

Good practices of municipal climate and energy action

– from development to implementation

Where:

online event via Zoom
(you will receive the link upon registration)

When:

Wednesday, **25 May 2022, 10:00 - 12:30**

Local authorities play a leading role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. On the one hand over 70% of EU citizens are expected to live in urban areas by 2030. On the other hand city authorities are closer than most to the public. They are the governance level with the best understanding of local people's needs which allows the implementation of policies adapted to local realities. However, long-term planning is crucial for efficient and timely implementation of climate and energy measures at the local level, as it allows municipalities to identify key issues, the most important measures and the most appropriate paths for a green transition.

At the time when the IPCC report of last February highlighted the already present and harmful impacts of climate change and when the Russian war in Ukraine must lead all public actors to question the dependence on fossil fuels that finance the invasion and accelerate global warming; ambitious action for a climate, energy and socially just transition is crucial.

In this context initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) have a crucial role as signatories of the Covenant of Mayors have committed to prepare and implement a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) before 2030. But local realities differ among municipalities in terms of skills, obligations, resources and obstacles. In addition, unfortunately, when it comes to climate and energy action and targets, the sub-national level has so far been receiving little attention. In order to accelerate local climate action in Europe, **Focus** and the **Unify consortium** are organising regional event on best practices of SECAP development and implementation.

The first part of the event will present good practices of SECAP development, focusing on good practices in the context of insufficient institutional support, limited capacity, financial resources and tools that can help municipalities pre-prepare, adapt and raise their climate and energy targets. The second part of the event will focus on good practices in implementation of SECAP measures. The event will be concluded with a roundtable discussion on how to accelerate local climate and energy action.

The conference will be held in English.
Registration is mandatory via [this form](#).

10:00 AM Introductory speeches:

Taj Zavodnik, Focus, Association for sustainable development
Why do we need ambitious long-term climate and energy planning?

Federico Mascolo, Climate Action Network Europe
Lessons Learned on developing and implementing SECAPs from the LIFE Unify Project

10:10 AM Good practices of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans development:

Črtomir Kurnik, Local Energy Agency of Gorenjska (LEAG), Slovenia
Development of the regional SECAP which includes all 18 municipalities from the Gorenjska region in Slovenia

Zoé Lavocat, climate and local policies adviser at Réseau Action Climat France
Development of an online tool for monitoring regional climate policies – the tool can help regions to adapt, revise and raise their climate and energy ambition.

10:40 AM Discussion with speakers on how to raise capacity of municipalities to develop and increase ambition of SECAPs**11:00 AM Coffee break****11:10 AM Good practices of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans implementation:**

Grenoble Metropole (cities)
Cycling policy: how the cities achieved 15.2% of its active population travelling by bike?

Miljenka Kuhar, Society for Sustainable development design (DOOR), Croatia
Implementation of SECAP measures in Croatia (example of City of Čakovec)

Marko Funkl, mayor of Municipality of Hrastnik (Slovenia)
Establishment of an energy cooperative and community solar power plant in Hrastnik

TBC Juroslav Klusak, Prague, Czechia
Implementation of SECAP measures in Prague and Prague energy community

12:00 PM Discussion with speakers on how to accelerate local climate and energy action**12:30 PM Summary and conclusion**