

Regional energy concepts – energy change from the bottom up

In the challenge to move society toward the use of renewable energy sources, the regional level is the front line. CEP-REC develops Regional Energy Concepts, tools that support development of renewable energy at the regional level, where change matters. CEP-REC undertakes pilots to establish standards for Regional Energy Concepts, and to help individual regions create their own concepts. CEP-REC also assists regions to help each other, by the exchange of best practices.

● Programme CEP-REC Closing Conference in Munich on 6th of November 2014



Programme out now

The CEP-REC closing conference as a tool for transnational publicity will summarize the major outputs of the project. The project partners will present highlights from the nine regional energy concepts, experiences with regional energy balances and selected projects. Winners of the award competitions will be honoured at this occasion, too. In the afternoon working groups will discuss on specific concept issues. A panel discussion will outline the benefits from regional energy concepts. Finally, a transnational press conference with representatives from

participating regions will be held. Stakeholders and decision makers from all participating countries will be expected. The programme can be found attached or at the CEP-REC website: www.cep-rec.eu

● Project Brochure shows results from concept regions and award winners



English version out now, translations in preparation

“CEP-REC provided an energy assessment that gave us a deeper understanding of the situation in our region. This enables us to promote and control the transition to renewable energy sources.” This appropriate quote of Hans-Joachim Weirather, District Administrator of Unterallgäu County and Chairman of the Allgäu Corporation, Germany, introduces the CEP-REC project brochure. It summarizes major project results and can be downloaded from the CEP-REC website: www.cep-rec.eu.

● Promotional event at national and international level in Warsaw, Poland



Presentation of CEP-REC results

In cooperation with the city of Warsaw the event “Time for renewable energy – urban development in low-carbon economy conditions” will take place on 22nd October 2014 at the Warsaw Radisson Blu Centrum Hotel. The main goal is to disseminate the results of CEP-REC and of the project “Cities on Power”. Participants from Austria, Germany, Italy and the EU will discuss the role of cities in achieving the objectives of the EU in the development of a low carbon economy with particular emphasis on renewable energies. More information at <http://www.warsaw-cop.pl>

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● Energy Award Competition in Südburgenland, Austria



Strem is the winner

One of the eco-friendliest villages in Südburgenland is the small municipality of Strem. In the previous 10 years, Strem has been strongly active in the field of renewable energies, e.g. a biomass heating system and a biogas plant were installed. Two PV plants with 70 kW were installed, financed by a private participation model. Another open land PV plant with 350 kW will start its production soon. The insulation of several buildings and energy saving measures supported the goal of self-energy sufficiency, the creation of new jobs as well as the generation of regional added value. Strem was awarded nationally as a "Climate Protection Municipality".

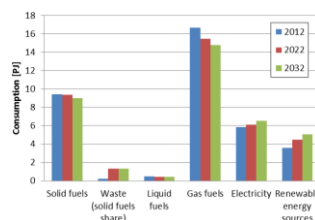
● Energy Award Competition in Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy



Small municipalities of Forni di Sopra and Tavagnacco awarded

Impacts, innovation & monitoring, long term targets, participation, and likelihood to be adopted by others were the assessment criteria. The municipalities of Forni di Sopra and Tavagnacco were the best among 15 applicants. Forni di Sopra introduced a local biomass supply chain based on wood residues, efficient biomass boilers, district heating networks (picture), solar parks and solar thermal units – all in keeping with Green Procurement regulations. Tavagnacco carried out a comprehensive plan to improve energy efficiency, increase the RES share and implement sustainable transport plans, as well as measures to involve several target groups.

● The Zlín Region's Energy Concept is finalized



Support by participation fora with regional stakeholders

The elaboration of the regional energy concept is concluded and the first outcomes show 20% of energy savings in primary energy within the previous ten years. Various scenarios of future developments were created. The most likely development is illustrated in the diagram. Within the next 20 years RES utilization will increase by 40%, solid fuels will decrease by 5%. Contributing currently 2%, the share of waste as energy carrier will increase to 15%.

● Local energy planning by active participation in the Province of Turin



Municipalities Forum on activity priorities

On 25th of June 2014 the Province of Turin organized a participation forum with participants from more than 30 local governments. They expressed their points of view on energy planning and management priorities. The topics of greatest interest: energy efficiency refurbishment, planning and regulation, mobility and communication. A session dedicated to the good practice exchange between municipalities was held afterwards, where five municipalities presented their experiences to the participants. More information at:

http://www.provincia.torino.gov.it/ambiente/energia/progetti/CEP_REC/eventi_cep_rec

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● Participation Forum in Vranksko, Slovenia



Discussion on energy analysis results

On 4th of September 2014 municipality representatives and other stakeholders from Savinjska region discussed energy data and the energy balance with respect to possible development scenarios. The main direction is already set by the national REAP as local energy concepts (LEK) shall to be in line with the REAP RES goals. One major issue was the linkage of existing local energy concepts of municipalities with the common regional concept. It was concluded that this topic needs to be further discussed and that the REC needs to be adapted to the regulatory demands of the LEKs.

● Participation Forum in Trnava, Slovakia



Regional renewable energy sources were discussed

On 10th of September 2014 the main topics of the first participation forum were: development of regional renewable energy sources, cooperation with foreign partners and financial opportunities of support for RES in the Trnava Self-Governing Region. The CEP-REC project was introduced, the participants exchanged their opinions on energy data and possible scenarios for RES development in the region.

● Participation Forum in Miskolc, Hungary



Regional Support for CEP-REC Project

The Hungarian project partners held their first participation forum in Miskolc on 20th of March 2014. The introduction by Mrs. Szombatiné Dr. Emese Sebők, Notary of Miskolc, as well as the presentations of the CEP-REC project partners provided a good basis for the following discussions about the main strengths and weaknesses of RES in BAZ County. Participants have concluded that the fostering local RES developments need a positive change in energy policy and better cooperation of regional actors. Organizers hope that the next participation forum, planned in October 2014, will create a good opportunity for further discussions.

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