



AgroRES newsletter gathers up-to-date information on project activities and results and provides examples of the use of renewable energies in the agricultural and rural sector.

In this issue: Interregional Events in Devon region (the UK) and Lazio region (Italy), AgroRES good practices in Interreg Europe webinars, Regional Action Plans, from project phase 1 to project phase 2.

Three years of collaboration in AgroRES project



The first three years of AgroRES project have been full of interregional learning, exchange of knowledge and sharing learnings from other regions in own region. During phase 1, AgroRES partners have identified 70 good practices and published good practices guide for disseminating good practices to wider audience interested in advancing renewable energy. The partners have compiled 7 regional self-assessment documents on potential of renewable energy in their region. They have organised 5 interregional events in Spain, Ireland, Finland, the UK and Italy. From all the interregional learning partners have drawn inspiration for action plans in their regions. Phase 1 of AgroRES project ends on 31 July 2022. After phase 1 one year of phase 2 continues until 31 July 2023.

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5th Interregional Event in Rome, Lazio, Italy



The 5th Interregional Event of AgroRES project took place in Rome, Lazio region, Italy, on June 14th and 15th 2022. Technical visits included a Thermodynamic Solar Plant and a Solar cooling plant. Action plans from each regions were presented. Steering committee held its last meeting for phase 1. The event was organised by Project Partner 6 – ARSIAL.

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4th Interregional event in Exeter, Devon, the UK

The 4th Interregional Event was organised by Devon County Council in Exeter, Devon region, the UK, on May 11th to 12th 2022.

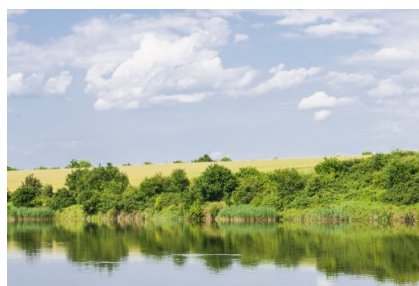
The event focused on demonstrating Devon's existing community energy projects, using resources to generate a safe and secure form of renewable energy. Devon County Council hosted almost 30 AgroRES participants to exchange knowledge, experiences and passions surrounding renewable energy production and its uses within the agricultural sector.



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Renewable energies in Bucharest-Ilfov region, Romania

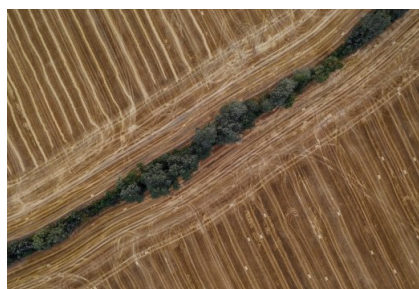
Regional self-assessment report on potential of renewable energy in Bucharest-Ilfov region in Romania concludes that there is a high potential in the region in terms of the possibility of using geothermal, photovoltaic or biomass energy. However, the potential is not supported by financial incentives to encourage investment in this direction.



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Renewable energies in Lubelskie Voivodeship, Poland

Regional self-assessment report of Lubelskie Voivodeship, Poland shows that as renewable energy resources are not used optimally, various activities are needed to support and promote RES. Production of energy from renewable sources is included in many strategic documents of the region as an important development direction. The most important document defining long-term development prospects is the Development Strategy for the Lublin Voivodeship until 2030, which takes into account the effects of the AgroRES project.



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Renewable energies in Northern & Western Region, Ireland

Regional self-assessment report shows that



uptake of RE in the agricultural sector remains low in Northern & Western Region, Ireland. The report outlines the evolving and emerging support mechanisms which are particularly suited to the agricultural sector including the Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH), the Microgeneration Support Scheme (MSS) and identifies the renewable electricity policy gap for small-scale installations (50kW to 500kW) which would be highly applicable to the sector.

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Renewable energies in Devon region, the UK



The Regional Self-Assessment report of Devon County Council, the UK, concluded that there is a significant opportunity for the investment and diffusion of renewable energy across the regions agricultural sector due to its rural nature, strong commitment to action on climate change, ideal geographic conditions of the region and latent potential for investment amongst farms. National incentives and policies over the past decade have significantly encouraged investment in renewable energy, however, local and sector specific policies are lacking. Despite the increase over the past 10 years, only 8% of total regional energy use is met through renewable energy.

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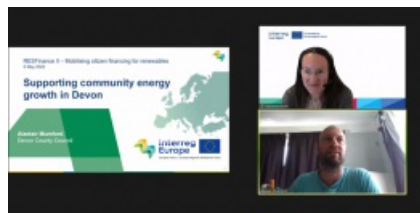
Finnish good practice in an Interreg Europe workshop



A good practice identified in AgroRES project was presented during Interreg Europe Policy Learning Week by Tanja Kähkönen from Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland. Joint procurement and purchase of solar power in North Karelia, Finland was presented in the workshop “Regional and local approaches to fight energy poverty” during the Low Carbon Economy Day on 17 March 2022.

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British good practice in an Interreg Europe webinar



Alaistair Mumford from Devon County Council presented how community energy growth is supported in Devon (UK) in an Interreg Europe webinar “Mobilising citizen financing for renewables”, the second of Interreg Europe Renewable Energy Finance (RESFinance) webinars, on 5 May 2022. Mumford points out in the webinar that Devon has been a keen supporter of the community energy sector and it has been leading the way in terms of community energy organisations in the UK.

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Action plans

By the end of phase 1, each region has produced an action plan to support renewable energy in agricultural sector and rural areas in their region. These action plans will be implemented and followed during phase 2. All the action plans can be found in AgroRES Action Plans folder on AgroRES website by the end of July 2022. [Read more.](#)



News from partner regions

- New model of local energy communities in Spain. [Read more.](#)
- Stakeholder meetings in North Karelia in spring 2022. [Read more.](#)
- AgroRES stakeholders met in Romania. [Read more.](#)
- 5th local stakeholder meeting in Extremadura. [Read more.](#)
- Stakeholders met in Finland 01/2022 and 02/2022. [Read more.](#)
- AgroRES partners met online 3 February. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming events

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