Practical Exercise

Do not open until start of exercise!

Tab 1 – Details on policy instrument

1. **General information**
   General features, filled in only in **PR1**

2. **Policy improvements**
   Available **only from PR3**
   Action plan in PR6 – If no policy
   improvement reached yet
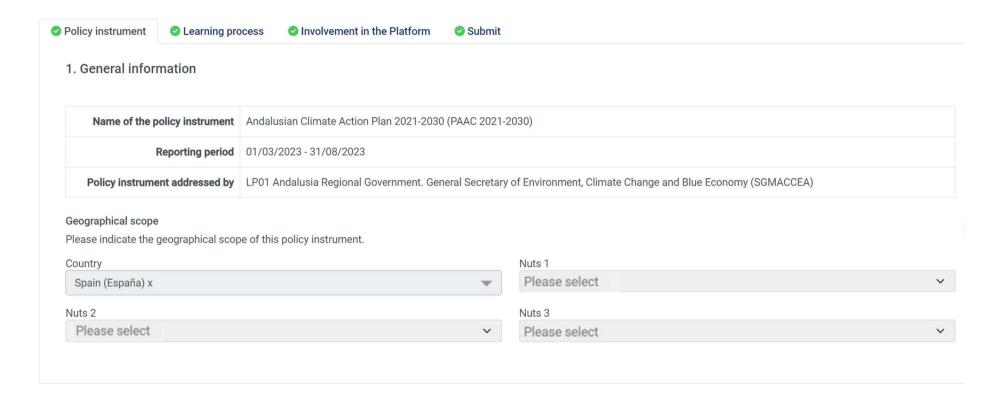
3. **Territorial effect**
   Available **only in the last PR PR8**
   provided that the policy instrument was
   improved

Exercise 1 – General information

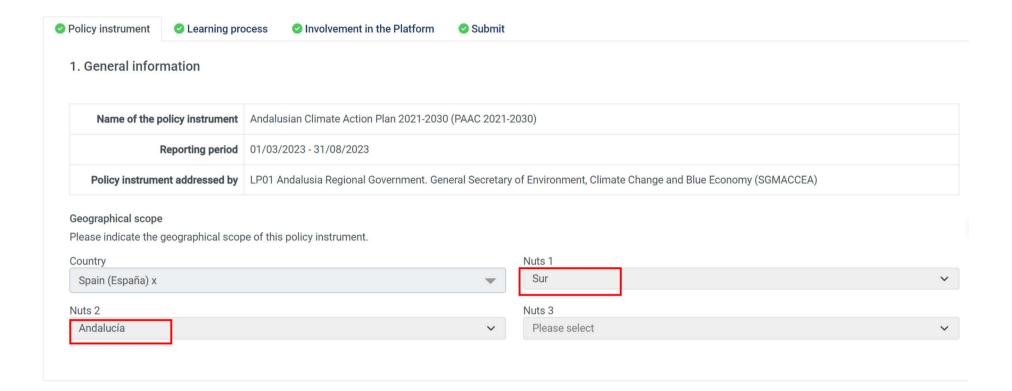Are the general features of this policy instrument properly filled in?

| Policy instrument | Learning process | Involvement in the Platform | Submit |

1. General information

Name of the policy instrument	Andalusian Climate Action Plan 2021-2030 (PAAC 2021-2030)
Reporting period	01/03/2023 - 31/08/2023
Policy instrument addressed by	LP01 Andalusia Regional Government. General Secretary of Environment, Climate Change and Blue Economy (SGMACCEA)

Geographical scope

Please indicate the geographical scope of this policy instrument.

Country
Spain (España) x

Nuts 1
Please select

Nuts 2
Please select

Nuts 3
Please select

Exercise 1 – Solution

Clarification from JS Policy Officer

Thank you for the information provided on the general features of the policy instruments in section 1. For policy instrument 1 (Andalusian Climate Action Plan 2021-2030 ES), it seems that also NUTS levels 1 and 2 should be completed, since this is a policy instrument with a regional scope. We kindly ask you to check that the information provided is correct for these policy instruments and to amend it accordingly.

Exercise 2 – Policy improvements

Has the project succeeded in influencing this policy instrument? Yes/No

Yes

If YES,

Please indicate the nature of this improvement (see also section 4.3.1 of the programme manual):

- **New projects financed** ⊘
- **Change in the management** ⊘
- **Revision of the instrument** ⊘

Please describe in detail the policy improvement achieved thanks to the project.

Thanks to participation in project activities, increased attention was drawn to Near Zero Energy Buildings (NZEBs). The Regional Management Board decided to introduce a new category of project within the ROP of Podkarpackie Voivodeship 2014-2020. The inspiration came from a good practice shown in a site visit.

Another element that inspired the project was the discussion with BUILD2LC project partners in Östersund (September 2017) where inspiring examples were discussed during a round table on "Reaching zero-energy in existing buildings". It became clear we needed to create a financial instrument that would support public institutions to erect new buildings of high energy standards that would play an exemplary role in implementing NZEBs. Such buildings are still expensive compared to standard energy use ones, and public institutions lack sufficient financial sources for such buildings.

In order to implement the defined solutions within the ROP, we needed a decision by the ROP Managing Authority to secure sufficient financial sources. We expect that around 10 projects will be implemented in the region thanks to this support scheme.

Exercise 2 – Solution

Clarification from JS Policy Officer

Thank you for reporting this policy improvement. In order to fully understand the nature of this result, we kindly ask you to add further details to the description. In particular:

- Which specific measure of the Operational Programme was influenced?
- Which good practice provided the inspiration? Are there any specific aspects of this good practice that were transferred?
- What date was the change formally adopted by the Managing Authority?
- Were any calls for projects already launched for this measure?

Also, note the type of improvement selected (e.g. change in the management) does not seem consistent with the improvement described.

Please revise the progress report to clarify these aspects.

Has the project succeeded in influencing this policy instrument?
Yes

- **New projects financed** ✅
- **Change in the management** ⊘
- **Revision of the instrument** ⊘

Thanks to participation in project activities, increased attention was drawn to Near Zero Energy Buildings (NZEBs). The Regional Management Board decided to introduce a new category of project within the ROP of Podkarpackie Voivodeship 2014-2020: Measure 3.3 Improvement of air quality, Sub-measure 3.3.1 Implementation of low carbon plans, Type of project: 5. Construction or modernization of public utility buildings which meet passive construction standards.

The inspiration came from a good practice shown in a site visit, the Bračak Energy Centre (Croatia) which we visited in March 2017, which involved the energy rehabilitation of a historic building under cultural heritage protection (Bračak Manor). When we presented this good practice to our stakeholders in our April 2017 meeting, we focused on two aspects in particular: 1. The application of advanced technical solutions and 2. The repurposing of a public building.

Another element that inspired the project was the discussion with BUILD2LC project partners in Östersund (September 2017) where inspiring examples were discussed during a round table on "Reaching zero-energy in existing buildings". It became clear we needed to create a financial instrument that would support public institutions to erect new buildings of high energy standards that would play an exemplary role in implementing NZEBs. Such buildings are still expensive compared to standard energy use ones, and public institutions lack sufficient financial sources for such buildings.

In order to implement the defined solutions within the ROP, we needed a decision by the ROP Managing Authority to secure sufficient financial sources. Following a series of discussions with the Regional Manager of ERDF, the measure was formally introduced in the ROP on 18/09/2018. A call for proposals was launched on 25/10/2018 with a deadline or 31/01/2019. We expect that around 10 projects will be implemented in the region thanks to this support scheme.

Exercise 3

Has the project succeeded in influencing this policy instrument?
Yes

The Region of Western Greece (RWG) is considered a pioneer in the field of ICT, due to the existence of the local universities, the micro-electronic Hub and a considerable number of ICT start-ups. At the same time, our region has a vast number of places with cultural and natural value that are landmarks of our cultural heritage. For the RWG, it is a high priority to support start-up companies and to incentivise young graduates to remain and work in the area. CD-ETA stakeholders derive from these organisations and wish to implement actions that will further support this priority. After the Thematic Seminar "Digitization of Museums and Galleries" held in Florence (May 2017), the CD-ETA team presented to the stakeholder working group the good practices discovered.

Our stakeholders expressed high interest for these practices, which could be adopted and used by museums and historical sites of our area. We discussed with researchers from the University & local IT companies, as well as with Directors from the local Museums and archaeological sites in order to identify the need and potential for a similar augmented/virtual reality platform. After several meetings with the CD-ETA, the stakeholders concluded that similar initiatives should be supported by the region.

Exercise 3 – Solution

Clarifications from JS Policy Officer

Thank you for reporting this possible policy improvement. In the description, it is stated the following: 'the stakeholders concluded that similar initiatives should be supported by the region.' It is therefore not clear whether this improvement has occurred or if it is envisaged in the future. Please note that a policy improvement can be reported to the programme only when the following conditions are met:

- the change itself can be precisely defined (e.g., new project approved; policy updated with new priorities/objectives, modification of the way a policy is implemented, managed or monitored),
- the improvement has already occurred (intention is not sufficient). Ideally, precise date on when the improvement happens should be provided.
- the improvement can be clearly attributed to the activities and lessons learnt from the project,

We would therefore be grateful if you could clarify whether such initiatives have already been supported by the region. Please also provide more details on the specific good practices learned from the Florence Thematic Seminar that provided the inspiration. Unless a policy change has actually occurred, please change the answer to the question "Has the project succeeded in influencing this policy instrument?" from yes to no.

Has the project succeeded in influencing this policy instrument?

~~Yes~~ **No**

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augmented/virtual reality platform. After several meetings with the CD-ETA, the stakeholders concluded that similar initiatives should be supported by the region. They propose to include it in a call that the RWG aims to launch in order to support the young IT engineers entitled "Support of Creative Industries in Western Greece". The call would finance projects that combine IT technologies and culture.

Exercise 4 – Territorial effect

Please describe the effect of the above policy improvement in the territory (e.g., beneficiaries concerned, results achieved in terms of increased competitiveness, cleaner environment, or more inclusive society)

In 2017 ECOWASTE 4 FOOD activities have triggered a parallel pilot project financed by the Regional Waste Agency (ATERSIR) in September 2017. The proposal has been designed by members of the SH group and has embedded the knowledge acquired during Working Seminars in Ferrara and in Exeter. The project has been named "Dona con Gusto" and aimed at increasing donation of food surpluses and making its distribution to people in life challenging situations much more efficient. The project received a 20% co-financing by the City Strategic Plan (CSP) 2016-2019 and closed on May 31, 2018.

Thanks to the project we can say that a significant amount of food will be rescued from disposal, dozens of volunteers will be trained, and specific actions against food waste will be carried out.

Exercise 4 – Solution

Clarification from JS Policy Officer

Thank you for describing the territorial effects resulting from the policy improvement. Territorial effects should only be described when the impacts can already be measured on the territory. The information provided currently refers to what will happen in the future. We would therefore be grateful if you could revise this description accordingly.

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- 8 additional tonnes of food (mainly fruit and vegetables) have been rescued from disposal and redistributed.
- 28 volunteers have been trained on food handling and safety.
- 1 social enterprise, 2 Associations and 2 schools engaged in specific actions against food waste.

Exercise 5 –Amount of Funds influenced

Within Priority Investment 1.3 "*Support the business investments in services for technological innovation, organisational and commercial strategies*", a new call for proposals was launched on 18 March 2017 (and closed on 20 May 2017) supporting a) the adoption of new digital solutions and b) business innovation processes.

Thanks to the project, two new thematic areas are included in this call which were not supported by the region before: cloud computing (intervention a) and design and eco-design (intervention b).

Andalusia Region decided to support these two new thematic areas after attending study visits in Eindhoven (NL) and Tallinn (EE). The Dutch good practice 'in cloud is better', demonstrated that the public cloud has a practically endless supply of computer and storage resources that can be put at the disposal of ecommerce retailers.

In Estonia, the visit to the incubator 'Smart Ideas for business' demonstrated that a design-driven approach can provide the right tools & methods to create innovations that customers do not expect, but which they eventually love and become passionate about.

Thanks to these lessons learned, the focus of the call was widened compared to previous ones, encouraging new investments in new digital technologies including cloud computing and design.

If applicable, please estimate the amount of funding influenced by the project	12 MEUR
Please explain how the above amount was estimated.	
The total amount of the call is 12 MEUR.	

Exercise 5 – Solution

Clarification from JS Policy Officer

Thank you for reporting this policy improvement. The amount of funding influenced by the project seems to refer to the total amount of the call. However, based on the description provided, only part of the call was influenced by the project. Please revise the amount of funding influenced accordingly and explain how the figure has been estimated.

Within Priority Investment 1.3 "*Support the business investments in services for technological innovation, organisational and commercial strategies*", a new call for proposals was launched on 18 March 2017 (and closed on 20 May 2017) supporting a) the adoption of new digital solutions and b) business innovation processes. Thanks to the project, two new thematic areas are included in this call which were not supported by the region before: cloud computing (intervention a) and design and eco-design (intervention b). Andalusia Region decided to support these two new thematic areas after attending Study visits in Eindhoven (NL) and Tallinn (EE). The Dutch good practice 'in cloud is better', demonstrated that the public cloud has a practically endless supply of compute and storage resources that can be put at the disposal of ecommerce retailers. In Estonia, the visit to the incubator 'Smart Ideas for business' demonstrated that a design-driven approach can provide the right tools & methods to create innovations that customers do not expect, but which they eventually love and become passionate about. Thanks to these lessons learned, the focus of the call was widened compared to previous ones, encouraging new investments in new digital technologies including cloud computing and design.	
If applicable, please estimate the amount of funding influenced by the project	~~12~~ 3 MEUR
Please explain how the above amount was estimated.	
The total amount of the call is 12 MEUR equally divided within the two areas of intervention. Each area covers 4 different themes. Reasonably ¼ of the funding will go to the two new thematic areas cloud computing and design. Therefore, we estimate the impact on the policy instrument as 3 MEUR.	