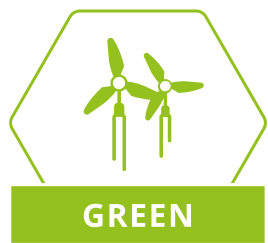


EXPRESS 2023–2027

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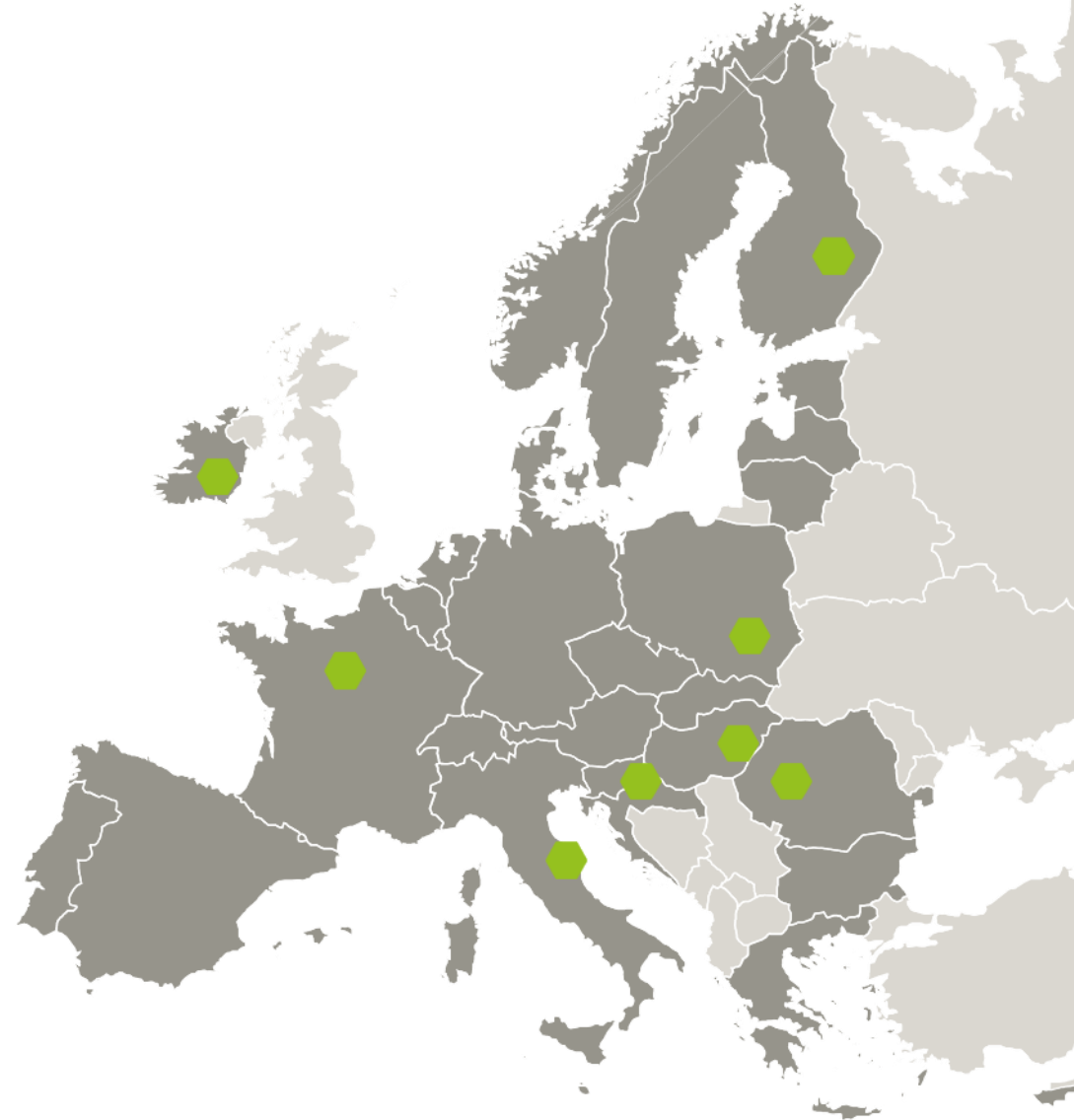
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TOTAL
1.9 MEUR

Project partners

- ▶ The Regional Council of North Karelia (Finland)
- ▶ Alba Iulia Municipality (Romania)
- ▶ Paris Climate Agency (France)
- ▶ Hajdú-Bihar County Government (Hungary)
- ▶ The Marche Region (Italy)
- ▶ Public Institution for the Development of the Međimurje County REDEA (Croatia)
- ▶ South East Energy Agency (Ireland)
- ▶ Rzeszow Regional Development Agency (Poland)





Regional Council of
NORTH KARELIA

Regional Council of North Karelia

Who are we?

- > The Regional Council of North Karelia is regional, politically guided, municipal coalition for the development and interest supervision in the region.
- > We are responsible for regional planning and general coordination of regional development programs related to national and EU structural funds.
- > In charge of international activities of the region in its fields of activities.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- > The project aims to increase energy self-sufficiency and the share of renewable energy in energy production in the North Karelia region.
- > The project supports the goals of the North Karelia Climate and Energy Program 2030 to achieve 80% energy self-sufficiency and renewable energy use by 2030.
- > In North Karelia, the knowledge gained in the project will be utilized in the preparation of the next regional strategic program for 2026-2029.

Overseeing the interests of

PEOPLE
162 540 inhabitants
8,64 / km²



MUNICIPALITIES
made up of 13 municipalities
22,903 km² (of which 82%
land)

ORGANIZATIONS



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Alba Iulia Municipality

Who are we?

- Alba Iulia Municipality is widely recognized as an efficient public administration.
- We are the first Smart City in Romania.
- We have attracted more than 200 MEUR within the past 10 years, the highest absorption of European funds/capita in Romania.
- Our municipality is committed to sustainable development being part of the Covenant of Mayors since 2010.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- As part of the project, the Municipality of Alba Iulia will improve and update its PAEDC strategic document.
- The knowledge gained during the project will contribute to the development of innovative measures that will improve the efficient use of the funds available to the municipality and will interconnect the solutions offered by different funding opportunities in an intelligent way.
- The project will provide a platform that will encourage communication and joint strategies with the various stakeholders involved in the sustainable energy field at local and regional level.



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ALBA IULIA



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Paris Climate Agency

The local actor for

- Actor in the field for the implementation of the Paris Climate Plan.
- The One-Stop-Shop for condominium retrofit.
- Finding synergies to boost the energy transition of the city.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- Explore actions to improve the field implementation of renewable energy production objectives outlined in the city's climate plan.
- Identify best practices to enhance engagement with local stakeholders and promote the deployment of energy production initiatives.
- Provide technical recommendations to the city council for maximizing renewable energy production in the Greater Paris area.

Founding members and observers



€ **4,3 M€**
budget

40
Staff



Our values

PUBLIC INTEREST
a key foundation

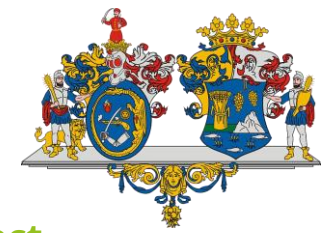


NEUTRALITY
a main value 'action

OPENNESS
an innovative ecosystem
and on emerging topics



OPERATIONAL ALLIANCES
a line of action



Hajdú-Bihar County Government

Who are we?

- Hajdú-Bihar County Government (HBCG) is a regional body responsible for regional development, spatial planning, rural development and coordination tasks.
- HBCG works in strong and continuous collaboration with all relevant actors at national, regional and local level.
- HBCG implements several international activities focusing on its development priorities.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- Hajdú-Bihar intends to gain knowledge on how to re-organize the energy supply of smaller rural communities in disadvantaged area, what solutions to define integrating the local renewable energy potential to both residential and entrepreneurial context.
- The project supports the goals of the Regional Development Programme of Hajdú-Bihar County to improve climate adaptation and climate protection.
- The experience gained in the project will be utilized in the preparation of new policy guidance to be integrated in the county's RDP and creating new potentials to support the establishment of municipal and regional energy communities for rural municipalities.

Overseeing the interests of

PEOPLE
534 219 inhabitants



MUNICIPALITIES
made up of 82 municipalities

ORGANIZATIONS



ENTERPRISES
18 800 registered enterprises



Marche Region



Who are we?

- > The Energy resources, Waste Management and quarries and mines Sector of Marche Region is in charge of the regional system of energy management and planning (Regional Managing Authority).
- > It manages local and international projects on climate change and energy, on renewable energy and energy efficiency. It approves the financing calls, defines the evaluation and priority criteria of the projects, defines the indicators for monitoring the impact of the implemented actions.
- > It set up own "Regional Environmental Energy Management Plan" (2016) that includes the "Regional energy strategy to 2020".

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- > The promotion of renewable energy in self-consumption, the financial support for the energy efficiency of production processes and buildings, with attention to public buildings, are a major priority.
- > Marche Region aims to reach the objective that it has set itself in terms of energy self-sufficiency to reverse the trend of the energy deficit to pursuit the EU objectives of renewable sources.
- > And to increase the share of renewable energy on final consumption to 40%, focusing on self-consumption of renewable energy, supporting the development of renewable energy communities and technological innovation.

Overseeing the interests of

PEOPLE
1,500,000
inhabitants



MUNICIPALITIES
made up of 239
municipalities



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Public Institution for the development of the Međimurje County REDEA



REDEA

Who are we?

- Public institution for the development of the Međimurje County REDEA (Public institution REDEA), headquartered in Čakovec, Međimurje County, Croatia, is an organization responsible for coordination of the process of regional development, established by the Međimurje County
- Our vision is to be a recognisable creator of new ideas and excellent results which steer Međimurje County towards a sustainable future.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- What results are we hoping to achieve: During EXPRESS project implementation, Public Institution REDEA is improving Međimurje County Energy Efficiency Action Plan (MCEEAP) for the period 2022 to 2024.
- The result of the project will be better understanding and enhanced knowledge about regional context and possibilities of renewable energy in the region, yearly revised MCEEAP and new MCEEAP for 2025-2027.

Our main purpose is to

initiate and implement strategic projects



organize and provide trainings for public and private sector



identify, design and implement projects co-financed by EU and national funds



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South East Energy Agency

Who are we?

- > South East Energy Agency is the Energy Agency for Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford we work in partnership to deliver energy saving projects for the local authorities, communities and individuals in the Southeast.
- > As an organisation, our vision is that the Southeast region becomes a leader in sustainable efficient use of locally produced clean energy delivering low carbon homes, jobs and enterprise.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- > The EXPRESS project objectives are to increase the share of renewable energy in the participating regions, increase the energy self-sufficiency of the participating regions, and improve regional strategies to better consider the new energy sector operational environment to enable a rapid transition to locally produced renewable energy for heating, electricity and transportation.
- > The South East Energy Agency (SEEA) will aim to change the management of the policy instrument. SEEA will intend to influence the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). SEEA will work with the Southern Regional Assembly to:
 - Revise and develop a methodology for evaluating and delivering the policy instrument.
 - Introduce new criteria for selecting the projects supported by the policy instrument.
 - Publicise/advertise proposals associated with the policy instrument.
 - Assist the managing committee, the Southern Regional Assembly, to implement the policy instrument.

Our mission

Be Energy Efficient

A region that encourages and enables its energy consumers to act responsibly.



Use Clean Energy

A region that produces surplus local clean energy supply.



Empower Citizens

A region that encourages and enables citizens to act and participate easily and effectively in the energy transition.



Be Sustainable

A region that is an sustainable place to live, work, play and invest.

South East Energy Agency works primarily in the Southeast region of Ireland but extends this boundary for some projects.

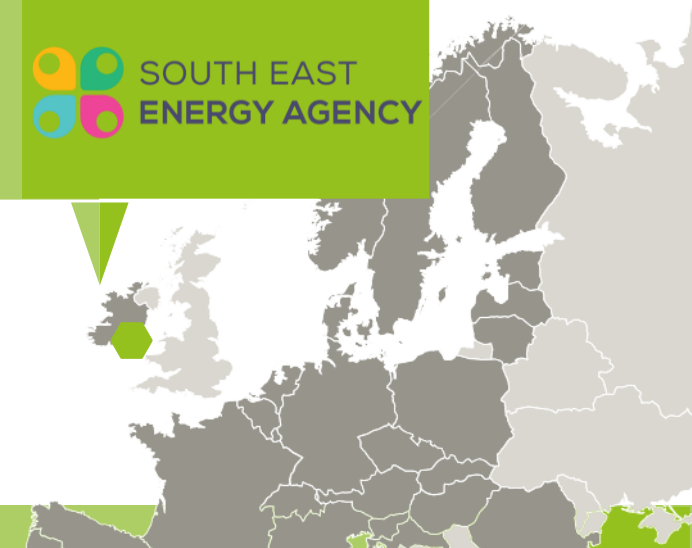


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Rzeszow Regional Development Agency

Who are we?

- > Rzeszow Regional Development Agency (RRDA) is a public, non-profit institution managed by regional authorities - the Marshal Office of the Podkarpackie Region, which priority is to support comprehensive development of the region.
- > Our mission is to improve the quality and standard of life of its inhabitants, promote the image of the Podkarpackie Region as a modern, innovative and economically developed area, support its social, economic and technological growth.
- > Additional responsibility – supporting Region's development through the implementation of national and international initiatives and projects.

Our objectives in EXPRESS project

- > Through the project RRDA is planning to promote RES and their increase in the overall energy balance of the Podkarpackie Region and transition towards low-carbon economy.
- > The Project will initiate the tackling of challenges related to high risk of energy poverty, low air quality, too much greenhouse gas emissions (mainly CO₂), very high energy consumption in buildings and the use of hard coal by households for heating in the Podkarpackie Region.
- > RRDA will promote energy self-sufficiency of the Region.

Areas of interests of RRDA and Podkarpackie Region

PEOPLE
2,1 M inhabitants



MUNICIPALITIES
made up of 21 counties



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