

2nd Local seminar

Event report and monitoring

Azores

Venue	RESOR Açores 2 nd Local Seminar
Date	December 2 nd 2019
Number of people attending	15
Type of Stakeholders involved (categories)	Government Hotel sector
Total number of representatives of the types of stakeholders involved	Government – 3 Hotel sector – 14

Agenda of the event
13h30 to 17h00

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)

The second seminar of the RESOR project focused on the tourism sector, especially hotel units given the growing economic importance of this sector in the archipelago and the construction of new units that should entail important high energy efficiency and renewable production characteristics in order to avoid carbon locking for the next few decades.

The event took place in the largest island in terms of population and size, São Miguel, with internet broadcast. Hotels were contacted about four weeks in advance followed by phone confirmation, which resulted in a very good attendance of fourteen people from the sector, representing the major hotel groups, for a total of ten units, representing approximately 2000 beds.

The event was scheduled together with a seminar on "Energy efficiency in the hotel sector" that lasted for approximately four hours, focusing on the different systems installed in hotels that consume energy and the effective solutions to curb consumption and increase the share of renewables. The best practices from RESOR proved very useful in the presentation and ensuing discussion.

In general, attendees were pleased with the presentation, referring that similar events should be repeated. Regarding the scope of RESOR, the attendees referred the technical challenges of finding the right personnel in the Azores, especially given its small-scale and archipelagic nature. Lack of information was also of widespread consensus especially regarding the availability of funding mechanisms.

In order to reinforce participation, the Azorean Directorate for Energy also announced the installation of 10 charging stations for electric vehicles following a competition on the analysis of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and a pledge to their implementation.

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 RESOR), if any.

The event was largely successful. Contributing factors were the preparation in advance, the focus on a target sector, and the integration of the event with a seminar on energy efficiency and a competition with a charging station as an award.