



APPROVE

Interreg Europe

APPROVE aims at supporting the growth of renewable energy with promoting awareness raising, capacity building, effective public participation and stakeholder engagement.

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Low-carbon
economy



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About APPROVE

The objective of APPROVE is to improve the policies of four different European regions for the promotion of renewable energy, tackling existing **barriers** such as low level of knowledge in the general public, lack of expertise of proponents and civil servants dealing with permitting procedures, issues of public opposition within approval procedures.

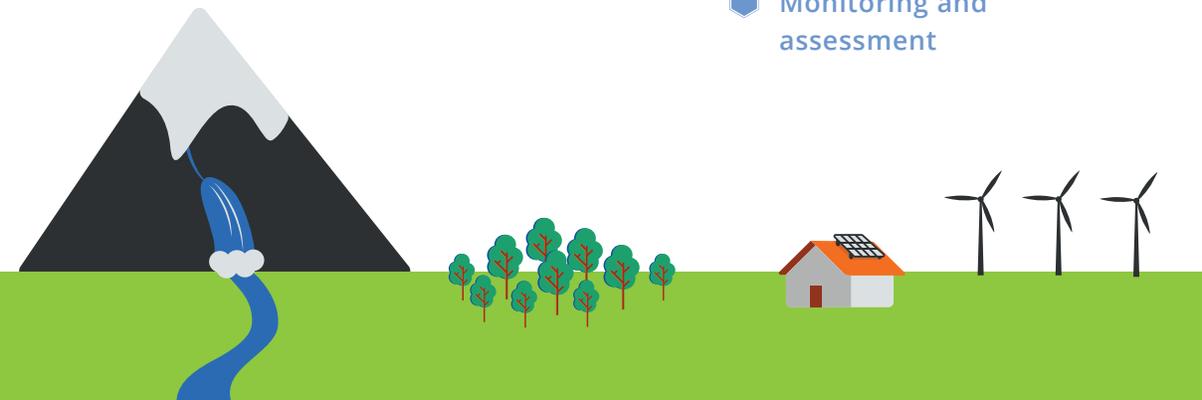
In line with the revised Renewable Energy Directive, APPROVE will consider **awareness raising, capacity building, participation and stakeholder engagement** as ways to enable and promote renewables.

1st phase 2,5 years

-  Analysis of regional gaps, needs and opportunities
-  Identification of good practices
-  Development of regional action plans

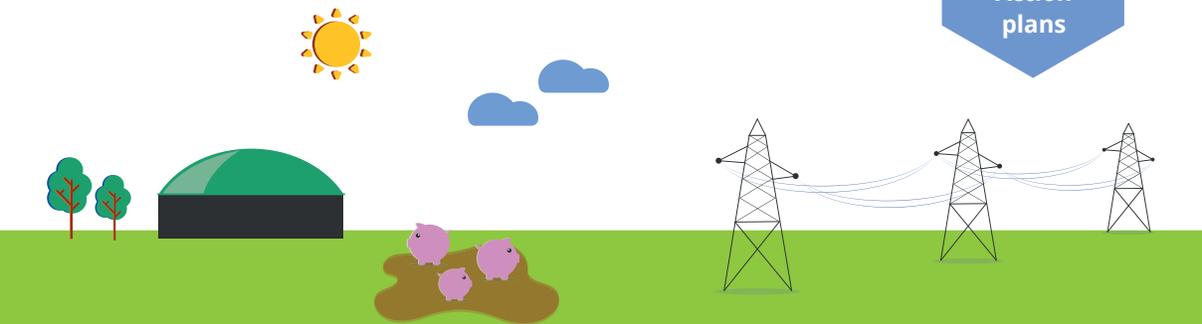
2nd phase 2 years

-  Implementation of the regional action plans
-  Monitoring and assessment



APPROVE is based on a policy learning process through **interregional cooperation**, exchange of experience and involvement of regional stakeholder groups.

Each involved region will develop an **action plan** for the improvement of its EU Structural Funds operational programme (investment priorities related to TO4 “Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors”) and addressing regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation.





REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF LAPLAND

Regional Council of Lapland (FI) - Lead Partner

Lapland is an arctic sparsely-populated region with high technical potential in the bioenergy, wind and hydro sectors



● **Poliedra**
Politecnico di Milano

Poliedra (IT) - Advisory Partner

develops and applies innovative methodologies and tools in mobility, environment, decision aiding and participation



RÉGION
NORMANDIE

Regional Council of Normandy (FR)

Normandy has a heterogeneous territory with a potential in the wind and biogas sectors and is the first French region in the wood energy sector



Regional public energy entity of Castilla y León (ES)

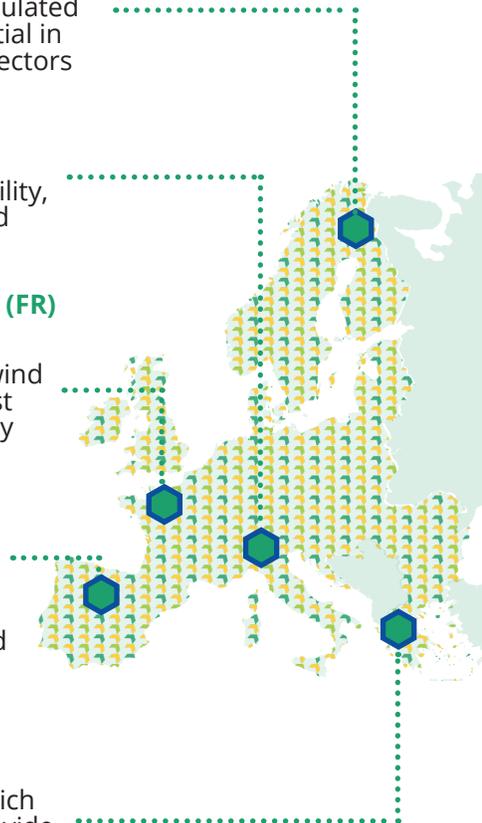
Castilla y León is the Spanish region with the most wind and hydro power installed, interested in developing also the bioenergy and geothermal sectors



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
REGION OF EPIRUS

Region of Epirus (GR)

Epirus is a mountainous region rich in natural resources that can provide innovative and sustainable energy solutions through research and innovation strategies



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