



AgroRES newsletter gathers up-to-date information on project activities and results and provides examples of the use of renewable energies in the agricultural and rural sector.

In this issue: Introduction to project and its partnership, kick-off meeting in Extremadura, stakeholder group engagement and upcoming activities.

Did you know?

The agricultural sector accounts for almost 10% of greenhouse gas emissions in the EU, resulting mainly from food production and transport. While there is an enormous potential to produce renewable energy on farms due to the availability of wind, sun, biomass and agricultural waste, barriers and challenges still remain. These include complex permits and subsidy procedures, high investment costs, limited access to credit and doubts about profitability. Subsidies and feed-in tariffs are a key factor in encouraging farmers to shift towards a more environmentally friendly production and use of energy.

What is AgroRES about?

AgroRES is a project funded by the Interreg Europe Programme seeking to develop measures that encourage the production and use of renewable energies (RE) in the agricultural and rural sector.

The project raises awareness of the benefits of investing in renewable energy in agriculture and promotes public dialogue in order to overcome previously identified barriers and challenges. As a result the partner regions will design policies that support the integration of RE technologies that are best suited for each agricultural and rural area.



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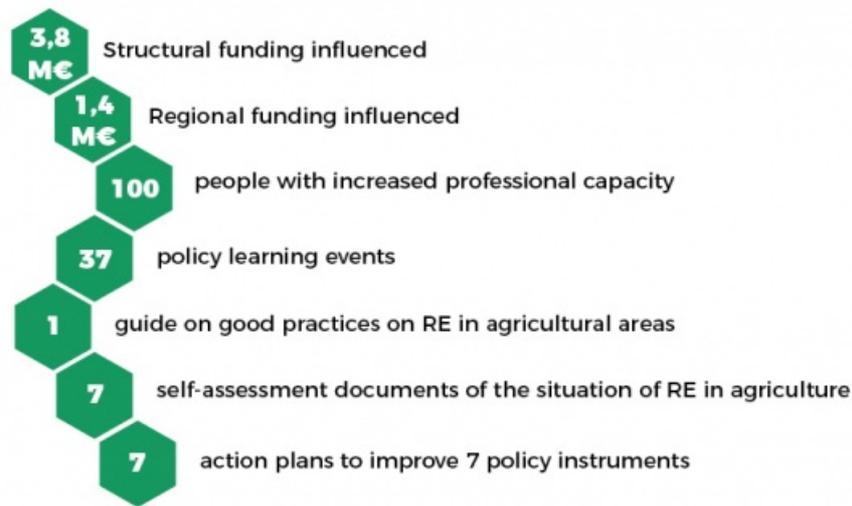
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Main outputs



Who we are?

In our project eight partners from seven European regions exchange experiences and know-how on renewable energy investments. The partnership consists of public organisations that have an interest to develop their regional development policies and Structural Fund or other funding programmes in such a way that they support the use of RE in agricultural and rural sector more effectively.

1 Extremadura Energy Agency, AGENEX (ES), lead partner

- 2 Lubelskie Voivodeship (PL)
- 3 Devon County Council (UK)
- 4 Regional Council of North Karelia (FI)
- 5 Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency (RO)
- 6 ARSIAL (IT)
- 7 Institute of Technology, Sligo (IE)
- 8 Northern and Western Regional Assembly (IE)



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AgroRES was launched in Extremadura

The project's kick-off meeting took place in Badajoz, Spain, on 12th and 13th November 2019 and was organised by the lead partner of the project - Extremadura Energy Agency, AGENEX.



The 1st Interregional Event started with a project meeting which was a good occasion for the partners to discuss their first tasks in the project and present their organisations and regions. After this, the project partners had a workshop with stakeholders, experts and professionals in the energy field, giving them an opportunity to learn about regional policy instruments supporting renewables in the agricultural and rural sector.

[Conclusions of the workshops →](#)

Floating solar power plant

During the Interregional Event in Extremadura, project partners visited one of the biggest floating solar power plants in Spain that is located in the Irrigation Community of Merida. The plant is composed by 1600 photovoltaic panels covering a four-hectar area and generating around 500 kW of electricity per year.



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Renewable energy projects

The second technical visit showcased projects that CICYTEX has developed concerning the renewable energies in agricultural sector such as biogas or biomass.



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Involvement of regional stakeholders

Regional stakeholders play a key role in the project implementation. Each partner will set up a regional group that consist of organisations who have expertise and interest of the project's thematic focus. Their know-how is utilised in planning regional project activities and designing regional action plans. In return, the project offers them a great opportunity for knowledge exchange, interregional learning and networking.

Read about our first stakeholder group meetings in:

- [Lazio region](#), Italy
- [Sligo](#), Ireland
- [Bucharest Ilfov region](#), Romania
- [North Karelia](#), Finland

Upcoming activities

- 2nd Interregional event will be held in North Karelia, Finland, on 22-23 April 2020.
- In the next months, partners will focus on identifying **good practices** on renewable energy investments in the agricultural sector.

Follow our progress!

We will keep you informed of our activities and key outcomes through this newsletter, project website and its Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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