



LIFE SEC ADAPT PROJECT

Upgrading Sustainable Energy Communities in Mayor Adapt initiative by planning Climate Change Adaptation strategies

**Report networking event:
Project Empowering (Horizon 2020); Local Energy Board set up in the Region of Istria**

Partner: IDA, Istrian Municipalities and Region of Istria

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General information

Select typology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>local event</i>
Title:	<i>Local Energy Board set up in the Region of Istria</i>
Name of the organisation proposer:	<i>Istrian Development Agency – IDA Ltd.</i>
date:	<i>30th January 2017</i>
SEC ADAPT partners participating	<i>IDA, Region of Istria and five Istrian municipalities: Pula, Labin, Pazin, Poreč, Rovinj</i>
Website info:	http://www.empowering-project.eu/?p=1137&lang=en

Specific information

Main thematic addressed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Climate Adaptation</i> • <i>Climate Mitigation</i> • <i>RES (Renewable Energy Systems)</i> • <i>Energy Saving</i> • <i>Sustainable Mobility</i> • <i>Environmental protection</i> • <i>Biodiversity</i> • <i>Smart economies</i> • <i>Sustainable development</i>
type of stakeholders involved (specify numbers if possible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public Administration(1)</i>
Territorial level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regional</i>



specify territories	<i>Region of Istria</i>
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Report:

Aim of the event:

The Local Energy Board (LEB) was set up in the Istrian Development Agency in order to promote the exchange of information and experiences on integrated energy, sustainable urban mobility, land use planning and innovative financing solutions, on 30th January 2017.

Currently, the Local Energy Board set up in the Region of Istria comprises of the representatives of the Region of Istria, seven Istrian municipalities: Labin, Novigrad, Pazin, Poreč, Pula, Rovinj and Vodnjan, as well as the public stakeholder Parentium Ltd.

The assessment of capacity building needs and good practices by each LEB member has started. From which the best practices and projects of the region could be established as examples to other regions.

The Local Energy Board (LEB) set up in Region of Istria is the first step of moving towards the main objective of the project, that is, empowering local and regional authorities (policy makers and public officers) of region to shape sustainable energy policies and plans coherent with the European climate and energy policies and in synergy with the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

Thanks to their participation to Empowering the Municipalities involved in the project intend to promote and update the Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) model, making Local Communities the drivers for regional sustainable development through the coordination and support of Regional Authorities and Development Agencies.

The adhesion and active participation of Municipalities to the European initiative «Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy» will pave the ground towards increasing energy efficiency, mainstreaming climate change into regional development policies.

Specific SEC ADAPT Partners activity (presentation, participation to workshop, poster etc.)

IDA: organized event and presented project purpose as well purpose of the project Life Sec Adapt to other Istrian municipalities not involved in SEC ADAPT.





Lesson learnt to spread with LIFE SEC ADAPT partners:

The meeting was jointly organized in the framework of the projects coordinated by IDA, EMPOWERING (Horizon 2020 Program) and LIFE SEC ADAPT (Life Programme). The letter, supporting the definition of action plans for adaptation to climate change, has supported so far the adhesion of 8 Municipalities to the New Covenant of Mayors, which integrates under the same initiative the European targets for climate and energy by 2030. Both projects offer an important opportunity for Region of Istria to become leader of a development model that – in spite of the recent emergencies affecting the territories – can find its foundation on sustainability goals.

Communication and Media information

communication channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>web site</i>• <i>newsletter/mailling list/email contact</i>• <i>social media (Facebook , twitter)</i>
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Photo</i>  A photograph showing a group of approximately ten people seated around a long wooden conference table in a meeting room. They appear to be engaged in a discussion or meeting. There are papers, water bottles, and a whiteboard visible in the background.