

BIOWIND

INCREASING SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE FOR WIND ENERGY
IN EU REGIONS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL AND
COMMUNITY BASED PLANNING

News & updates from the project

BIOWIND 2nd NEWSLETTER



Dear readers,

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our newsletter where we will delve into our project progress and completed activities, that will give you an comprehensive overview of our ways of working.

BIOWIND will support 11 partners from 8 EU countries, through joint policy learning and exchanges of experiences, to set forward an integrated wind planning approach addressing all dimensions of the "Climate-Biodiversity-Public opinion" nexus, to enhance social acceptance and secure sustainable wind energy expansion.

In this issue, you will find our first results from our thematic studies and you will take a glimpse from our interregional workshop and study visit in Latvia where we had the opportunity to visit a big wind farm project that is under construction.

DURATION

1 Mar 2023 -
31 May 2027

ERDF

1.570.535€

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Advance the convergence of territorial RES and environmental policies and foster multi-stakeholder collaboration in energy planning
- Simplify permitting rules and procedures for new and re-powered wind farms.
- Roll-out community-driven wind initiatives, as a pathway for citizen engagement and inclusive territorial green growth

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1ST & 2ND REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

During the 2nd semester, partners held their first and second stakeholder meetings with the objective of introducing the project to their local communities and initiating a dialogue on local challenges and development opportunities. The discussions centred around the main characteristics of the Interreg Europe Program, and the details of the BLOWIND project: implementation period, partnership, objectives, main activities foreseen to be implemented during the project lifetime, future actions and networking. In these meetings, the first outputs of the BLOWIND project were discussed, such as the factors that drive the public opposition to wind energy projects and identified good practices that aim to enhance social acceptance of wind energy. Find out more on our official [BLOWIND](#) website!



2nd Regional Stakeholder Meeting - PFB



1st Regional Stakeholder Meeting - CDDA

WORKSHOP & STUDY VISIT IN JELGAVA, LATVIA

20 & 21 FEBRUARY 2024

BLOWIND partners visited Laflora's Peat Production Facility and proposed a wind farm, to acquire planning insights and operational knowledge from the region's environmental management program, and participated in a workshop organised by ZPR on early warning systems used in wind farms for biodiversity conservation. During the workshop partners exchanged experiences and discussed the common challenges and gaps in environmental policies that can inhibit the deployment of wind farms and elaborated and exchanged ideas on biodiversity management and conservation systems in wind farm areas.



COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- PROMEA, the advisory partner to the project, provided a final study utilising territorial data collected and submitted by BLOWIND partners containing a detailed analysis of the key environmental and socioeconomic obstacles to the uptake of wind energy. The study aimed to highlight common challenges to be jointly tackled during the BLOWIND project and elaborated on specific issues that need to be addressed by each project partner individually through policy instruments.
- Project partner FAEN, worked on the “Good Practices Report” which aims to provide a thorough analysis of the a) effectiveness of the identified good policy practices in enhancing social acceptance, b) their impact on the wind farm’s viability and c) their transferability rate and potential based on partners’ appraisal. The ultimate goal is to offer an operational guide on how to integrate, adapt and build upon these good practices to enhance social acceptance and consensus for wind farm projects at the regional level.
- University of Patras provided a comprehensive methodology that will enable the identification and collection of data on the administrative capacities of BLOWIND partners regarding the implementation of wind power policies and projects.

WHAT IS NEXT?

- **Mapping territorial authorities’ management capacities and needs for effective wind energy policy implementation, by RSCO.**
- **A joint assessment of the potential of wind energy communities in partnership regions, as a pathway for increased social acceptance, by CARM.**
- **3rd Interregional workshop on sustainable approaches to wind turbine decommissioning in Leuven, Belgium.**
- **3rd Steering Group Meeting in Leuven, Belgium in mid June 2024.**

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