

MONITORING PHASE – survey

Acronym	ZEROCO2
Index	PG100015
Period	1.4.2018 – 30.9.2018
Name of project partner	Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje
Name of the policy instrument addressed	Energy Act

Phase 2 is dedicated to **monitoring the implementation of the action plans** in the policy instruments addressed. Project partners should regularly check the extent to which the measures described in the action plans are implemented on the ground and gathering evidence of success.

Project partners should maintain the contact with players involved (stakeholders) through for example: E-mails, phone calls, discussing with them at regional events, etc. Each partner should use the approach that suits his players involved, as there is no common rule for all.

Based on the survey below, an overview of successful implementation of action plans will be published on ZEROCO2 website.

Important: *The implementation of the action plan falls under responsibility of each partner dealing with the policy instrument. The progress made in implementing the action plan is reported back to the programme via progress reports (and based on this survey) in phase 2 (annually) with any necessary explanations if the action plan cannot be partly or fully implemented. But the non-implementation of action plan will not call in question the eligibility of costs related to the Interreg Europe.*

ACTION 1 - Change of the focus of the preferred applications as part of the Governance of the policy by means of a change in the policy terms

Please provide a short description of the action (max 500 character)
<p>Currently in Slovenia, energy efficiency in public buildings is happening, but not fast enough. The market needs more dynamic and better aligned public funding policies and measures, which incentivize and help to gain access to private sector funding.</p> <p>This will be revised to target grant support into measures that give the greatest savings in relation to the support. It will change the focus of the applications. Strict professional supervision of works financed by public support will be required, as will more emphasis on quality energy management and maintenance of buildings even after completion of the renovation. This will be achieved by more consistent implementation of existing regulations, supervision over implementation and regular improvement.</p> <p>It is proposed to improve the training of those responsible for the maintenance of the Regulation on Energy Performance of Buildings as part of this Action.</p>
Please list the players involved (as listed in the action plan) and measures (mail, at regional events, etc.) that you used to reach them?
<p>Ministry for Infrastructure – responsible for the policy instruments addressed. They will stimulate the integration of the proposed action.</p> <p>Funding Bodies – Cohesion fund. Subsidies for EE measures and investments in RES.</p> <p>All the activities carried out during the first semester of the project were delivered to the stakeholders (policy makers) in order to show them the benefits of creation of ZEROCO2 buildings. LEASP had at first troubles to reach the Ministry for Infrastructure, but after sharing with them the benefits of this types of buildings, the technologies, they shown their interested and started to collaborate with partner.</p>
What is the progress made in the implementation of this action planned for your policy instrument?
<p>Action presented in the action plan has been shared with policy makers and although they find them useful, meaningful and not hard to implement, they are not sure if they will be implemented in this period which is coming to the end.</p>
If you succeeded in implementation of this action in to the policy instrument addressed, please describe the nature of the change and if applicable, the amount of funding influenced by this action and how it was estimated.
N/A
If you have not succeeded to implement this action plan in policy instrument addressed, please describe the reasons and the progress made so far.

The proposed action could be implemented in the next period - after 2022.

ACTION 2 - Advisory Group

Please provide a short description of the action (max 500 character)
<p>Administrative burden of dealing with the energy improvements required in public buildings is too heavy, there is a considerable amount of paperwork, and bureaucracy, which is difficult, takes time, and delays action from happening.</p> <p>This Action will set up an Advisory Group whose purpose will be to target the reduction of administrative barriers in the application for grants. The Advisory Group will also make an objective to encourage higher subsidies, and the easier preparation of documentation especially in terms of requiring less documentation. This will lead to the faster and more efficient allocation of funds, and the improved governance of the policy.</p>
Please list the players involved (as listed in the action plan) and measures (mail, at regional events, etc.) that you used to reach them?
<p>Ministry of Infrastructure is responsible for the policy instruments addressed. They will stimulate the integration of the proposed action</p> <p>Consortium of energy agencies – they will set up advisory groups (LEASP – LP of ZEROCO2 is a member of consortium).</p> <p>The concept of the Advisory Group was discussed within the consortium of energy agencies and was well accepted.</p>
What is the progress made in the implementation of this action planned for your policy instrument?
<p>Energy agencies will offer the support to the public authorities in their region in order to facilitate the use of available subsidies dedicated for energy efficiency measures and use of renewable energy sources.</p>
If you succeeded in implementation of this action in to the policy instrument addressed, please describe the nature of the change and if applicable, the amount of funding influenced by this action and how it was estimated.
<p>In some aspect this action has already been accepted by the targeted stakeholder – Consortium of energy agencies. But with no support from Ministry of Infrastructure so far.</p> <p>There is no funding needed for implementation of this action.</p>
If you have not succeeded to implement this action plan in policy instrument addressed, please describe the reasons and the progress made so far.
N/A

ACTION 3 - Adaptation of best practices

Please provide a short description of the action (max 500 character)
<p>There is a lack of education and awareness of the importance and relevance of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in public buildings. When implementing both: energy efficiency and RES energy measures the levels of CO2 could drastically decrease and the annual energy savings will increase.</p> <p>Adopt best practice for information and education relating to user behaviours from a high performing partner region, such as South Ostrobothnia in Finland, where performance in relation to insulation investment, local grid management, heating systems and public education are exemplary (integrated approach), and the consequent energy performance standards of public buildings are very high indeed.</p> <p>A programme will be designed and developed for a partnership project to implement a new educational programme designed to achieve these standards that will fit EU targets and objectives, and will be eligible for EU funding.</p>
Please list the players involved (as listed in the action plan) and measures (mail, at regional events, etc.) that you used to reach them?
<p>Municipal authority of Ptuj – administrator of public buildings and possible investor for new EE measures, grid management and heating systems. LEASP (with the support of Ministry) is guiding them in the preparation of the investment project (district heating) for what they have received the funding.</p> <p>Energy company – they will be involved in public-private funding (will be educated about the benefits)</p> <p>Energy Agencies – transfer the knowledge to their regions in Slovenia</p> <p>Education authority and local schools – will support capacity building</p>
What is the progress made in the implementation of this action planned for your policy instrument?
<p>This action presented has been shared with policy makers, energy companies, etc. and although they find them useful, meaningful and not hard to implement, they are not sure if they will be implemented in this period which is coming to the end.</p> <p>On the other hand, Municipality of Ptuj is currently preparing the documentation for district heating for the city of Ptuj with the support of Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje.</p>
If you succeeded in implementation of this action in to the policy instrument addressed, please describe the nature of the change and if applicable, the amount of funding influenced by this action and how it was estimated.
N/A
If you have not succeeded to implement this action plan in policy instrument addressed, please describe the reasons and the progress made so far.

The proposed action could be implemented at the national level in the next period - after 2022.

Other achievements

Could you report on any interesting policy development (even though no policy change was achieved yet)? Please describe.

N/A

Territorial Impact

If possible, please describe the impact in the territory (e.g. beneficiaries concerned, results achieved in terms of increased competitiveness or cleaner environment).

N/A