovative solutions for energy efficient public hospitals in Romania.

On behalf of the CLEAN project partner ANEA (Italy), Vincenzo Discetti, Engineer of the Dei Colli Hospital, presented the eco-efficient solutions they implemented for public hospitals, followed by **Massimiliano Manfredi, Member of the Environmental Commission of Campania Region**, who shared how Campania Region have benefited from the CLEAN project.

Sofia Mackin, project leader of CLEAN at Region Västernorrland (Sweden), explained what they have done to improve the use of renewable energy and other energy efficiency solutions in Västernorrland, including some large solar PV installations and the use of sun protectors with embedded solar panels.

Our Slovenian partner RASR was represented by Cvetko Fendre from Valenje School Centre, where they established a new model of energy management of heating and electric energy, combining different actions of energy efficiency.

Ending with **Souha Ferchichi** from the **Mediterranean Renewable Energy Centre**, a think tank based in Tunisia, who shared the knowledge on public building retrofitting that they acquired by the implementation of their projects.

Recording available in the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuwBT2WqG5w&t=4302s>

More information about the project can be found on the project website:

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