

5th Local focus group

Event report and monitoring

Azores

Venue	EMOBICITY Azores 5 th Local Focus Group
Date	November 17 th 2021
Number of people attending	19
Total number of representatives of the types of stakeholders involved	4 – Azorean Government 2 – ADENE (National Energy Agency) 2 – Bosch (private company) 11 – Fire brigade

Agenda of the event
09h00 to 10h30

Pictures of the event





Event assessment

Overall how would you rate the success of this specific event?

- Very successful
- Fairly successful
- Not too successful
- Not successful at all

Please briefly describe the event including:

- Main experiences, viewpoints and suggestions of stakeholders on existing regional measures, projects, initiatives on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy, their effectiveness and impact.
- Main specific needs and constraints identified by stakeholders for the promotion of energy efficiency and use of renewables in companies in the region.
- Best practices / examples proposed directly by stakeholders, if any.
- Views / suggestions on the measures / policies / good practices identified in other regions.
- Specific relevant comments made by representatives of the different types of stakeholders involved on the regional analysis.
- Facilitation techniques used, if applicable (ex: brainstorming, role playing, storytelling, etc)

Following previous experiences, it was decided to pair the EMOBICITY 5th local focus group with a training session on electric mobility. To ensure participation and pursue the goals of the project, the training session was also developed in the framework of an electric mobility capacity building session for security forces, civil protection and fire brigades. This session was held in a hybrid mode – in person and online.

The session's goal was to empower professionals from those areas of activity so that they can act in accident situations involving electric and hybrid vehicles, safeguarding the safety of all involved.

The main objective of the session was to address how interventions should be carried out in the event of an accident, considering which Personal and Collective Protection Equipment to use and which tools are required. The participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with electric and hybrid vehicles, obtaining essential knowledge in accident situations involving these vehicles.

For instance, one of the obstacles mentioned during the session was that safety switches may be located in different locations in the vehicle, depending on the brand and model, making it difficult for professionals to intervene in these rescue situations.

Around 19 participants were present, creating an interesting debate.

In general, EMOBICITY project and Interreg Europe Programme were extensively described, with a natural focus on the current and future outcomes of the EMOBICITY project.

Overall, the event was very successful as it allowed for an active debate on many topics within the framework of e-mobility, namely in terms of current market conditions and technology. Every input was of great importance to further promote electric mobility in the Azores.

Please briefly describe main success and difficulties related to this specific event, if any. Please provide suggestions for similar or future events (including improvement you would like to apply already in the next local group events you will organize in the framework of EMOBICITY), if any.

The event was a success. Debating and exchanging opinions and experiences among these professionals (from several fields of activity) was truly important not only to understand their concerns, but also to capacitate them for future situations in case of accidents with hybrid and electric vehicles.