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resources for sustainable energy planning



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## Welcome!

Welcome to the **first** edition of the COOPENERGY project newsletter where you can find out about our latest project news and European events to help you plan for sustainable energy with local authorities in your region. In this edition:



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If you would like to share news on your sustainable energy projects and partnership work, let us know! Contact: [climate.change@kent.gov.uk](mailto:climate.change@kent.gov.uk)

## What is the COOPENERGY project?

COOPENERGY is a three-year project to support county councils (regional authorities) and local authorities to plan sustainable energy projects in partnership. The project focuses on 'cooperation' and seeks to help county councils and their local partners to:

- **Cooperate more effectively to develop Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs)**
- **Put robust agreements in place to commit authorities to work together on sustainable energy**

By working in partnership, public authorities can avoid duplication, cut inefficiencies and share resources to effectively deliver the EU 20/20/20 targets and lead the transition to a low carbon society and economy. The project is co-funded by the [Intelligent Energy Europe](#).

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## What will the project deliver?

Over the coming three years we will look to:

- **Provide good practice case studies on collaboration** from across Europe.
- **Develop and test local Multi-Level Governance agreements** and share our learning.
- **Provide a handy guide for regional authorities** on how to govern sustainable energy actions.
- **Promote European support** (policies and funding sources) to assist county councils in their energy planning activities.



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## Who is involved in the project?

COOPENERGY brings together twelve partners from nine countries across the European Union.

These partners include regional (county) public authorities, energy agencies and academic institutions who are all working with local public authorities in their regions, to develop mutually beneficial Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). Robust agreements are being put in place to govern and deliver these plans in partnership (Multi-Level Governance agreements).



Find out more about the partnership on our project website:

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## New Project Website launched!

Our project website is now online!

Visit us to:

- Learn more about the project
- Find out what EU initiative and funding opportunities are available to support your energy work
- Discuss sustainable energy on our online discussion forum, by signing up to our collaboration platform.

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## Get involved!

Sign up to our collaboration platform and take advantage of our online discussion forum to discuss and learn from other county councils on a variety of topics, including:

- How to effectively engage stakeholders in the planning process.
- How to set up robust and long-lasting agreements between local and regional authorities.
- How to share successes effectively and maintain support for action from key decision-makers.
- What initiatives have been helpful to public authorities in order to meet their carbon reduction and climate change targets

Sign up to the collaboration platform [here](#)

[SIGN INTO THE COLLABORATION PLATFORM](#)

## European Survey launched to share your good practice

**Are you a regional or county authority? Are you working well with your local partners on sustainable energy?** Please take part in a short European survey to tell us about your experience!

We will use your good practice to inform the development of a range of resources to support county councils and regional public authorities to work more effectively with local authorities in their regions on sustainable energy.

Please take part in our survey and share your experience:

<http://www.unibocconi.eu/coopenergy>



## Community energy kick-starts in Kent!

Kent County Council held its first workshop to investigate the potential for community-scale renewable energy on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent.

Community representatives discussed the disadvantages, advantages and potential locations for four renewable technologies across the Island (Biomass, Marine, Solar and Wind). Community representatives then discussed their top technologies to take forward as a feasibility study.



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## Upcoming Events and Training

Find about the latest events and training from across Europe on our events calendar:

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