# Newsletter

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Hello from Vienna!

Not only temperatures are soaring across central Europe, energy prices are as well. In recent months, the transition towards clean energy has therefore become an even more pressing priority for us all.

As many local and regional authorities face similar challenges, we have pooled together readily transferrable solutions from our energy projects. We believe that these can help with the ongoing transition and take off the heat at least a little bit.

Our news today:

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Enjoy your summer!



## Transnational Solutions That Help Regions To Reduce Fossil Fuel Dependency

In March 2022, shortly after the start of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the European Commission announced its plan of making Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030. Even before this, local and regional authorities in central Europe were struggling on their way to become more climateneutral. We have pooled together the best solutions from our projects that are available for free to smoothen and accelerate the green transition.

Take a look at available solutions

Transnational Cooperation Has Lasting Impacts On Territories



Last year, we launched an independent impact evaluation of our 2014-20 funding programme. In their first report, a group of external experts found evidence that transnational cooperation has played an important role in bridging socioeconomic and competitiveness gaps between more and less developed cities and regions in central Europe.

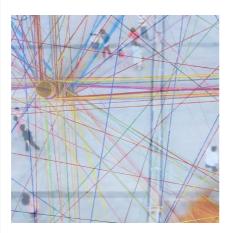
Download the full report



### Looking Ahead: New Monitoring Committee Confirms Strategic Decisions For 2021-27

Following the official adoption of our new programme in March, a first meeting of the monitoring committee took place in Venice in late April. The committee members from nine programme countries confirmed all decisions taken by a working group in the programming phase and agreed on the next steps of programme implementation, including a detailed timeline for selecting projects of the first call. The committee also visited a pilot site of the <u>YouInHerit project</u>, which helps to protect the cultural Gondola heritage of Venice.

Read more about the meeting



#### Looking Back: The Annual Implementation Report 2021

In the citizens' summary of our annual implementation report you can browse through the programme highlights of 2021: We reached and even surpassed all operational targets set for the year and became one of the first EU Cohesion Policy programmes to launch a first new call for project proposals of the programming period 2021-27.

Browse our achievements in



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#### You

Our energy projects developed a number of innovative measures and solutions. They are easy to replicate and can help your region to save energy. We have mapped some of the pilots for you. <u>Browse the pilots</u>

#### **Energy Week**

With the motto "Going green and digital for Europe's energy transition", this year's edition will take place from 26-30 September. We will be there, too, sharing the results of our projects. <u>Register now</u>

## **Regions And Cities**

EU Regions Week turns 20 this autumn. We will also join the celebrations. Join the event and learn more about the impacts of our transnational cooperation today and tomorrow. <u>Save the date</u>





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