

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: cross-cut visits to Ireland and Finland, good practices guide, community energy, stakeholder meetings.

AgroRES Good Practices Guide



AgroRES Good Practices Guide presents all the good practices on renewable energy in

agriculture and rural areas identified by AgroRES partners in England, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Romania and Spain.

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Community energy report

Devon County Council launched the community energy report. The report concludes that investing in community energy projects creates more benefits than what has been invested. Investing in community energy leads to more income being retained



in local economy. This income facilitates further rounds of economic activity in the local community.

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Cross-cut visit to Ireland

Due to the Covid pandemic, some activities such as cross-cut visits were delayed until the situation improved. In this framework, the first round of Cross-Cut visits took place in Sligo (Ireland) on October 26th and 27th 2021. It was organised by Project Partner 7 – IT Sligo. T



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Cross-cut visit to Finland



The cross-cut visit to Finland took place 30.11.-1.12.2021. The interregional learning process in AgroRES project was enhanced by visiting Finnish good practices on renewable energy in agriculture and rural areas in North Karelia, Finland. Partners and stakeholders from all AgroRES participating countries were able to join the cross-cut visit to Finland.

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Farm advisor training in Ireland



Teagasc and IT Sligo have developed a pilot training programme for Teagasc Farm Advisors which applies to Strands 1 and 2, i.e. to target and optimise existing policy supports and replicate existing Good Practices. The training will be designed to empower the Advisors assess the suitability of the farms for Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy (RE) technologies and to guide farm businesses through the routes to exploitation if appropriate.

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Renewable energies in Lazio, Italy

Agricultural sector remains one of the fundamental sectors also in the Lazio economy. The sector is characterized by a strong push towards the implementation of



new agricultural and rural development models based on safeguarding the balance of the natural environment, on the development of typical agricultural productions, on the recovery of internal and residual areas and on the enhancement of territories to tourist purposes.

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Renewable energies in Extremadura, Spain



Agricultural and agro-industrial industries are key sectors in the Extremadura economy. In 2019, they contributed to the regional economy with 11.7% of the Gross Added Value and 13.3% of the occupation of employed workers. These indexes are much higher than the national average, indicating a high degree of specialization in both sectors.

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Renewable energies in North Karelia. **Finland**



North Karelia has set a target to be oil-free region by the year 2030 and active measures has been implemented recent years and public commitment towards the target is at high level. Renewable energy consumption rate in the region was 67 % in 2018. This consists wood energy (51 %), renewable electricity (13 %), heat pumps and other sources of renewable energy (3%).

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News from partner regions

- Site visit to solar PV project in Ireland. Read more.
- New solutions for Romanian agriculture. Read more.
- Stakeholder meeting in Finland. Read more.
- Stakeholder meeting in Poland. Read more.
- Stakeholder meeting in Italy. Read more.

Upcoming events

- Follow the AgroRES website and social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) for upcoming events!
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