

PRESS RELEASE

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ePLANET: Capacity Building Activities in Girona Region

As part of the ePLANET project, a capacity Building programme was designed and implemented in all the different pilot regions: Crete Island (Greece), Zlín Region (Czech Republic) and Girona region (Catalonia). This press release summarizes all the capacity building activities performed in the pilot region of Girona.

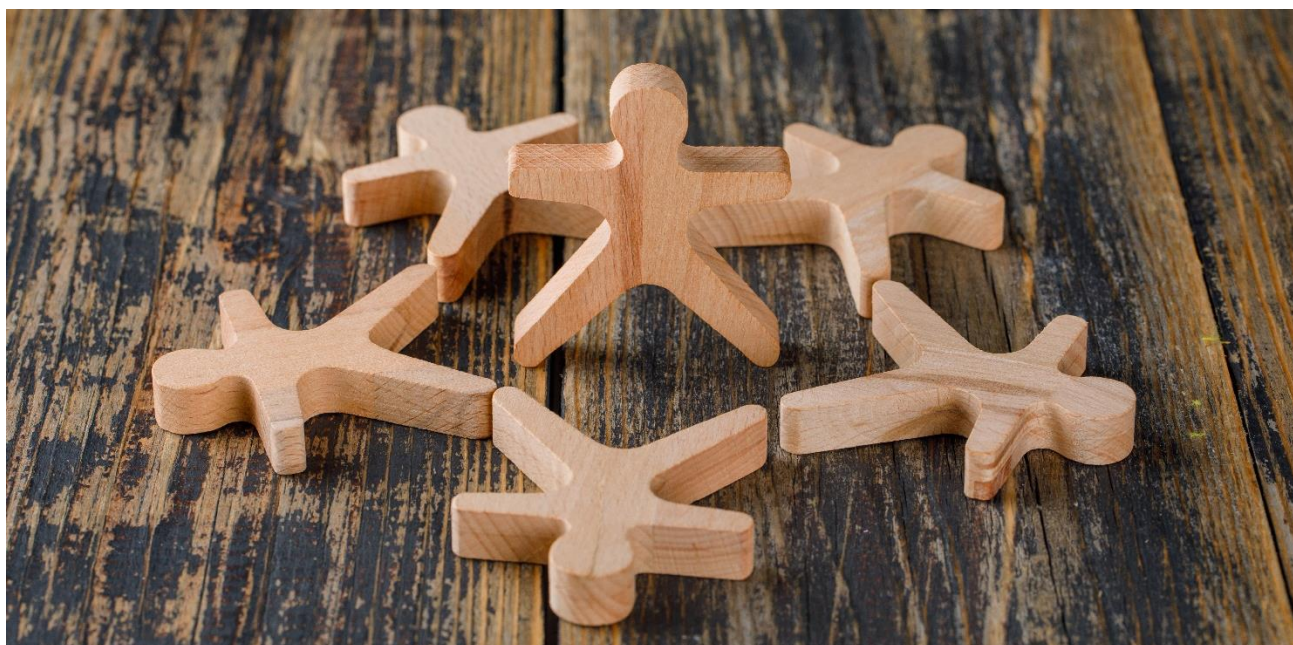


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The ePLANET project - funded under the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Commission - aims to develop and promote new tools and strategies to **enhance the governance of the energy transition in the public sector**.

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 identified the main problems and barriers that municipalities face when developing and implementing energy planning, 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:

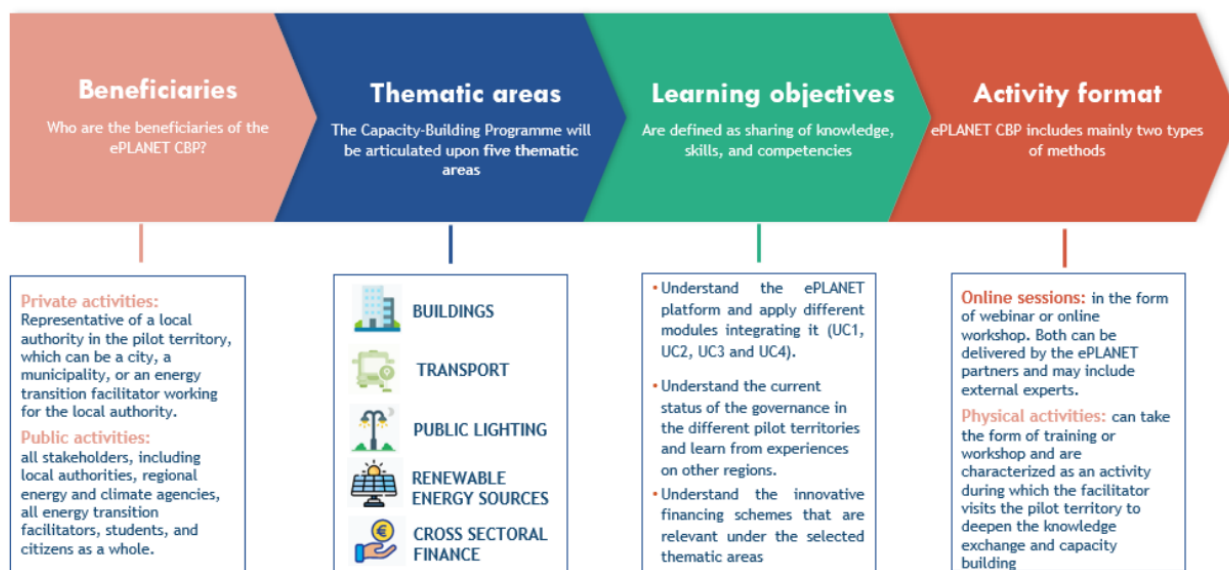


Figure 1: key aspects of ePLANET Capacity Building Programme

Deployment Capacity Building Activities in Catalonia

This tailored Capacity Building Programme has been implemented within the different pilot regions during the last months. This press release summarises the activities performed on the Pilot region of Catalonia throughout all the project.

There were several different activities, from presential workshops to online seminars, designed and deployed from May 2023 through June 2024, and with more than 450 participants in total.

The image below shows a summary of the activities deployed:



Figure 2: ePLANET Capacity Building Programme Activities deployed in Girona region

Workshops in Girona region:

- 02/05/2023 - Capacity Building workshops on understanding the ePLANET platform and integrating it in approach UC1 (Part I)
- 18/09/2023 - Capacity Building workshops on understanding the ePLANET platform and integrating it in approach UC1 (Part II)
- 22/04/2024 – Training on approach UC1- reinforcement.

Capacity building activities 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

Webinars for Catalonia region (in Catalan):

- 23/01/2024 – Webinar on “Energy poverty, concept and how to combat it through efficient governance”

Webinar organized by ICAEN where several specialists shared their experiences in developing energy transition projects to fight energy poverty and their best practices learnt.



Image 3: ePLANET webinar on Energy Poverty

- 27/02/2024 – Webinar on “Energy Communities in Industrial Zones”

Organized by LIMA Associació, it included expert insights from real experiences in the territory including different types of energy generation systems, and provided with a very interesting debate around the main barriers to the deployment of industrial energy communities and how can we overcome them.

- 07/05/2024 – Webinar on “Innovative financing for Energy Communities”

Organized by LIMA Associació, it was primarily focused to Catalan entities willing to understand which are the alternatives to traditional financing for the deployment of energy communities. The first section focused on the presentation of the different existing alternatives in energy communities financing, the second section focused on best practices from different real examples.

- 21/05/2024 – Webinar on Presentation of the ePLANET Platform to other national stakeholders
- 28/05/2024 – Webinar on “Innovative financing for local and regional mobility within the SECAP plans”

Organized by Three o'clock, the webinar focused on strategies to fund and foster the electric mobility within municipalities.



Image 4: ePLANET webinar on Mobility

- [04/06/2024 – Webinar on Scaling Up in Girona Region Pilot](#)

Webinar organized by FEDARENE for the Girona Region pilot with the aim of increasing dissemination and potential replicability within the Spanish territory. The proposed activity focused on the tools, strategies and available funding programs supporting the implementation and monitoring of SECAPs and generally Energy Action plans. The activity had the participation of the Covenant of Mayors.



Image 5: ePLANET webinar on Scaling Up

ClimateFresk activities

- 19/03/2024 – *Climate Sprint in Girona city*

A specific capacity building activity was organised following the ClimateFresk approach, facilitated by our partner THREEOCLOCK, in collaboration with Diputació de Girona partner, and also CIMNE and LIMA Associació.

The activity visualized the intricate web of climate change causes and effects stemming from human activities. It was a dynamic group, driven to learn and reduce their carbon footprint.



Image 6: ePLANET ClimateFresk workshop in Girona

ePLANET project

The project started in September 2021 and will end this August 2024. The consortium is composed of 10 partners from 6 countries (Catalonia, Czech Republic, Greece, Germany, Belgium and France).



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