

**Programme:**

LIFE

**Call:**

Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions

**TOPIC ID:**

LIFE-2023-CET-LOCAL

**Deadline:**

16 November 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

**Budget:**

Around 1.500.000,00 € per project. Funding rate: 95%.

**Type of Action:**

Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition.

**Objectives of the call:**

- To provide local and regional authorities with the necessary capacity to deliver and implement plans and strategies for the clean energy transition.
- To successfully support the achievement of European energy and climate targets, transition plans and strategies need to be institutionalised, cross-sectoral and tailored to the level of innovation, ambition and specific geographic context of the involved authorities.

**Area of work of the proposal:**

Actions should provide support to regional and local authorities and build their capacities to deliver, implement and monitor ambitious short and medium-term clean energy plans and strategies for 2030 – with a potential to pave the way for the 2050 carbon neutrality goal - in coherence with EU and national energy and climate targets and frameworks. Actions should focus at implementing the right mix of activities that will build/increase the technical, legal and social skills among local and regional authorities.

**Expected impact:**

Proposals should result in providing capacity to local and regional authorities for delivering and implementing plans and strategies for the clean energy transition.

Proposals should quantify their impacts using the indicators listed below, where relevant, as well as other project-specific performance indicators:

- Number of policies/plans/strategies established through the action.
- Number of policy-makers/public officers with improved capacity/skills.
- Number of institutionalised collaborations/exchanges within and beyond public authorities, including peers, private stakeholders and/or civil society.
- Number of public and private stakeholders engaged.
- Secured political commitment and resources.
- Primary energy savings and renewable energy generation triggered by the project (in GWh/year) to be delivered by clean energy transition plans/strategies developed through the action.
- Investments in sustainable energy triggered by the project (cumulative, in million Euro).

**Confirmed consortium:**



- P1 – Municipality of Mislata (ES): applicant and project coordinator – local public authority.
- P2 – Municipality of Alzira (ES): partner organization – local public authority.
- P3 – Kedainiai Municipality (LT): partner organization – local public authority.
- P4 – Municipality of Messina (IT): partner organization – local public authority.
- P5 - Samsun Governorship (TR): partner organization – local public authority.
- P6 – ¿???? – local public authority**
- P7 – EUFRAK / EEBG (DE): partner organization – SME – Communication and Dissemination.
- P8 – Lithuania Energy Institute (LT): partner organisation – public energy agency.
- P9 – UP Project (ES): partner organization – SME – digital transition provider.

**Project general objectives:**

- To create the adequate set of framework conditions for innovative forms of governance, on policy preparation, and on the right regulatory frameworks for the Integrated Planning, Policy and Regulations
- To design new governance concepts by joining city administrations, other government levels, businesses, citizens, NGOs, and research organizations.
- To align relevant stakeholders for the successful preparation and execution of any climate-neutral and smart city plan.
- To implement more inclusive participatory and consultative processes, and better collaboration within and across traditional policy and administrative boundaries within and between cities and communities.
- To provide the necessary methods and instruments to the stakeholders involved, it is essential to identify and frame the constraints that bound the options towards an optimized energy master planning solution.

**Project idea:**

Based on the previous submitted proposal “Stakeholders Supporting the Municipalities in the Energy Transition - 2SMET”, the new proposal is designed to identify existing plans, strategies and resources in five local public authorities in Spain (ES), Lithuania (LT), Italy (IT) and Turkey (TR).

The second step is to design training (training) for technicians and political decision makers, according to the selected area of work and after identifying the existing needs in the mentioned local public authorities’ public servants and policy – makers.

In a third step, using digital-based solutions it will be implemented internationally and locally training activities in order to design plans and strategies together with the local stakeholders.

As result, it will be Implemented local pilot projects, transferable to other European local entities.

Finally, but not less important, policy – makers will commit for an effective application of the tested strategies at the local level.

**Project structure:**

WP1 – Analysis and feasibility: Identify existing plans, strategies and resources.

WP2 – Training:

T.2.1. Training activities and content design: Design training (training) for technicians and political decision makers.

T.2.2. Training activities: Implement international and local training activities and design plans and strategies.

WP3 – Pilot Projects: Implement local pilot projects, transferable to other European local entities.

WP4 – energy transition plans and strategies: Effectively apply strategies at the local level.

WP5 – Project Management and Coordination.

WP6 – Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation of Results.