

Putting Regions on Track for Carbon Neutrality by 2050

Connecting the Unconnected

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- Ambitious long-term EU climate and energy targets, promoting carbon neutrality by 2050.
- Local and regional authorities can play a decisive role in the attainment of these targets.
- C-Track 50 will support local and regional authorities in their energy and climate policy planning, contributing considerably towards **achieving the 2030 and 2050 EU energy and climate targets.**
- This will be achieved while supporting public authorities to:

- ✓ Foster local integrated energy, transport mobility and land-use planning.
- ✓ Foster multi-level governance.



Enhancing the cooperation between the different levels of governance, both at the vertical and horizontal level, in 11 European countries



Working with regions to help them adopt national strategic policy priorities, while capitalising on synergies and economies of scale for implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy actions



Building the capacity of regional/local authorities on energy and climate policy planning, implementation and financing.



116

Sustainable energy and climate policy action plans for 2050 at the local and regional level.



105

Funding proposals for implementing sustainable energy and climate actions / projects



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Stakeholders across Europe informed on carbon neutrality and C-Track 50 outputs.

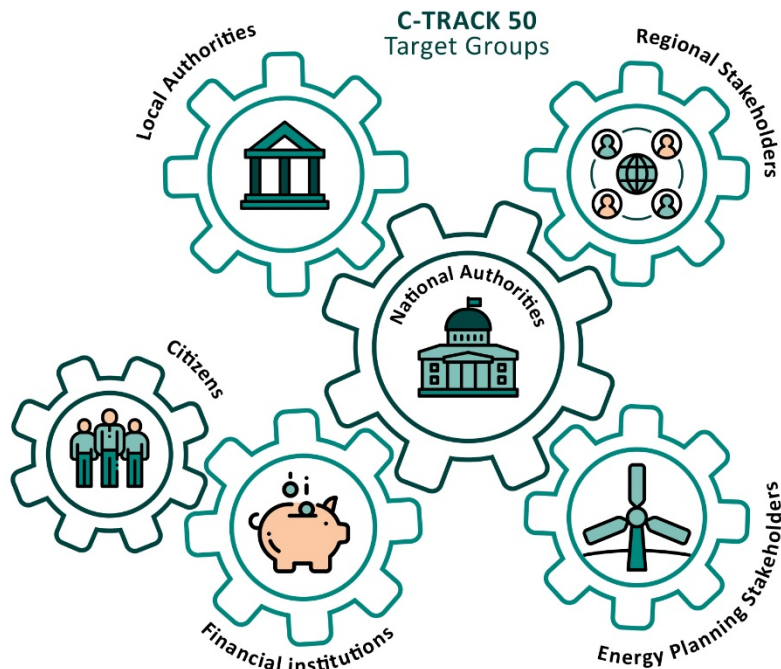


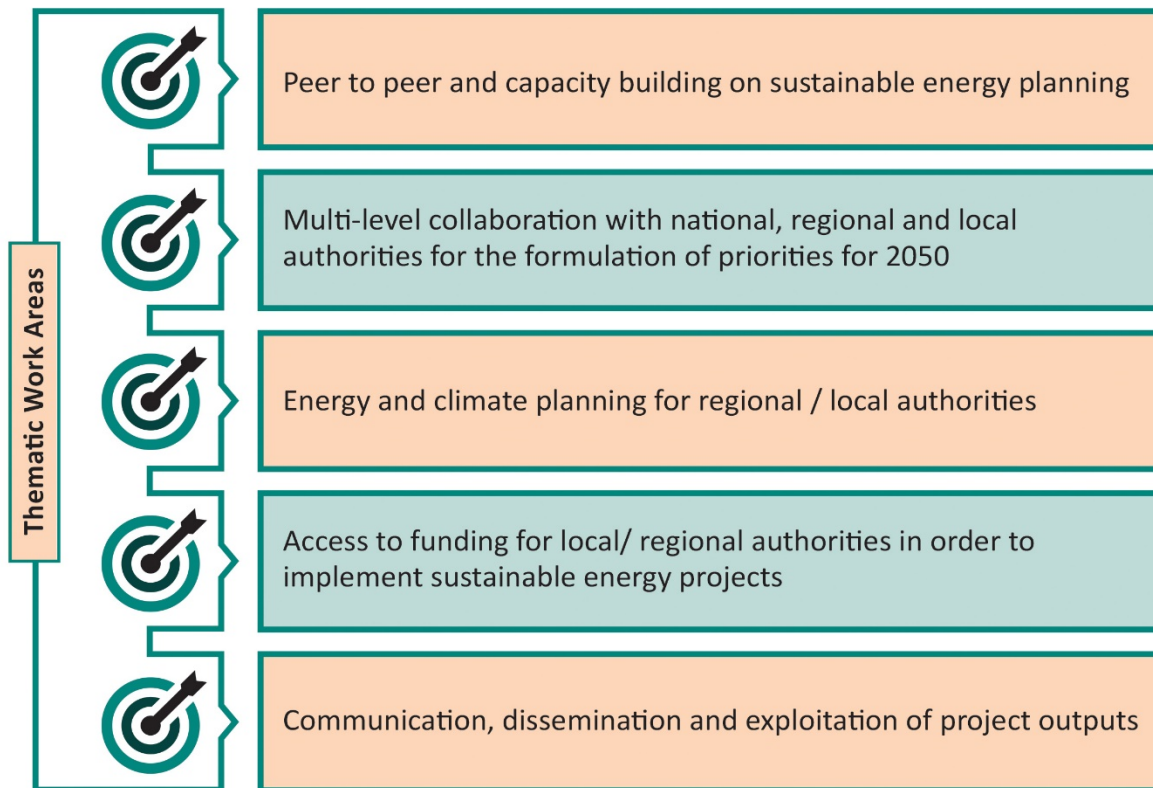
Support EU policies and initiatives, such as the Global Covenant of Mayors on Energy and Climate.

Two key challenges:

Addressing the lack of multi-level collaboration in integrated energy and climate policy planning.

Addressing the limited experience across Europe in long-term planning at all governing levels.





- Lack of assigned roles at the local and regional level in the overall decision making processes;
- Lack of resources and methodology to follow;
- Lack of regional / national framework for managing and monitoring energy and climate policy planning;
- Fragmented implementation aid in terms of financing;
- Fragmented or overlapping responsibilities between the regional and the local level, without the dialogue culture;

Regions and regional energy agencies can play an important role in linking the two levels.

- Currently 3 roundtables with national stakeholders and representatives have been conducted in 11 countries (AT, DE, ES, FR, EL, HR, HU, LV, PL, PT, RO).
- Overall, more than 250 different stakeholders have been engaged in discussions on the improvement of MLG approaches in the 33 conducted roundtables.

- Identification of regional needs at each national level through surveys / dialogue or other means;
- Development of dedicated financing tools to support the development of MLG and energy & climate policy planning at the regional / local level;
- Regulatory obligation for regional / local authorities to prepare a plan on energy and climate; the format of the CoM could be utilized;
- Assign specific GHG reduction targets at the regional level, based on their potential and following consultation with the regional authorities; link financing with the target undertaken.

- Integration and connection of topics such as climate change mitigation/adaptation and urban spatial planning etc. in municipal administrations;
- Connection of the abovementioned work with the activities conducted at the regional level;
- Support education of local / regional energy /climate managers;
- Creation of a space for dialogue for the relevant actors at the national / regional and regional / local levels respectively, perhaps comprising of a steering committee and technical working groups;
- Creation of a common methodological basis to ensure the quality of the data and indicators recovered.

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