

Report: Evaluating the joint action:

Collaboration on adapting spatial planning procedures, FR

Context and rationale

The goal of the joint action is to review existing spatial planning tool at sub regional level within the territory of Valence Romans Sud Rhône-Alpes **VRSRA** (3 municipalities) located within Rhône-Alpes, identify gaps and barriers that will hamper the implementation of local SEAPs and propose climate friendly recommendations as far as possible through changes to spatial planning documents.

Description of the Joint Action

In order to successfully implement the joint action, the regional and local stakeholders will implement the following activities:

- 1- Setting up the local working group
- 2- Reviewing the SCOT and PCET, respectively spatial planning and local SEAP documents, identifying gaps and barriers in a participative manner
- 3- Proposing solutions for addressing gaps and barriers
- 4- Organizing two regional info days in relation with climate friendly spatial planning procedures to promote the joint action

How we collaborated

Spatial and energy planning actors have been mobilized and worked together during several technical meetings. Key decision makers were invited to some of the meetings. The governance of the VRSRA SEAP is now including spatial planning representatives as well and will be ready for the development of the future SEAP (covering new administrative borders). Results of the project will be brought to the future SEAP of the urban community and the energy challenges of the territory will be discussed in this instance. The regional council is also represented.



Key results of the Collaboration

- Integration of recommendations to meet the needs of urban planning documents in the specifications of future SEAP
- 5 public authorities (Region, Syndicat mixte SCoT Grand Rovaltain, VRSRA, Communes of Montmiral and Clérieux) and 3 spatial and energy planning agencies working together
- Development of analysis tools for easier integration of sustainable energy criteria.



Lessons learned and success factors

- Time is needed to successfully involve local actors from 2 different planning fields (spatial and energy planning).
- It is easier to experiment such a joint action when SEAP development starts.
- Support from local and regional decision makers is needed to facilitate this integrated planning effort.
- Regulatory requirements about compliance between spatial and energy planning are not always known or implemented by local actors.

Barriers and proposed solutions

Spatial and energy planning experts have very limited occasions to share their respective visions, objectives and activities. It is important to set up instances and cross trainings where experts can share their views and exchange information.

Empowerment of actors, agreement on a common vision and integrated planning activities are difficult to reach. It is important to work on a prospective vision for the territory and consult local actors about energy independence, climate protection and society evolution.

Geographical priority areas for RES can be difficult to define. Using existing GIS tools can facilitate the decision process.

Resources

1 expert in sustainable energy planning, 1 expert in spatial planning, technical staff of public authorities

Perspectives, continuation of the action

We plan to carry out interviews with SCoT and PLU (spatial planning documents) owners in order to gather their feedback and define further needs related with energy indicators.

Several TEPOS (Positive Energy Territories) within Rhône-Alpes are interested in implementing integrated spatial and energy planning activities. It will result in additional joint actions in this area.

A guide targeted at local public authorities and planning agencies will be published.

Transferability - the success factors for collaboration

It is preferable to involve an independent structure as external moderator or facilitator.

There is a need to involve technical recognized experts in both fields, spatial and energy planning.

The involvement of the regional level authority helps to support the implementation of local integrated planning efforts and ensure the coherence with regional plans.

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