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ePLANET: Empowering the public sector

As part of the ePLANET project, a thorough needs assessment was carried out between January and May 2022 to identify the capacity-building needs, knowledge gaps, and obstacles faced by municipalities participating in the ePLANET pilot regions regarding energy planning and measures.



The ePLANET project - funded under the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Commission - aims to develop and promote new tools and strategies to **enhance the governance of the energy transition in the public sector**.

Capacity Building Programme

ePLANET aims to empower policy makers, public officers and key stakeholders in the pilot territories with the necessary information and tools to efficiently implement Energy Transition Measures.

To achieve this goal, ePLANET has already identified the main problems and barriers that municipalities face when developing and implementing energy planning, and has designed a Capacity Building Programme (CBP) in the pilot territories addressing the main requirements and needs of the different target groups.

An overview of the ePLANET CBP, including beneficiaries, thematic areas and learning



objectives is presented in the figure below:

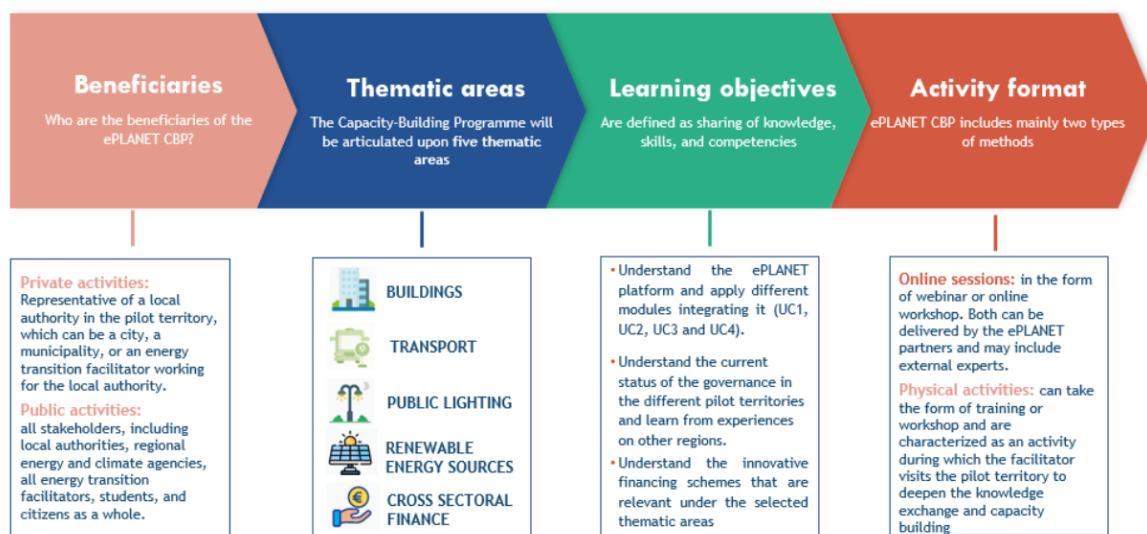


Figure 1: key aspects of ePLANET Capacity Building Programme

Deployment of initial Capacity Building Activities

This tailored Capacity Building Programme has been implemented within the different pilot regions during the last months, and will continue to be deployed. By the end of June 2024, it is expected more than :

Workshops in Crete island

Several workshops have been already organised in Crete island. For example, a 2-day workshop took place in Chania in July'23.

Representatives from six municipalities in Crete attended this workshop to receive support on the different tools that the project has developed to facilitate the management and governance of their Energy Transition actions. The need for a delegated municipal officer fully devoted to the management of sustainable energy transition plans and projects had been also identified as one of the critical points.



Image 1: ePLANET workshop in Chania

Workshops in Girona region

Several capacity building activities have been organised in Girona region. For example, in September '23, a workshop took place in Girona city, with the technical staff from the Energy Transition offices in Girona province, and those from ICAEN.

Within this training, some experts explained how the ePLANET platform is organized in relation to the Use Case 1 digitization and management of Energy Transition plans and the participants were able to test the fully deployed tool with all the data corresponding to the Girona pilot.



Image 2: ePLANET workshop in Girona

Workshops in Zlín region

In order to accelerate the Energy Transition in the Czech Republic, EAZK (Energy Agency of the Zlín Region) completed a workshop to share experience and best practices on national level. The director of EAZK, Miroslava Knotková, took part in the first meeting “Interregional energy platform of regions of the Czech Republic”, aiming to define and cooperate in the most urgent issues that face all the regions in the Czech Republic.

In the meeting, held in Brno on November 9th, the clustering governance concept developed by ePLANET project was introduced.



Image 3: ePLANET workshop in Zlín region

ePLANET project

The project started in September 2021 and will last for 3 years. The consortium is composed of 10 partners from 6 countries (Catalonia, Czech Republic, Greece, Germany, Belgium and France).



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