



## LEEWAY Project Newsletter #1

SIPRO – Ferrara Development Agency – is the Lead Partner of the Interreg EUROPE project LEEWAY - LEADING coopERATION toWArds energy communities policies tackling energy poverty - which aims to **foster the adoption of energy policies for the introduction of Renewable Energy Communities (RECs)** in the Italian, Belgian, German, Polish and Croatian regions involved, through the sharing and the direct exchange of experiences between public authorities at different level. The cooperation between different countries represents an opportunity to share knowledge and interchange competences about energy communities, by addressing the issues of pollution and energy poverty.

The Partners will take part in activities such as:

- **Interregional study visits and seminars** to exchange experiences and deepen the information acquired from the other territories involved, on renewable energies' topics.
- **Thematic working groups** to discuss how to further implement the policy instrument of each participating country and to present the outcomes to their local stakeholders, during regional workshops.

The expected results of the project are an **improved governance for the introduction and regulation of RECs in each participating region, the revision of regional and local renewable energy policies for the introduction of RECs and a stronger interregional cooperation among the concerned Countries.**



### THE START IN FERRARA

During the **Kick-off meeting**, which took place in **Ferrara**, on the 11th - 12th of May, the project and the foreseen activities were presented; each project partner introduced its organisation and gave an overview of its local regional policies on RECs and renewable energies. The participants, greeted by Alessio Stabellini - Environmental Quality Service Manager of the Municipality of Ferrara - and Stefano Di Brindisi - SIPRO Sole Administrator - had also the chance to visit some landmarks of the city. During the technical part of the meeting, Factory Grisù (Ferrara) presented their project *"Energia Blu: co-creation of an energy community or a group of collective consumption of renewable energy in Ferrara"*, as a practical



## THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP IN PRELOG

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June, the **City of Prelog**, hosted an **International Workshop** dedicated to communities based on renewable energy sources.

The participants visited the location of the future geothermal power plant in Draškovac and the Solar and Hydropower Plants in Donja Dubrava, in order to better get to know the current situation and future plans related to renewable energy sources in the Međimurje area. They were introduced to the situation in Draškovac by Peter Vesenjok from the company AAT Gheotermæ, and the details of HEP's power plants were given by the director Tomislav Pintarić.



## IN GHENT THE EVENT "RETHINKING LOCAL POLICIES"

On 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 SIPRO participated to the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform event "[Rethinking local policies](#) – Modern Green Districts" in Ghent, Belgium.

The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform is a space where the European policy-making community can tap into the know-how of regional policy experts and peers, by accessing information on a variety of topics via thematic publications, online and onsite events, and direct communication with a team of experts.

**The aim of the event was learning about the topic of local sustainable development and good practices in the field of integrated green districts**, as well as networking and exchanging on policy challenges. The Modern green districts workshop focused on the redevelopment of derelict industrial areas into comfortable, sustainable, and low-carbon districts, through the presentation of three case studies of territorial transformation and of panel discussions and working sessions. The event included a study visit in the Gent Oude Dokken neighbourhood, Gent's old docks which have been redeveloped to become a citizen-focused district through the use of renewable energy, with sustainable housing, businesses, schools, and public spaces.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**A first International Study Visit will be organised in the Emilia-Romagna Region, from the 28th to the 30th of November.** During the event, the project partners will get an insight of the regional and national RECs ecosystem and will be presented some study cases and pilot projects on the subject, by technical experts of the sectors and members of institutions. The study tour will include visits to production sites that will show how local renewable energies technologies can be applied at practical level.



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