



Accelerating climate action, strengthening Europe

The European Climate Initiative (EUKI)
of the Federal Environment Ministry



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AT THE 24TH UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP24)**

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EUKI PROJECTS

ACTIVE EUROPEAN CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

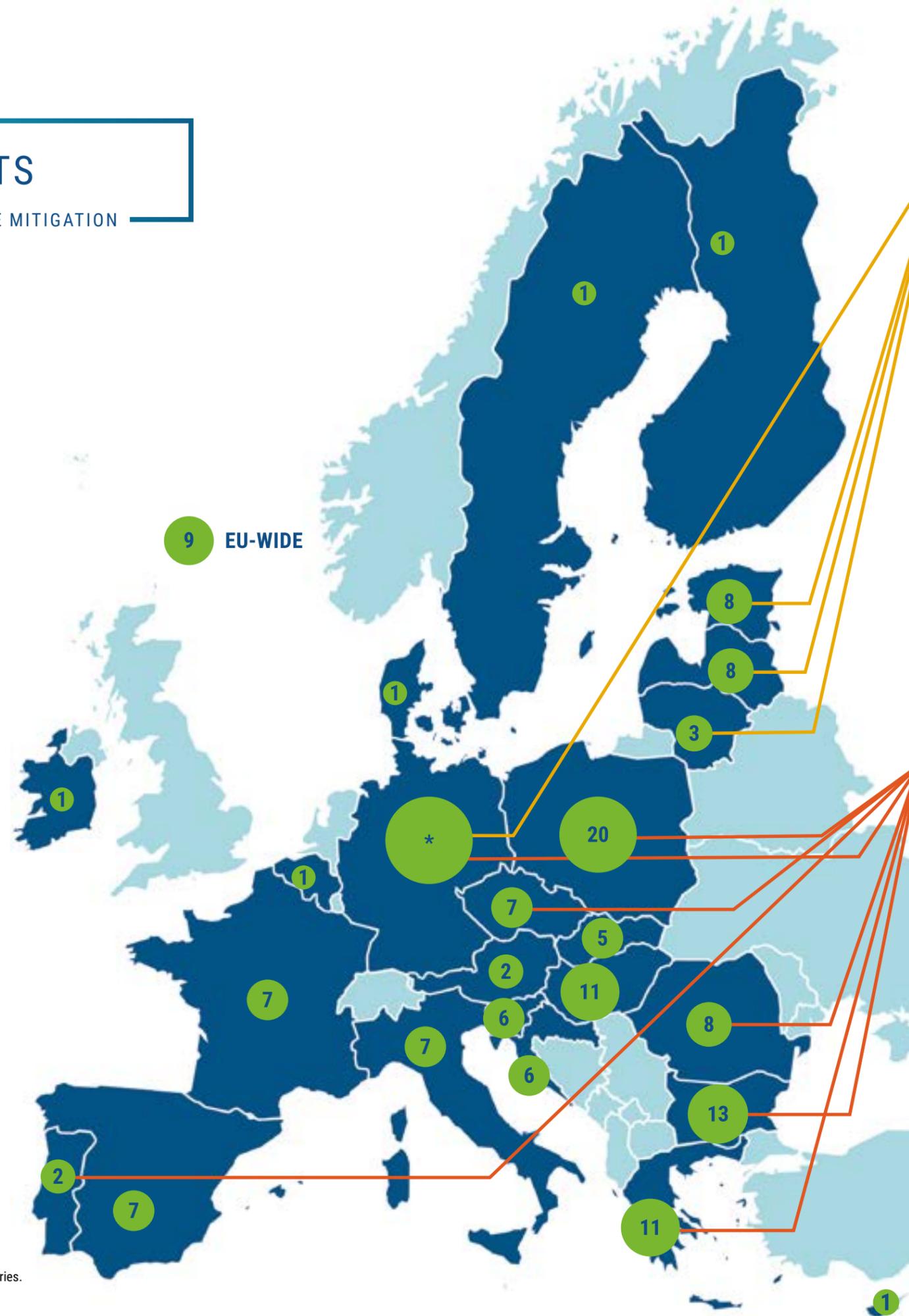
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● TOTAL NUMBER OF EUKI PROJECTS PER COUNTRY**

* Germany is involved in many projects that focus on the exchange of knowledge.

** The vast majority of EUKI projects operate in two or more countries. These projects are displayed on the map in all the participating countries.



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AGRICULTURE, SOILS AND FORESTRY



Paludiculture in the Baltic Countries – Climate Protection by Productive Use of Rewetted Peatlands



Duration: October 2017–February 2020
 Implementer and Partner(s): MSS, ELF, LGF

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BUILDINGS AND MUNICIPALITIES



BEACON – Bridging European and Local Climate Action



Duration: April 2018–March 2021
 Implementer and Partner(s): Navigant, adelphi consult, UfU, Energy Cities, SEVEn, PNEC, OER, Environ, NTEF, FCIências.ID, CRES



FOREWORD
ACCELERATING CLIMATE ACTION, STRENGTHENING EUROPE



Dear readers,

The European Climate Initiative (“EUKI”) unites people from all over Europe in the planning and implementation of climate projects. EUKI projects remind us on a daily basis of how alive the European ideal is: Climate change knows no borders and climate action unites people from all spheres of work and life.

The first part of our brochure provides information about EUKI’s objectives and how this young initiative works. It explains the selection procedure for EUKI-financed projects and how the exchange of knowledge is organised at the EUKI Academy. It concludes with a presentation of the initiative’s milestones.

The second part of the brochure provides a detailed description of the wide range of EUKI projects in our eight core areas, such as energy, mobility and climate-aligned finance. EUKI has already launched 64 projects since 2017 and its portfolio continues to grow. All of the projects are united by a single ideal: the exchange of knowledge for a unified approach to reaching climate targets. They cover a broad range of topics from educational measures at schools and research projects on EU climate policy reform, to individual energy saving measures at companies and dialogue on climate-friendly agriculture. In addition, we present lighthouse projects and interviews with the involved parties from each topic area.

At the end of the brochure we list contact details for all projects and thus provide an overview of the growing EUKI community.

We thank you for your interest and invite you to accompany us on our journey – and to actively shape projects yourselves.

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Head of the European Climate Initiative Financing Programme



INTERVIEW WITH FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTER SVENJA SCHULZE

The 2015 Paris Agreement was a major milestone for global climate action. How can the European Climate Initiative (EUKI) contribute to implementing the climate goals set out in the agreement?

In order to implement the Paris Agreement we need close cooperation within the European Union. This is where the European Climate Initiative comes in. We strengthen dialogue and cooperation on climate action within the European Union by promoting an exchange on best practice examples and by jointly seeking the best solutions. In doing so, we can learn from each other, and this will help achieve the European climate targets and raise awareness of climate action as a European project.

Why do we need a third option in addition to the National Climate Initiative (NKI) and the International Climate Initiative (IKI)?

We are facing many of the same challenges the other EU member states are facing, and we are all acting within the same European legal framework. That is why in this case close cooperation makes particular sense. It is a good thing that after years of gathering experience with NKI and IKI we have compiled best practice examples that we can now share in Europe. I am particularly delighted about the energy scout project, which trains young employees to review the energy-saving potential of their companies and to develop and implement solutions.

What feedback do you get from your European colleagues on EUKI?

Our European partners tell us that such an initiative is just what was needed. Other member states share our view that climate action is a joint task which will benefit from an active European exchange that can provide important impetus. EUKI allows us to develop concrete projects with our partners. One example is our work with the Czech Republic on strengthening transboundary cooperation on climate education in schools.

How do you assess the achievements of EUKI so far?

The fact that so many ideas were submitted for the first two rounds of competitions shows that EUKI is already well established as a support instrument. Many Central and Eastern European countries clearly have a particular need for such a programme. EUKI is currently supporting 64 projects in 24 EU countries. The topics cover a wide range of areas from climate education and the socially sound energy modernisation of buildings to strategies for greenhouse gas emission reductions in the energy, transport and agricultural sectors. Our experience shows that an exchange on specific approaches bears fruit and helps disseminate good practices. I am especially pleased to see how the EUKI projects reflect enthusiasm for the European idea, for example when committed municipalities from five countries get together to discuss European climate action.

EUKI focusses especially on smaller projects by organisations that do not have the capacity or know-how to tap European funds. Why is this approach so important?

Focussing on smaller projects helps us to better involve civil society. I consider active public participation indispensable for ambitious climate policies in Europe. Smaller organisations in particular often make important contributions while being better rooted in the communities. However, it is harder for them to get funding at EU level. Education and capacity building also help steer European funds and private investments towards innovative climate measures. The European Climate Initiative can thus build a bridge to other EU funding programmes.

It is one aim of EUKI to strengthen the European idea through cooperation in the field of climate action. What can a funding instrument such as EUKI contribute?

EUKI is not only about funding a large number of effective climate action projects. The idea behind EUKI is rather to establish a network between projects. We ask project leaders to bear this in mind and act on it. This network already connects more than 140 very different actors from federal authorities, municipalities, the public, industry and education. These people are curious about each other and have a lot to share. To ensure cohesion in Europe we need these personal cross-border contacts and friendships.

What do you consider the greatest challenges for European climate policy?

We are in a critical phase. After years of globally stagnating greenhouse gas emissions, it seems that emissions this year will significantly increase again. Emissions in the EU, too, have been on the rise lately.

One reason is that despite being good at introducing new climate-friendly technologies, we are still not good enough at organising the phase-out of the old, fossil-based ones. This is about people and regions, about creating something new and ensuring that social cohesion does not suffer, but grows stronger. I am convinced that in Europe we will be able to overcome these challenges together.

Structural challenges such as the phasing out of coal are not only an issue in Germany, but also in other countries such as Greece and Poland. The political and social frameworks, however, sometimes differ greatly. How can EU member states learn from each other when tackling these issues?

In Europe there are around 40 coal regions, and many of them are facing similar challenges and questions: Which new, future-proof jobs suit the expertise of these regions? How can social hardship be prevented? And how can national governments or the EU help these regions?

To address these questions, the Federal Environment Ministry is supporting exchanges between the regions. I believe that involving actors on the ground is essential for a just transition. With the help of EUKI, we are supporting the organisation of an exchange between the coal regions of Poland, Bulgaria and Greece with Germany and the European Union. It opens people's eyes to their common challenges and fosters a sense of connection as they realise how similar their situations are.

SVENJA SCHULZE
FEDERAL MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
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ABOUT EUKI

BUILDING BRIDGES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

EUKI CONNECTS LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS IN EUROPE, PROMOTES THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND THUS LAYS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR COMMON, SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE POLICIES.

Climate action knows no borders and is an issue that allows the EU's motto of "United in Diversity" to be applied especially well in practice. After all, overcoming climate change and its effects requires swift, decisive action.

The prerequisite for this is greater knowledge on and raising awareness for climate change. The following questions have to be addressed: What does climate change mean for us? Why is it so important to act now? Where, in spite of all the challenges, do we also see opportunities for development? What can we actually do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? EUKI promotes new ideas and approaches that enable these issues to be resolved with concrete measures at the local level. In addition, the initiative also seeks to harness existing best practices. By doing so, it networks stakeholders across Europe and allows them to learn and benefit from each other's experience. Last but not least, the goal is to enable access to the various different EU funding options that are available for climate action.

EUKI is breaking new ground in its search for pioneering projects. In addition to the classic tenders to implement certain projects, the

initiative has also launched a European call for project ideas. The call supports innovative, effective concepts submitted by non-profit organisations, which combine the European ideal of unity with concrete climate action.

EUKI – The lighthouse initiative for European cooperation

Europe and climate action have been entwined for a long time. It was a European, the Swede Svante Arrhenius, who was the first to establish a link between human activity and global warming in 1896. Over a hundred years later, the European Union incorporated climate change mitigation into its laws with the Lisbon Treaty. A lot has happened since: Institutions such as the European Environment Agency (EEA) deal with climate change at a centralised level. The EU emissions trading system (EU ETS) laid the foundations for the pricing of greenhouse gas emissions. And last but not least, the EU's commitment to international climate negotiations contributed towards the creation of the Paris Agreement, a joint commitment to keep global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit it further to below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The EU has set itself ambitious climate goals: By 2030 it plans to have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 percent compared to 1990. The EU also aims to produce at least 32 percent of the energy required for heating, electricity and transport from renewable energy sources by 2030. Furthermore, it has set itself the goal of decreasing total energy consumption by at least 32.5 percent through higher energy savings and efficiency. All of this can only be accomplished if everyone pulls together, possesses the corresponding know-how and has access to adequate resources. This is precisely what the EUKI projects aim to achieve, for example, by initiating the energy-efficient refurbishment of buildings in Romania and Bulgaria, training young professionals in Greece as "energy scouts", or supporting governments in the development of funding plans for climate change mitigation.

The energy transition in Germany is being followed with great interest around the world. However, there are also very promising concepts for a climate-friendly transformation in many other EU countries. EUKI provides best practice examples for stakeholders who wish to initiate similar developments in their countries, as well as a platform for them

to discuss the concrete implementation of measures with colleagues from other EU countries. For example, the exchange of experiences through EUKI led to a discussion between a number of regions in the Baltics on the rewetting of peatlands, resulting in significant long-term emissions savings. Successful climate projects go to show that they can create both sustainable jobs as well as improve people's quality of life.

Regions, municipalities, research institutions, companies and civil society organisations across Europe are all called upon. They can all submit joint project ideas and thus make a practical contribution towards advancing climate action in areas such as energy, industry, transport or agriculture.



OBJECTIVES

PUTTING THE "WE" IN CLIMATE ACTION

THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF EUKI IS TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN UNION COLLABORATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. ITS EFFORTS THEREFORE FOCUS ON THREE KEY APPROACHES AIMED AT SUPPORTING PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO CLIMATE ACTION, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN EUROPE.



CREATING AWARENESS AND POOLING KNOWLEDGE

Climate change awareness and background knowledge varies within the different EU countries. The same applies to knowledge about the opportunities offered by the transition to a sustainable economic system. Climate action is indispensable for the environment and also strengthens Europe as a hub for numerous industries, by promoting technological innovations, opening up new investment

markets and creating jobs. EUKI uses educational and training projects to turn local stakeholders into multipliers for climate policy know-how. It promotes dialogue on climate change and allows new stakeholders to assume an active role in the exchange of knowledge throughout Europe.



ESTABLISHING NETWORKS AND EXCHANGING SUCCESSFUL MODELS

Understanding the outlook and framework conditions in other countries is a prerequisite for joint and decisive action in Europe. Dialogue and the exchange of information constitute the basis for any joint solution strategies. EUKI supports the networking of climate stakeholders across Europe.

This helps both state and non-governmental organisations to exchange knowledge, experience and best practices. As a result, they are able to develop local and regional climate concepts, test them in pilot projects and share successful approaches with other European countries.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING A BRIDGE FOR EU FUNDING

Expertise on the objectives, methods and instruments of European climate policies, as well as successful project management, are key prerequisites for success in climate change mitigation. The European Climate Initiative also makes a significant contribution to enhancing the capacities of those implementing the projects with the broad range of training programmes offered by the EUKI Academy.

Successful climate strategies and measures are often associated with investments in a greenhouse-neutral society and economy. The funding of such cross-disciplinary measures goes beyond the capabilities of EUKI and requires larger-scale funding programmes, in particular from the EU. It is for this reason that the efforts of EUKI focus primarily on supporting smaller-scale organisations to obtain additional funding.



HOW EUKI WORKS

TWO PILLARS FOR CROSS-BORDER IDEAS

THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE INITIATIVE IS BUILT ON TWO PILLARS:
PROJECT FINANCING AND THE EUKI ACADEMY.

The first pillar represents project financing, which occurs in two ways: One is the provision of grants for excellent project concepts chosen from the annual EUKI call for project ideas. The other is tenders and grants by the Federal Environment Ministry for projects deemed particularly important for the climate policy of the federal government and its EU partner countries.

The second pillar, the EUKI Academy, is aimed at organisations that are implementing projects as part of EUKI. It offers a wide range of webinars and live events about specialist topics and methodologies. At the same time it enhances the exchange of experience among EUKI project managers and creates new contacts and synergies. EUKI is therefore not only promoting good ideas for committed climate action, but also establishing a strong, lively and rapidly growing European network. This contributes to multiplying the impact of projects beyond their local context.

The EUKI Secretariat

In order to implement EUKI's wide range of tasks, the Federal Environment Ministry commissioned Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to set up the EUKI Secretariat. Climate specialists, financial and legal experts as well as public relations professionals work together under the management of Stefan Bundscherer. The three teams organise the call for project ideas, support the selected projects and coordinate the activities of the EUKI Academy.



The EUKI team at BMU, Division IK II 5



The team of the EUKI Secretariat

Project Financing

HOW TO APPLY FOR PROJECT FINANCING

There are two ways to apply for financial subsidies or contracts as part of EUKI. Every year organisations with forward-looking ideas for European climate action are selected as part of an EU-wide call for project ideas. In addition, projects that pursue predefined climate objectives and are commissioned directly by the Federal Environment Ministry are also eligible for EUKI project financing.

The call for project ideas

The call for project ideas lies at the core of EUKI and is the driving force for innovative ideas in European climate action. The annual call is open to grant applications from non-governmental organisations, public administrations and non-profit entities, as well as universities, research and educational institutions. EUKI is looking for projects that involve partners from two or more EU countries. Most EUKI projects are selected via the call for project ideas.

The selection procedure consists of two rounds. In the first, the applicants submit their project outlines via an online platform on the EUKI website. The EUKI Secretariat assesses them based on criteria published in advance. Applicants with promising project ideas are then asked to develop and submit a full project proposal. The secretariat subsequently selects the best projects for funding at the end of the second round.

EUKI publishes its call for project ideas every year, usually in spring, and the projects usually start in autumn.

Calls for tenders by the Federal Environment Ministry

The German Federal Environment Ministry (BMU) funds selected projects and studies as part of EUKI through tenders. They should make a direct contribution to realising agreements with EU partner countries and the climate policy objectives of the German Federal Government in Europe. The concepts for these projects are developed in the Federal Environment Ministry and in agreement with the relevant partner countries within the framework of bilateral initiatives.

Within the scope of these activities, the BMU also awards contracts to provide EUKI with scientific support and evaluation, and to advise the BMU on EU climate policy issues. In contrast to the call for project ideas, the BMU tenders are also open to for-profit organisations.

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The EUKI Academy

ENSURING A STRONG EUROPEAN CLIMATE ACTION COMMUNITY

The second pillar of EUKI is the EUKI Academy. It enables project participants to exchange knowledge, share their experiences and complete training about the challenges of climate change and possible solutions. The academy resulted in a tight-knit community of dedicated climate action experts that stretches far beyond disciplinary and national borders.

Sharing skills and knowledge

All actors involved in EUKI projects should learn with and from each other. Regular webinars on core issues such as Just Transition, climate financing and the development of climate policy within the EU form the ideal basis for this. The webinars are arranged by implementing organisations with subject-specific expertise. In addition to the content provided online, there are also events on site, where selected trainers and experts teach methodological skills. For example, several-day training courses and workshops on project management, or dissemination and public relations.

The EUKI Community – A powerful climate action network

The stakeholders of European climate action can achieve more together and learn from each other's experiences, which is why all those involved in EUKI projects on similar topics or in the same region work together. This has resulted in an EUKI community that comprises over 140 organisations as well as the committed individuals behind the projects. The annual highlight is the EUKI networking conference in Berlin, to which everyone involved is invited.

Sharing knowledge about climate action opportunities across Europe

EUKI's targeted dissemination and public relations work shares knowledge and best practice examples aimed at reducing emissions in Europe. Committed climate actors and interested members of the general public are given easy access to crucial information for their work. This includes a large number of specialist publications on innovative approaches for emission-reducing solutions across Europe. Users from all over Europe regularly access the information available about the www.euki.de website and follow the [@EUKI_Climate](https://twitter.com/EUKI_Climate) Twitter account.

Webinars

- » teach professional expertise

On-site events

- » teach methodological skills

Networking conference

- » takes place in Berlin annually in the spring

Topic-based and decentralised networking

- » facilitates an active exchange of information between projects working on similar topics or in the same country or region

Networking tools

- » promote virtual networking between the EUKI community (EUKI website)

Bilingual website

- » provides information in English and German about the call for project ideas, EUKI projects, events and news

Newsletter

- » provides the latest news on climate action in Europe

Publications

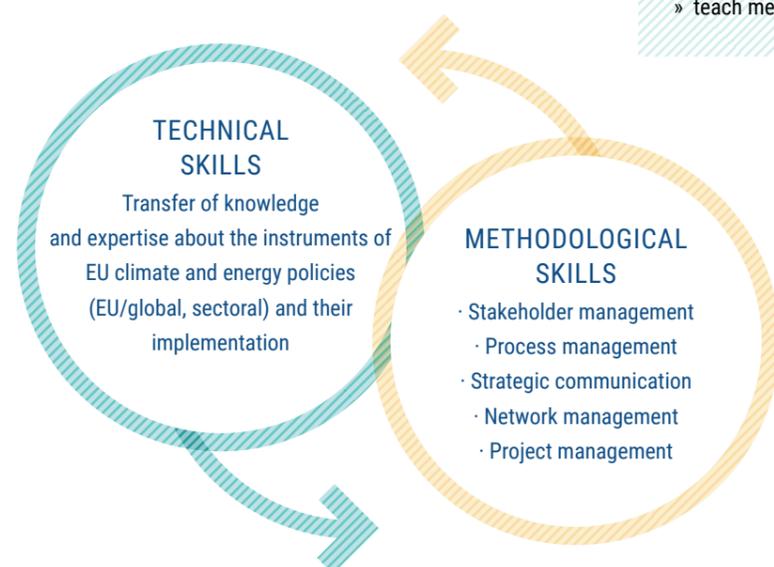
- » can be downloaded from the website or ordered via the EUKI Secretariat (EUKI flyer and brochure)

EUKI video

- » provides brief, descriptive information about the objectives and working methods of EUKI and its projects

Social media

- » facilitates direct interaction with the EUKI community via EUKI's Twitter channel



www.euki.de | [@EUKI_Climate](https://twitter.com/EUKI_Climate)



MILESTONES

11.2016

German Bundestag decides on the financing of EUKI

The Budget Committee of the German Bundestag (German Federal Parliament) incorporates funding for a European climate initiative in the federal budget for the first time in 2017. The establishment of EUKI by the German federal Government presents a financing programme designed to implement the Paris Agreement in Europe, complementing the existing National Climate Initiative (NKI) and the International Climate Initiative (IKI).

05.2017

The EUKI Secretariat in Berlin opens

The EUKI Secretariat is set up in the premises of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH at Potsdamer Platz in Berlin. 22 projects receive project funding and further projects are added through subsidies and calls for tenders by the BMU.

02.2018

First networking conference in Berlin

The EUKI Community with over 80 participants meets for the first time in Berlin to present their projects and network. The specific requirements of topic areas are discussed, and knowledge and experience on the best solution strategies are exchanged. The Federal Environment Minister Dr. Barbara Hendricks and the Bulgarian Deputy Minister for the Environment Atanaska Nikolova praise the commitment of the EUKI projects and emphasise the major significance of European cooperation on climate action.

08.2018

The EUKI Academy opens

The EUKI Academy is launched with a webinar for all staff working on EUKI projects. The subject is climate policy in the European Union, with a special contribution on climate policy in Poland. The 50 participants from all over Europe are informed about the EU's objectives and national implementation in Poland. A second webinar in October about the challenges and approaches to finding solutions to structural change in coal mining regions shows how important it is to learn from each other. Examples of this are regions in Poland, Greece, Bulgaria, Germany and at the EU level.

2016

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04.2017

First call for project ideas with a great response

EUKI issues its first call for project ideas. A total of 67 project outlines are submitted by organisations from 16 European countries. They involve stakeholders from two or more countries working together on different topics. The call allows EUKI to establish its central project financing instrument for bi- and multi-lateral European climate projects.

09.2017

The first EUKI projects are launched

The first EUKI projects resulting from the call for project ideas are launched, involving organisations and partners from 18 countries. The scope of the projects ranges from the exchange of ideas to a Just Transition in European coal mining regions, rehydration of wetlands in Eastern Europe and climate projects in Greek schools. The majority of the projects are implemented in Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and the Baltic states.

02.2018

Second call for project ideas published

EUKI publishes the second call for project ideas. The 85 project outlines received from a total of 18 member states prove that EUKI has arrived in Europe and is now a part of call for climate action stakeholders in Europe.

09.2018

The projects from the second call are launched

The promises of funding from the second phase already has EUKI realising 64 projects with over 140 partner organisations. A new project on Cyprus adds another EU country to the EUKI community map. In this round, grants are now also given to projects that focus on how investments in Europe can flow specifically towards climate change mitigation. At the same time the BEACON project selected under a tender procedure by the BMU is launched, networking politicians, municipalities and educational institutions in seven countries.

TOPICS AND PROJECTS

ACTIVE EUROPEAN CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

37 LITHUANIAN ENERGY EXPERTS FROM 17 MUNICIPALITIES TRAINED AS URBAN REDEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

STRATEGIES FOR A JUST TRANSITION OF COAL MINING REGIONS DEVELOPED FOR UPPER SILESIA (POLAND) AND BOBOV DOL (BULGARIA)

OVER 100 EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES CONNECTED AND COUNTLESS CLIMATE PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO DEVELOP A FRANCO-GERMAN ESCAPE GAME ON THE TOPIC OF "ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE" OR WORK TOGETHER TO ACQUIRE FUNDING FOR CONCRETE CLIMATE AND ENERGY PROJECTS

200 TEACHERS AT 70 SCHOOLS IN ATHENS TRAINED ON HOW TO TEACH ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND OVER 150 TEACHERS TRAINED IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, ROMANIA AND BULGARIA, AND INTEGRATED INTO CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIPS

101 "ENERGY SCOUTS" FROM 41 COMPANIES IN FOUR COUNTRIES TRAINED AND CERTIFIED

2,497 OAK TREES PLANTED BY THE SAME NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE ISLAND OF SICILY, RAISING THEIR AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY FORESTS FOR THE CLIMATE. IN 40 YEARS THESE OAKS WILL STORE ABOUT 600,000 KG OF CO₂

STRATEGY FOR THE MODERNISATION OF THE POLISH HEATING SECTOR DEVELOPED

14 JOURNALISTS FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE REPORTING THE CHALLENGES AND ACTION APPROACHES OF CLIMATE ACTION, FUNDED BY EUKI FELLOWSHIPS

NETWORK OF PROGRESSIVE MUNICIPALITIES FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION FOUNDED IN THE ALPS (ALPINE PARTNERSHIP FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION – ALPACA)

SIGNIFICANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY UNDERLINED BY OVER 10 SIDE EVENTS INVOLVING EUKI PROJECTS AT THE 24TH WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE

The following pages present all the projects that were chosen during EUKI's calls for project ideas, as well as selected EUKI projects resulting from BMU subsidies and tender processes.



CLIMATE RECON 2050 – Intra-EU Exchange to Raise Awareness and Build Capacity on Long-Term Climate Strategies

- CZECH REPUBLIC
- ESTONIA
- FRANCE
- GERMANY
- ITALY
- POLAND

INTERVIEW

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International Climate
Governance at IDDRI,
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Matthias Duwe,
Head of Climate at the
Ecologic Institute



Duration: November 2017–June 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): Ecologic Institute, négaWatt, DTU Management Engineering, ENEA, Energiaklub, Fraunhofer-ISI, IDDRI, Öko-Institut, WiseEuropa

The “Recon” part of your project name is short for “Reconnaissance”. What is that all about?
Voss-Stemping: We wanted to emphasise the explorative element. Our goal is to decarbonise all business sectors by 2050. However, there are no ready answers for pursuing that goal and we are therefore navigating through unknown territory. At the moment 2050 seems like the very distant future; however, when we consider the need for a transformation of the energy sector and the structural change that comes with it, we need to already start asking the right questions today. In that respect 2050 has already started.

All of the member states have to compile national long-term climate strategies by 1 January 2020. How can you help them do this?
Duwe: We bring together two groups of people: on the one side researchers, who use computer models to simulate what has to happen in the individual sectors to achieve the goals that have been set for 2050. And on the other side political decision-makers, who have to develop concrete strategies for their countries. Some countries have already prepared climate plans, others have yet to do so. There is a great need for an exchange of knowledge and experience. We provide the decision-makers with tools for long-term climate policies.

What do you think are EUKI’s greatest strengths?
Duwe: Until now, in European climate action, there were mainly funding options for concrete investments or contracts, which were awarded, but not for innovative ideas that were developed by the actors themselves. There was also little leeway for dialogue forums, networking or public relations work to promote European cooperation. This is where EUKI is closing an important gap.

Voss-Stemping: In addition, one of the specific strengths of our project lies in the diversity of the countries that we are bringing to the table. The explicit integration of Eastern and Western European member states promotes dialogue as well as an understanding for the country-specific challenges and concerns. This makes it clear that despite their differences, the EU countries ultimately have to overcome similar challenges, for example, the collection of regional data or the implementation of inclusive stakeholder events. This realisation is new to many countries and strengthens the feeling of European unity.

The EU has set itself the goal of reducing greenhouse by at least 40 percent by 2030 compared to 1990 emission levels. This will represent a significant contribution to the Paris Climate Agreement and the objectives of limiting global warming to well below two degrees Celsius and pursuing efforts to limit the increase even further to below 1.5 degrees. These ambitious plans can only be achieved through a comprehensive climate

policy – in other words, climate strategies and solutions that go beyond the borders of nations, industries and specific fields of knowledge. This is precisely what EUKI’s climate policy projects focus on: They bring political decision-makers, scientists and practitioners to the same table. Some projects create networks between stakeholders from EU member states and those in Brussels during this process. Others focus

on spreading existing successful climate policies in EU member states and other countries. The EUKI projects show that civil society stakeholders in the member states can drive climate change mitigation with great commitment and at the same time contribute to cohesion between EU countries.

Climate Policies as the New Trademark of the EU

Duration: November 2017–June 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): Ecologic Institute, Global-Focus Center, Sofia Platform
Countries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Romania

The project contributes to making energy and climate policies a central issue of the EU reform debate. It gives impetus to the debate by staging discussions in Tallinn, Sofia and Bucharest, and bringing together the opinion leaders of EU reform and climate policies to pursue the project’s objectives, particularly within the context of the current EU Presidencies.



CEE Climate Policy Frontier

Duration: September 2018–March 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): WiseEuropa, Climate Analytics, Climate Strategies, EFOR
Countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia

The project strengthens the exchange of best practices in the transport and buildings sectors of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) by identifying and analysing outstanding examples in the participating countries. The project members calculate by when and how much building and transport emissions have to be reduced, and propose policy measures for implementation.



Making State Aid Work for the Decarbonisation of Europe

Duration: November 2017–September 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): Agora Energiewende, Client Earth
Countries: EU-wide

The use of public funding for climate solutions is a decisive factor for the energy transition; however, European regulations on state aid impose very strict conditions for the allocation of these funds. The project evaluates the EU Commission’s state aid decisions in an easily comprehensible format and provides government officials, non-governmental organisations and scientists with a sound basis for discussions on how the climate-friendly allocation of funds can be reconciled more effectively with EU regulations.



The EU wants to become a trailblazer in generating renewable energy. Its aim is to produce at least 32 percent of the energy for heating, electricity and transport from renewable energy sources by 2030 and to increase energy efficiency by at least 32.5 percent. As the burning of oil, coal, lignite, natural gas and peat for energy causes

approximately three-quarters of greenhouse gas emissions in the EU, the energy transition is an important and necessary step towards achieving the European climate targets. EUKI aims to support energy transition above all in the economically weaker countries of Central and Southern Europe, as well as Eastern and

South-Eastern Europe. Many EUKI energy sector projects are located in these regions. They network energy sector stakeholders, communicate the advantages of an energy transition and use practical examples to show how important clean energy is for the climate, environment and health.

Just Transition in Eastern and Southern Europe



BULGARIA
GERMANY
GREECE
POLAND

Duration: October 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): WWF Bulgaria, WWF Germany, WWF Greece, WWF Poland

What is the project “Just Transition” about?

Anczewska: We develop strategies to ensure a socially just and acceptable transition from coal to a more sustainable economy. We concentrate on networking the major lignite and coal regions in south-west Bulgaria, Greece and Poland (Silesia) that are particularly affected by the transition. We equip them with tailor-made transition plans and solutions for sustainable growth. We also build on experience gained in the Ruhr region, where the coal phase-out was realised without any workers being made redundant. For us in Poland it was fascinating to see what a decisive role the need for discussion and exchange played in this process. We are working very intensively on this aspect in our project in Silesia.

How do you approach this task?

Anczewska: We start by bringing together the affected groups from the respective regions. People need to talk to each other to reach a basic consensus – on common challenges, needs and local policies. Only then do we start developing concrete concepts for the regions. There is a great deal of uncertainty among the people who live and work in the coal mining regions. We encourage them to become active in the structural change process and assume responsibility for regional policies. By providing expertise, we are able to show them economic perspectives and how to apply for the necessary funding.

What response are you getting from those who are affected?

Anczewska: A very positive one. Many people in the affected regions felt abandoned or helpless; we are empowering them to join the process. During study trips to other countries, they see how similar the challenges are and can then voice their demands more confidently. Everyone knows that the coal era is coming to an end, but we have to remember that there are also many great opportunities in the transformation and they have to be seized. It is thereby vital that the transition process is developed with all stakeholders and properly funded.

INTERVIEW

Marta Anczewska,
Climate and Energy Policy
Officer at WWF Poland



Accelerating the Energy Transformation of Central and Eastern Europe and Learning from the German Experience

Duration: September 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): CEE Bankwatch, E3G, DUH
Countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia

The project strengthens the role of civil society in the energy transition in Central and Eastern Europe. The partners support the efforts of non-governmental organisations and their exchange with other civil society stakeholders in Berlin and Brussels. The project goal is to develop and advocate for ambitious national strategies on accelerating the energy transition in a socially just manner.



Facilitating Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy Policy in Estonia

Duration: September 2018–November 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): ELF, ERL, EELC
Country: Estonia

Estonia is currently highly dependent on very environmentally harmful oil shale for its energy supply, however, the country has the potential to satisfy its electricity needs with renewable energy by 2030. The project shows political, business and union decision-makers how the energy transition can be accomplished in a socially just manner. Experts compile studies on how to prepare for the energy transition and the project facilitates dialogue between all stakeholders.



Establishment of a Local Competence Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Podlaskie Region

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WE WANT TO SHOW
THAT THE LOCAL
POPULATION CAN
BENEFIT FROM
RENEWABLE ENERGY.
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Martin Kastner
Energievision
Frankenwald e.V.



GERMANY
POLAND

Duration: November 2018–December 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Energievision, Białystok County, Hajnówka County

During the course of the project, the partners will establish a competence centre for renewable energy and energy efficiency in the Podlaskie region of eastern Poland. The result will be an independent consulting institution created together with the municipalities and counties. The long-term goal of the centre is to contribute to increasing local capacities for renewable energy, improving energy efficiency and developing additional sources of income for the structurally weak region. In addition, it will also support the municipalities in obtaining funding.

The German project partner, Energievision Frankenwald e.V., advises the Polish municipalities on the legal and organisational aspects of establishing a competence centre. It thereby passes on its valuable experience from Bavaria in Germany. The objective of the new centre is to show municipalities, companies and the population the economic and other advantages that come with the expansion of renewable energy and improved energy efficiency. The project partners aim to secure a wide circle of supporters from business, politics and environmental associations, and also hope that this pilot project will serve as a model for the possible establishment of further energy agencies in Poland.



International Cooperation Forum “Clean Heat”

Duration: November 2017–January 2020
Implementer: Forum Energii
Countries: Denmark, Germany, Poland

The project supports the development of a national heating strategy for Poland. Its aim is to meet the country’s energy and climate targets, and improve air quality. International experts and companies work hand in hand to develop a concept to improve energy efficiency and increase the share of renewable energy in the heating sector.

Tackling the Use of Coal in Domestic Heating through Ambitious Energy Legislation

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer: Client Earth
Countries: Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland

The project uses successful examples in a number of Polish municipalities to show how municipalities can gradually eradicate the environmentally harmful burning of coal and waste in residential buildings using legal measures. The inclusion of Bulgarian and Hungarian experts will ultimately allow the model to be transferred to other Central and Eastern European countries.



InventAir – Inventories of Energy Poverty to Support Clean Air Policies in Eastern European Countries

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): EAP, Focus, DUH
Countries: Bulgaria, Germany, Slovenia

Low-income households in certain regions still rely on outdated coal or wood heating and thus inadvertently contribute to the burden on the climate and air pollution. The InventAir project assesses the effect of these households on the environment and climate, and raises public awareness about the importance of modernising heating systems. In addition, it develops policies for sustainable and socially just solutions.

Krk on the Way to Becoming a CO₂ Neutral and Energy-Autonomous Island

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100 PHOTOVOLTAIC
SYSTEMS IN THE
COMING TWO YEARS;
THAT IS THE GOAL.
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Vjeran Pirsic
Eko Kvarner



CROATIA

Duration: September 2018–March 2021
Implementer and Partner(s): Eko Kvarner, Krk City, EARA

The project is part of an extensive sustainability strategy on the island of Krk. The island's administration has set itself the goal of making the region energy self-sufficient with renewable energy. A permanent information office to advise citizens on solar panel systems is also being set up as part of the project. In addition, the project trains people from the island as solar panel installers. The measures support the island administration's initiative to install 100 new photovoltaic systems on the roofs of private homes.

Within the framework of the project, the people of the island are also being shown how to sustainably invest revenue from tourism, olive oil production and winemaking. The photovoltaic systems allow home owners to generate hot water and electricity from solar energy in a cost-efficient and climate-friendly way. In addition, the project partners help anyone interested to remove any asbestos from the roofs when installing the systems. The know-how is provided by experts from the European Asbestos Risks Association in Trieste, Italy.

Bringing Germany's Bürgerenergie to New Regions in Europe

Duration: September 2018–December 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Friends of the Earth Europe, Spain, Hungary
Countries: Hungary, Spain

Experience to date has shown that public participation contributes to a successful energy transition in European countries. The EU's new "Clean Energy for all Europeans" legislation acknowledges the rights of citizens to produce, sell and store renewable energy. The project offers support for implementing such legislation in Hungary and Spain, contributing to an energy transition backed by civil society in the two countries and beyond.

Enhancing the Capacities of Regions and Municipalities to Participate in Energy Communities

Duration: September 2018–February 2021
Implementer and Partner(s): CRES, DGRV
Countries: Germany, Greece

A new law gives Greek municipalities the right to generate, store and supply their own energy from renewable energy sources. The project provides municipalities in Greece with knowledge and expertise on how to initiate the energy transition in their cities and municipalities, building on the experience of German energy cooperatives.



South-East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue

Duration: January 2019–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Agora Energiewende, CSD, University of Zagreb FSB, NOA, EPG
Countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania

The project aims to raise awareness for the advantages of clean energy generation among governments, industry and the general public. It develops political and economic strategies for the transition to low-carbon energy generation. The project will promote sustainable regional cooperation in the energy sector with the establishment of a think tank network in South-East Europe.





TOPICS AND PROJECTS

BUILDINGS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Both internationally and nationally agreed climate targets have to be implemented at the local level. The key stakeholders in this process are the municipalities. They are responsible for almost 80 percent of greenhouse gas emissions – and urban centres will continue to grow in the future.

Existing buildings alone are responsible for 40 percent of the energy consumption and 36 percent of the emissions in the EU. However, municipalities and cities are also laboratories for innovation, where new climate change mitigation ideas and technologies are developed and tested. The

EUKI projects bring together the cities and municipalities working on the solutions of tomorrow in areas such as energy management, roof greening and solar panel installation.

BEACON – Bridging European and Local Climate Action

» WE ARRANGE CITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE ACTION.

« Camille Serre adelphi



BULGARIA **Duration:** April 2018– March 2021
Implementer and Partner(s): Navigant, adelphi consult, UfU, Energy Cities, SEVEN, PNEC, OER, Environ, NTEF, FCIências.ID, CRES

CZECH REPUBLIC

GERMANY

GREECE

POLAND

PORTUGAL

ROMANIA

The BEACON project collects successful climate solutions at the national and local levels. It identifies and analyses over 20 policy instruments and climate change laws in Europe that have led to a successful reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in non-emissions trading sectors (transport, buildings, small industries and agriculture). In addition, BEACON has networked 34 municipalities and 57 schools in seven European countries. The municipalities learn from each other and are supplied with the necessary technical expertise to spread successful climate solutions at municipal level. At the same time, the project provides the municipalities and schools with incentives to save energy at schools. The students are thereby actively involved and motivated to learn about climate change and to work towards protecting the climate at school and in their daily lives. In addition, the project is initiating five climate city partnerships to pursue joint emission reduction projects.

Climate Mitigation through Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Poland

Duration: October 2018–November 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Ecologic Institute, Sendzimir Foundation
Countries: Germany, Poland

The project contributes to climate protection in Polish cities by spreading and promoting nature-based solutions. Such approaches can, for example, entail redesigning or revitalising existing green spaces or developing new natural areas to benefit human health and well-being, biodiversity, and climate sequestration.

GRAD – Green Roofs for Climate Adaptation in Urban Areas

Duration: October 2018–September 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): PNEC, City of Hamburg
Countries: Germany, Poland

The aim of the project is to develop strategies to spread roof and façade greening in eight Polish cities. It thereby builds on the experience of Hamburg as the German model city, which has not only used roof greening to reduce CO₂, but also to improve the city's climate.

Our Buildings – Accelerating Climate Action for Buildings in Romania and Bulgaria

Duration: September 2018–December 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): BPIE, OER, EnEffect
Countries: Bulgaria, Romania

The project supports political and civil society stakeholders in Bulgaria and Romania to fulfil the requirements of the EU's "Clean Energy" legislative package. The measures range from training on climate reporting to the development and implementation of local action plans for the integration of renewable energy during building refurbishment.

SOL – Solar Energy for Multi-Family Buildings in Lithuania

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): IWO, LVOA, Protech, siz energie+
Countries: Germany, Lithuania

Solar energy could contribute to improving accessibility to affordable energy in Lithuania, whilst at the same time ensuring a sustainable reduction in CO₂ emissions. The project examines and determines where the use of photovoltaic systems and solar thermal energy actually makes sense.



Municipal Energy Management

» WE HELP TO REDUCE THE HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS. «



BULGARIA
GERMANY
LITHUANIA
SLOVENIA

Duration: October 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Klimaschutzagentur Weserbergland, EnergaP, KREA, SOFENA

Your project is establishing a cross-border dialogue to exchange experiences related to municipal energy management. What does that mean exactly?

Grothues: We are cooperating with energy agencies in Bulgaria, Germany, Lithuania and Slovenia. We have found a total of 15 municipal buildings of different uses in each country and would like to draw up concrete plans for each type of building, showing how even small measures can result in significant energy savings. For example, by optimising the heating system or installing measuring instruments that automatically send the meter data to the energy agencies and thus enable the regular monitoring and analysis of energy consumption. The project partners subsequently share their experiences and training materials, and this allows us to ensure that everyone benefits from the best practices in municipal energy management.

What are the long-term goals of the project?

Grothues: The project shows ways in which energy savings can also be accomplished in the buildings sector without major investments. We hope that the project will convince the municipalities to introduce the successful measures systematically across the board. In addition, we are raising awareness about energy consumption among the users of the buildings – be it teachers, students, municipal employees or facility managers. And last but not least, we would like to make the knowledge gained through the project available to political decision-makers and other municipalities in the EU, and thus contribute to reducing the high level of energy consumption in public buildings.

INTERVIEW

Leonie Grothues,
Project Consultant at the
Weserbergland Climate
Protection Agency
(Klimaschutzagentur
Weserbergland)



Training Managers for Urban Redevelopment in Lithuania

Duration: October 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): IWO, BETA
Countries: Germany, Lithuania

The project provides training on energy-efficient urban renewal for 22 municipalities based on positive experiences from Germany. As part of the training, the urban development managers create refurbishment concepts for their municipalities.



REVIPOWER – Energy and Resource Efficient Neighbourhood Revitalisation in Polish Cities

Duration: September 2017–March 2019
Implementer: adelphi research
Countries: Germany, Poland

REVIPOWER puts sustainable development and energy efficiency at the heart of the debate on urban revitalization in Poland. Experts from Germany and Poland work with regional and local stakeholders to develop publicly accessible training programmes. The municipalities learn the risks and opportunities of energy and resource efficient district refurbishment, and subsequently pass on their experience.

Franco-German Energy Transition Week

Duration: October 2017–June 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): ENC, Climate Alliance
Countries: France, Germany

The project contributes to the improvement of Franco-German energy transition cooperation at the local level. It does so by first staging a bi-national Energy Transition Week in many German and French municipalities and then arranging a dialogue on energy and climate transition between regions from the two countries at a conference in Montreuil.

“Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action” Conference

Duration: September 2017–June 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): Aida, CIPRA, Alpine Town of the Year
Countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia

The aim of the project is the staging of several international networking conferences and the founding of the “Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action” (ALPACA). This coalition of regional, national and transnational networks from seven Alpine states has made a long-term commitment to ensuring climate change mitigation in the Alps.





The transport sector accounts for almost a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions in the EU, of which approximately three-quarters come from road traffic. The need for action is particularly great here, because although CO₂ emissions in all other sectors in the EU have been reduced in comparison to the levels of 1990, they have in fact

risen when it comes to road traffic. Another factor on the densely populated European continent are the airborne pollutants and noise caused primarily by urban car traffic that are having an adverse effect on the population's health. In order to expedite the urgently required transition in the European transport sector, EUKI is supporting

stakeholders who focus on sustainable mobility. These are cities and municipalities that encourage cycling, and civil society organisations that seek to be involved in the development of national climate strategies for the transport sector.

Cycling as an Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy

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WE BENEFIT FROM
THE EXPERTISE OF
OUR PARTNERS.
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Matthias Grätz
Baltic Environmental Forum
Deutschland



- CROATIA **Duration:** November 2017–February 2020
- ESTONIA **Implementer and Partner(s):** BEF Germany, BEF Estonia, BEF Latvia City of Tartu, City of Velika Gorica, City of Warsaw, DLR-IVF, Ecocity, Earth and People, NOA, NTUA, DOOR, Cyclokoalicia, LCU, Ideas into Energy
- GERMANY
- GREECE The project brings together cities in six Southern and Eastern European countries – Tartu in Estonia, Riga in Latvia, Warsaw in Poland, Velika Gorica in Croatia, Bratislava in Slovakia and Vrilissia in Greece – to develop sustainable strategies for urban bicycle traffic planning. The aim is to develop such a strategy for each of the cities.
- LATVIA
- POLAND The focus is on enhancing bicycle mobility through improved planning, implementation and funding. Scientific monitoring takes place in the form of online surveys, lessons-learned publications and so-called BYPAD audits, an extensive procedure to analyse the local bicycle traffic situation. The next step consists of the project providing recommendations on how cycling can be supported at the national level. These are sent to authorities, ministries and parliaments, and show the possible courses of action that could be adopted to improve the legal and financial frameworks for cyclists in the respective countries.
- SLOVAKIA



EU-2030 Climate Objectives in the Transport Sector

Duration: December 2017–May 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): T&E, Carbon Market Watch, CAAG, 2Celsius, DUH, INSPRO
Countries: Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Poland, Spain

The project creates an EU-wide platform for promoting emission reduction in the transport sector. Its aim is to contribute to the reduction of CO₂ emissions in road traffic. It thereby evaluates and publicizes the economic advantages of frugal fuel consumption. The project aims to particularly strengthen the role of non-governmental organisations and civil society stakeholders in the development of national climate strategies for mobility.





AGRICULTURE, SOILS AND FORESTRY

Paludiculture in the Baltic Countries – Climate Protection by Productive Use of Rewetted Peatlands



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FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEATLANDS AND THE CLIMATE WE HAVE TO RETHINK OUR CURRENT LANDUSE PRACTICES – NOW!
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GERMANY
ESTONIA
LATVIA
LITHUANIA

Duration: October 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): MSS, ELF, LGF

Mr. Haberl, what is paludiculture and what does it have to do with climate change?

Haberl: Paludiculture is the agricultural use of wet peatlands. One can, for example, use reed for energy generation or cultivate peat moss as substitute for peat in professional horticulture. Until now, peatlands were drained for agriculture and forestry mainly or for peat mining. Thereby oxygen penetrates the peat and leads to a rapid respiration of biomass that accumulated over millennia. This releases huge quantities of CO₂ boosting the global greenhouse effect.

How do you promote paludiculture in your project?

Haberl: In Germany, we have drained almost all peatlands. In the Baltic states, there are about 21,000 km² of peatlands, of which over 50 percent have been drained or mined. We work together with local associations and government representatives to analyse which of these areas can be rewetted. In addition, we offer paludiculture approaches that still allow profitable utilisation of these areas. By that our project shows possible ways for emission reduction. We are therefore compiling individual feasibility studies for all three countries.

What sort of feedback have you received from the Baltic states?

Haberl: We were surprised by the positive response. We visited paludiculture pilot projects on a study trip with representatives from the different countries and realised in the process that a paradigm shift is needed. We have been practising drainage and irrigation-based land use for over 4,000 years. For the sake of the peatlands and the climate we have to rethink our current landuse practices – now!



INTERVIEW
Andreas Haberl,
Research Associate at the
Michael Succow Foundation

Ten percent of EU greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture. It therefore contributes substantially to climate change and is at the same time directly affected by the consequences. The EU's policies aim to reduce emissions from agricultural production and align it more closely to climate change. The Common Agricultural Policy

(CAP) plays a decisive role in this together with its stipulations for more environmental protection and nature conservation. The role of soil as a major carbon reservoir is inextricably linked with agriculture. When organic soils are drained, enormous quantities of greenhouse gases are released. Forests are another major carbon

reservoir needed to achieve a long-term balance between emissions and reductions in Europe. The EUKI projects in this area connect research institutions, governments, non-governmental organisations and farmers to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and experience, and support the piloting of successful approaches.



An Unavoidable Step After Paris – Cutting Emissions from Farming

Duration: November 2017–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): EEB, BirdLife Europe, BirdWatch Ireland, CEEweb Biodiversity, FNE, Germanwatch, IIDMA
Countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Spain

The project promotes dialogue between decision-makers from politics, agriculture and science using an ambitious legislative framework to reduce CO₂ emissions in agriculture. The special focus is on the development of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027. At the same time, it submits concrete proposals on how agriculture can make an effective contribution to climate change mitigation.

INVESTIGATE – Improving National Greenhouse Gas Inventories for Organic Soils

Duration: November 2017–October 2018
Implementer and Partner(s): DUENE, SILAVA
Countries: Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Romania

INVESTIGATE improves the data basis for an often underestimated area of climate change mitigation. The project organises an exchange between scientists, politicians and non-governmental organisations with the aim to have EU countries balance the greenhouse gas emissions from drained soils more realistically in their future GHG inventories. The improved data generated by the project supports the rewetting of drained soils so that they can become carbon sinks.





TOPICS AND PROJECTS

AWARENESS

Climate Fellowships for Journalists from Central and Eastern Europe

CZECH REPUBLIC
CROATIA
ESTONIA
GERMANY
HUNGARY
LATVIA
LITHUANIA
POLAND
SLOVAKIA
SLOVENIA



Duration: October 2018–January 2021
Implementer: IJP

The IJP grant funds a two month stay in Germany for journalists from other EU countries reporting on climate and energy issues. What does that mean exactly in your particular case?

Šťastná: I am working at the environmental desk of Deutsche Welle in Bonn as part of the grant. Deutsche Welle also produces programmes in English and that really suited me as I do not speak any German. I submit topic suggestions to the editor and then produce radio and multimedia segments.

You have now been in Bonn for six weeks. What has been your impression so far?

Šťastná: It was quite fascinating to see how intensively the issue of climate protection is discussed in the German public sphere. I could really feel this in my interviews with demonstrating coal workers and environmental activists at Hambach Forest. My piece on the protests was broadcast both on Deutsche Welle and Czech radio. In my home country environmental issues are often not so present in the media, but it is important to see what is happening in other countries. After all, climate change is something that affects us all.

What is the greatest challenge when writing about climate issues?

Šťastná: Climate change is such a huge issue. It is up to us journalists to try and make it more understandable by using stories and individuals. This can occur in many different ways. During my time in Bonn, for example, I did some research on edible insects as an alternative to meat. But also on EUKI projects such as “Young Energy Europe”, which is training many people in my home country to become energy scouts.

INTERVIEW

Tereza Šťastná,
Journalist at Czech
Broadcasting, Science &
Technology Desk



Many EUKI projects have set themselves the goal to spread information on climate change and encourage people of all ages, particularly children and young people, to actively participate in climate action. The projects highlight very practical approaches, such as ways in which

school children can become involved in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in their direct environment. At the same time, young adults are gaining qualifications that will open up professional opportunities in the new industries that will evolve around the energy transition. In addition, European

journalists are also being provided with detailed information on the framework conditions and prospects in other EU member states. The media have a key role to play in raising awareness for the challenges and opportunities of climate change among the general public in the EU.

ZEWKlima – Future Opportunities in Energy Transition in Southern Europe

Duration: November 2017–February 2018

Implementer and Partner(s): HTW Berlin, University of Cádiz, Wind of Renewal, SFZ

Countries: Germany, Greece, Spain

The project investigates the potential for job creation and the need for qualification measures in the areas of climate and energy in the Cádiz province of Spain and the Greek capital of Athens – both regions with high youth unemployment. The researchers of the project provide the municipalities and the EU with recommendations on how to provide young people with the targeted training and education needed to implement urgently required climate change mitigation measures, and at the same time ensure that they have the chance to find a job.

YESclima – Young Experts for Climate-Friendly Schools in Mediterranean Countries

Duration: September 2018–December 2020

Implementer and Partner(s): University of Cádiz, Wind of Renewal, APEC, IFZ

Countries: Germany, Greece, Spain

The follow-up project to ZEWKlima trains young adults as energy experts. The goal is for them to conduct energy audits at primary schools and then advise the municipalities on the basis of these results, while at the same time qualifying themselves for the job market. With their expertise, they ensure a balanced climate in school buildings: not too hot in the summer and not too cold in the winter. At the same time they help the schools to save money and reduce their emissions.

Climate-Energy Fellowship for Journalists

Duration: October 2017–February 2018

Implementer and Partner(s): IJP

Countries: Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland

The grant allows journalists from Germany to spend two months working with a media company in Poland or the Baltic states. On site, they perform research on climate and energy topics. All of the participants remain in contact through the IJP alumni organisation and establish a network of experts with their counterparts in the host countries.



Building Bridges for Climate Protection

Duration: November 2017–March 2018

Implementer and Partner(s): District Administration of Fürstfeldbruck, Associazione Alvisè Cornaro, Fürstfeldbruck Vocational College, Energy Trainers, E35 Foundation, Municipalities of the Trasimeno

Countries: Germany, Italy

The project raises awareness for the resource conserving use of energy and water, and prevention of waste among refugees. They analyse the use of resources in refugee accommodation and are involved in the preparation of a feasibility study. In addition, they establish contact with civil society organisations in their countries of origin.

Climate School Be.At – Open Societies and Schools in Climate Protection and Energy Transition

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TEACHERS AND
STUDENTS WORK
TOGETHER TO REDUCE
ENERGY CONSUMPTION.
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Duration: October 2017–January 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): Municipality of Athens, Wind of Renewal, Respect for Greece, Ufu

GERMANY What is the Climate School project about?

Kontogiannis: We are training 200 teachers at 70 primary and secondary schools in Athens. The knowledge that we provide them with will allow the teachers to initiate climate action and energy efficiency measures at their schools. It is thereby very important to motivate the students to use the school buildings in a different way. The aim is to reduce energy consumption by at least 5 percent.

How does that work in practice?

Kontogiannis: We help the schools to reduce their high energy consumption by finding out things such as: Where is the most energy consumed? Which equipment is in use and for how long? How is the building insulated? How is it heated? Teams of teachers and students then develop action plans to reduce energy consumption. At my school, for example, the art club designed many posters about how to save energy. Every class now has someone in charge of decorating the classroom with posters and reminding the other students to switch off the lights and other equipment. The children can use the money that they save in power consumption to plan activities at the school. At the same time, the students are taught about the fundamentals and causes of climate change in class.

What are the long-term goals of the project?

Kontogiannis: Schools in Athens consume the most energy among public buildings. In the past we even had schools that used their entire budgets for the electricity bill and were left with no money to buy materials such as pens and paper. We would like to change that. We are using the experience gained during the project to develop recommendations for the city about how schools throughout Athens can save energy.

INTERVIEW

Konstantinos Kontogiannis,
Principal at the First
Experimental Secondary
School Athens



Towards the Introduction of Climate Action in the Educational Curriculum of Bulgarian Schools

Duration: September 2018–February 2021
Implementer and Partner(s): NTEF, Ufu, NCPKPS
Country: Bulgaria

The project strengthens the expertise of Bulgarian teachers in the area of climate protection and helps them to work with their students to save energy at their schools. The training programme is set to become institutionalised by the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, so that it can be offered on an ongoing basis.

CLIKIS – Climate-Friendly Kitchens in Schools

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): IZT, PNEC
Country: Poland

The project supports Polish school kitchens in the preparation of healthy, climate-friendly and energy-efficient school meals, building on a successful German model. CLIKIS provides training and teaching materials for school cooks, as well as energy audits.

Boschi per la Biosfera – Forests for the Biosphere

Duration: August 2017–February 2018
Implementer and Partner(s): Manfred-Hermesen-Foundation, Giacche Verdi Bronte
Country: Italy

The project raises awareness among almost 2,500 primary school children in the Etna region about the fact that healthy forests play a major role in protecting the climate. The children raise and plant trees together with a group of 21 young European volunteers, allowing them to experience the issue personally and in practice.

Frutti per la Biosfera – Fruits for the Biosphere

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): Manfred-Hermesen-Foundation, Giacche Verdi Bronte
Country: Italy

The follow-up project to “Boschi per” raises awareness among children about the connection between eating habits and climate change. It promotes vegetarian, seasonal, regional and organic foods, all of which have a considerably lower carbon footprint. In addition, it helps farmers to market their crops regionally.





TOPICS AND PROJECTS

CLIMATE-ALIGNED FINANCE

Successful climate change mitigation requires forward-looking financial policies. If governments provide sufficient funds for climate action, use them effectively and ensure that national and EU budgets are compatible with climate policy objectives, they will create a foundation for reducing global warming and achieving the aims of the Paris Climate Agreement. Investments in protecting the climate from the private and financial sectors play a central role

in climate financing. It is up to the state to structure the framework conditions in such a way that green investment becomes more attractive than investments that harm the climate and environment. The right strategies allow politics and economies to act hand in hand to provide the necessary funding to promote renewable energy, energy-efficient technologies and other climate investments.

This is where the EUKI projects come in: They conduct baseline studies and requirement analyses, and develop plans for investments in the necessary technologies and solutions. They advise political decision-makers on how the EU financial framework is being more closely aligned to the goal of climate change mitigation and also promote the use of successful financing models such as those of energy cooperatives.

CIC2030 – Strategies for Financing the 2030 Targets



Duration: September 2018–December 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): IKEM, CVUT, RTU IESE

CIC stands for “Climate Investment Capacity” – what is the project about?

Novikova: In order to bring about the energy transition and decarbonisation in the EU, we need to know which investments are necessary and where the money is going to come from. One thing is clear: it cannot all come from the public sector. We are also going to need investment from the private sector. That is why we are analysing how much money is currently flowing into climate change mitigation and the investment volume that we would actually need. The next step is then to draw up plans to raise the capital, which also describe how the gap between expectations and reality can be closed. We are doing this for three countries: Germany, Latvia and the Czech Republic.

How do you perform the analyses and draw up the plans?

Novikova: In Germany, we already have a comprehensive analysis of the status quo in the form of “The German Landscape of Climate Finance” that was published by the Climate Policy Initiative in 2012. We are updating it and at the same time compiling studies for the other two countries. This analysis as well as the analysis of the investment gaps and plans for raising capital are being prepared in dialogue with scientists and political decision makers, above all representatives from the financial and energy sectors.

How do you plan to get the private sector on board?

Novikova: By examining where the interests of public and private stakeholders overlap. Many companies have understood that climate change is a pressing issue. Focussing on sustainability is often in their own economic interest and also good for their image. In addition, we do not tell them what to do, but rather consider ourselves equal partners working towards a common goal.

To what extent does climate cooperation also contribute to understanding among countries in Europe?

Novikova: We cannot overcome challenges such as climate change on our own and simply have to act in concert. Climate action makes Europe stronger, more competitive and more progressive. That should not be underestimated.

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OTHERS TALK ABOUT
“SHIFTING THE
TRILLIONS” – WE SHOW
HOW IT IS DONE!
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CZECH REPUBLIC
GERMANY
LATVIA

INTERVIEW

Aleksandra Novikova,
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Energy Efficiency and
Climate Financing at
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Protection, Energy and
Mobility (IKEM)



ALLIES – Activating and Learning from Local Investments in Energy Savings

Duration: January 2018–February 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): B.A.U.M., KÖVET, FEWE, INEM
Countries: Germany, Hungary, Poland

Over a thousand local and regional cooperatives generate renewable energy in Germany. A few of them also invest in energy efficiency measures in small and medium-sized enterprises and municipal premises and receive payback from energy savings. ALLIES uses experiences from successful cooperative models and makes them available to partners in implementing countries.

The Landscape of Climate Finance – Promoting Debate on Climate Finance Flows in Central Europe

Duration: September 2017–October 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): WiseEuropa, NewClimate Institute, I4CE
Countries: France, Germany, Poland

The transition to a low-carbon economy requires a substantial shift of financial flows to sustainable investments. The project collaborates with political decision makers, experts, the private sector and civil society to draw up a strategic vision for investments in climate action in Poland, building on experience gained in France and Germany.

A Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the Climate

Duration: September 2018–August 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): GBE, CAN Europe, FÖS, CAAG
Countries: Belgium, Germany, Hungary

The aim of the project is a civil society dialogue about the role of climate action in the EU budget 2021–2027. It does so by creating a dialogue platform that enables the participation of non-governmental organisations in the negotiation process. In addition, it uses an analysis of the current EU budget to determine the climate-related effects of the existing budget proposals.



TOPICS AND PROJECTS

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Climate change mitigation can only be effective with more sustainable economies. In the case of the industrial sector this means more efficient manufacturing processes, switching to cleaner sources of energy and the careful and sustainable use of resources and raw materials. Climate action is a good business investment that pays off. It allows companies to save costs, for example,

through efficient energy management, strengthen their competitiveness and at the same time improve their corporate image. The EUKI projects raise awareness among companies – be it hotels, car manufacturers or hospitals – regarding the opportunities presented by sustainable economic activity. By developing and providing useful tools and enhancing the qualifications of staff,

they ensure that the involved partners also benefit from the projects in the long term. The partners additionally function as multipliers, by implementing best practices and providing a positive and successful example for others to follow.

Young Energy Europe

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ENERGY SCOUTS
STAND FOR CLIMATE
PROTECTION AND EN-
ERGY EFFICIENCY AT
THEIR COMPANIES.
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Janine Hansen
DIHK Service GmbH



BULGARIA
CZECH REPUBLIC
GERMANY
GREECE
HUNGARY

Duration: November 2017–October 2020
Implementer and Partner(s): DIHK Service GmbH, AHK Bulgaria, AHK Greece, AHK Czech Republic, AHK Hungary

Young Energy Europe trains young professionals from a wide range of sectors to become “energy scouts”. They in turn help to monitor and reduce the direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions at their companies. The training teaches how greenhouse gas emissions affect the global climate and how their reduction can help companies and the environment. The trainees will also learn how to analyse their company’s energy consumption, use energy meters and interpret the data they record. In addition, they will be taught how to successfully implement efficiency projects at their workplace.

The project equally benefits both trainees and companies: the companies can tap into the newly acquired knowledge of their employees and save costs, and the young professionals are able to acquire new skills that allow them to develop professionally. The training measures are being implemented in Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The “energy scouts” receive a certificate at the end of the course. The project builds on a previous project implemented by the National Climate Initiative (NKI), which already trained 6,500 young professionals in Germany as energy scouts.

Business4Climate+ – an Enterprise-Level GHG Reduction Initiative

Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): adelphi research, OEB
Country: Cyprus

The project develops tools for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and provides these tools to various enterprises. The project also aims to strengthen the climate financing capacities of banks, governments, and small and medium-sized enterprises and to establish a roadmap for Cyprus climate financing until 2030.

Energy Management in Alpine Hotels

Duration: August 2017–December 2017
Implementer and Partner(s): adelphi research
Countries: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia

The project shows how hotels and restaurants in the Alps can become more climate-friendly. A practical multilingual guide provides hoteliers with step by step instructions on how to set up a simple energy management system in their buildings and thus save money and CO₂ in the long run.

Climate-Friendly Materials Platform – for Central and Southern Europe

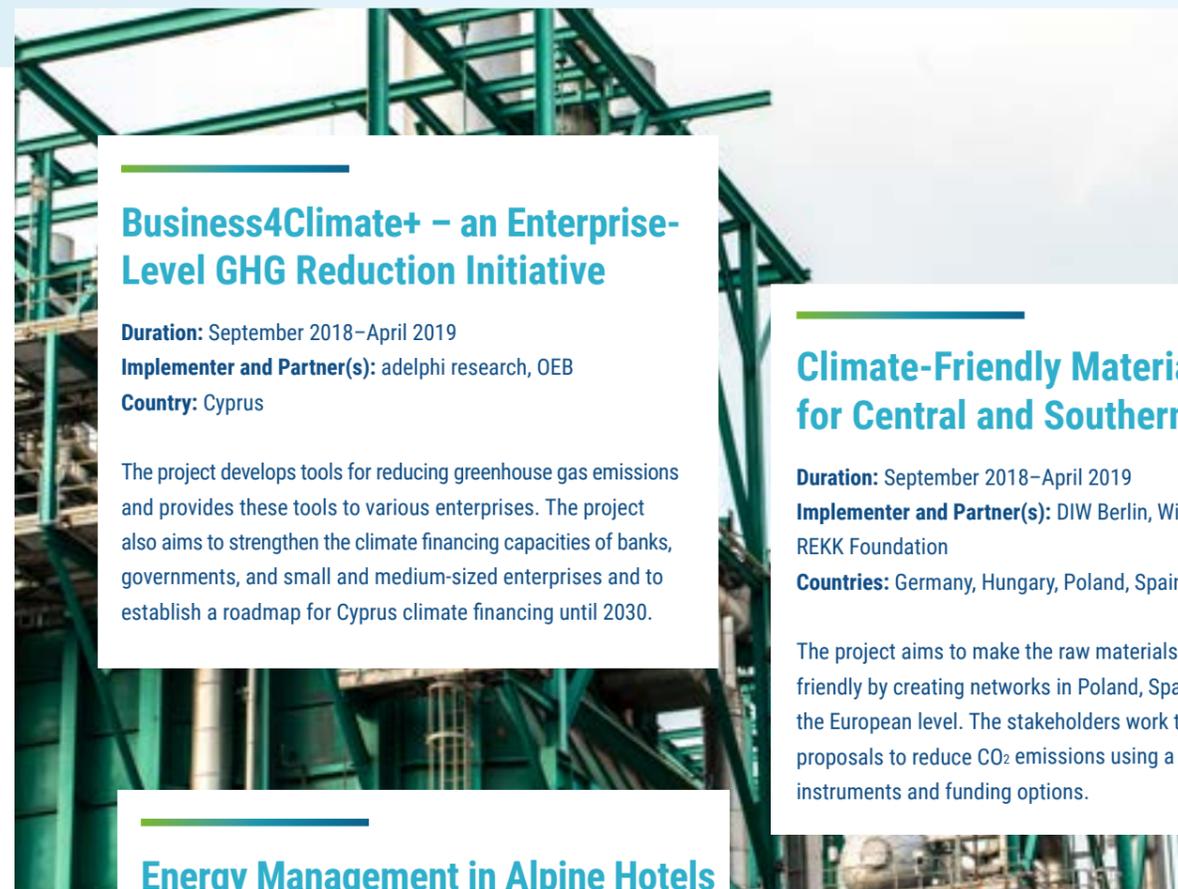
Duration: September 2018–April 2019
Implementer and Partner(s): DIW Berlin, WiseEuropa, IIT, REKK Foundation
Countries: Germany, Hungary, Poland, Spain

The project aims to make the raw materials sector more environmentally friendly by creating networks in Poland, Spain and Hungary, as well as at the European level. The stakeholders work together to develop concrete proposals to reduce CO₂ emissions using a catalogue of incentives, instruments and funding options.

Fostering Low-Carbon Healthcare

Duration: October 2017–March 2018
Implementer: HCWH
Countries: France, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

The pilot project helps European hospitals to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions more effectively using new methods, guidelines and practical tips. The focus is on anaesthetic gases that have a far more harmful effect on the environment than CO₂.





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EUROPE IS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND COMMITMENT – WE FEEL THAT IN EVERY EXCHANGE WITH EUKI PROJECTS.

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DR. SILKE KARCHER, BMU

EUKI COMMUNITY

| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
|--|--|---|--|
| AUSTRIA | | | |
| Carbon Market Watch Mattsee, www.carbonmarketwatch.org | NGO, founded 2012 Climate governance, international transport, fair climate action, carbon pricing | Elisa Martellucci elisa.martellucci@carbonmarketwatch.org | EU-2030 Transport |
| BELGIUM | | | |
| Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) Brussels, www.bpie.eu | Scientific institute, think tank, founded 2010 Building performance, climate policies for buildings, innovation of buildings | Dr. Sibyl D. Steuwer sibyl.steuwer@bpie.eu | Accelerating Climate Action Buildings |
| Climate Action Network Europe (CAN Europe) Brussels, www.caneurope.org | Non-governmental organisation (NGO), founded 1989 Climate change, energy transition, shifting financial flows | Markus Trilling markus@caneurope.org | MFF for the Climate |
| European Environmental Bureau (EEB) Brussels, www.eeb.org | NGO, founded 1974 Agriculture, water and biodiversity, climate and energy, circular economy, product design and waste | Bérénice Dupeux berenice.dupeux@eeb.org | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| European Federation for Transport and Environment (T&E) Brussels, www.transportenvironment.org | NGO, founded 1990 Transport decarbonisation, climate change, renewable energy and energy efficiency | Cristina Mestre cristina.mestre@transportenvironment.org | EU-2030 Transport |
| Friends of the Earth Europe (FoEE) Brussels, www.foeeurope.org | NGO, founded 1986 Climate justice, energy democracy, economic justice, resource justice, food sovereignty | Susann Scherbarth susann.scherbarth@foeeurope.org | Germany's Bürgerenergie |
| Green Budget Europe (GBE) Brussels, www.green-budget.eu | Think tank, founded 2014 Environmental fiscal reform, market-based instruments, low-carbon circular economy | Eero Yrjö-Koskinen eyk@green-budget.eu | MFF for the Climate |
| Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe Brussels, www.noharm-europe.org | NGO, founded 2003 Sustainable healthcare, energy efficiency, safer chemicals, sustainable food, circular economy | Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe europe@hcwh.org | Fostering Low-Carbon Healthcare |
| Stichting Birdlife Europe Brussels, www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia | NGO, founded 1998 Environment, biodiversity | Ariel Brunner ariel.brunner@birdlife.org | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| BULGARIA | | | |
| Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) Sofia, www.csd.bg | Think tank, founded 1989 Energy security, energy transition, energy governance, good governance, anti-corruption and hidden economy | Ruslan Stefanov ruslan.stefanov@online.bg | South-East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue |
| Energy Agency of Plovdiv (EAP) Plovdiv, www.eap-save.eu | NGO, founded 1999 Energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable development | Ina Karova ina.karova@eap-save.eu | InventAir |
| Foundation Center for Energy Efficiency (EnEffect) Sofia, www.eneffect.bg | NGO, founded 1992 Energy efficiency, energy planning, capacity building | Dragomir Tzanev dtzanev@eneffect.bg | Accelerating Climate Action Buildings |
| German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Bulgaria) Sofia, www.bulgarien.ahk.de | Chamber of commerce, founded 1993 Economic development, exhibition representation for five German locations | Dr. Ing. Krassimira Dimitrova krassimira.dimitrova@ahk.bg | Young Energy Europe |
| National Center for Enhancing the Qualification of Pedagogical Specialists (NCPKPS) Sofia, www.niokso.bg | Public authority, founded 2007 Education | Liliana Drumeva niokso@mon.bg | Climate Action in Bulgarian Schools |



Eero Yrjö-Koskinen
Green Budget Europe

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CLIMATE PROTECTION IS ONE OF THE DECISIVE FACTORS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF HUMANITY. TO ME IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ENSURE THAT THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK OF THE EU.
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Ina Karova
Energy Agency of Plovdiv

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POOR HEATING OPTIONS FOR ENERGY-POOR HOUSEHOLDS RESULT IN DRAMATIC AIR POLLUTION FOR THE COMMUNITIES. ALLEVIATING ENERGY POVERTY WILL BRING ABOUT BETTER ENERGY AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS FOR THESE HOUSEHOLDS, AS WELL AS CLEANER AIR FOR ALL EUROPEANS.
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| National Trust Eco Fund Bulgaria (NTEF) Sofia, www.ecofund-bg.org/en | Public authority, founded 1995 Energy efficiency, financial instruments, education | Kamelia Georgieva kgeorgieva@ecofund-bg.org | Climate Action in Bulgarian Schools, BEACON |
| Sofia Energy Agency (SOFENA) Sofia, www.sofena.com/en | NGO, founded 2001 Sustainable municipal energy policy, municipal energy management, energy efficiency and new technologies | Zdravko Georgiev zgeorgiev@sofena.com | Municipal Energy Management |
| Sofia Platform Sofia, www.sofiaplatform.org | NGO, founded 2011 Civic education, democracy development, civic engagement | Louisa Slavkova louisa.slavkova@sofiaplatform.org | Climate Policies as the New Trademark of the EU |
| WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Bulgaria Sofia, www.wwf.bg | NGO, founded 2006 Nature conservation, climate and energy, sustainable development | Georgi Stefanov gstefanov@wwfdcp.bg | Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe |
| CROATIA | | | |
| City of Velika Gorica Velika Gorica, www.gorica.hr | Public authority, founded 1997 Economic development, urban planning and development, traffic planning | Krešimir Majić kresimir.majic@gorica.hr | Cycling as an Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Eko Kvarner Organisation Krak, www.ekokvarner.hr/index.html | NGO, founded 2002 Sustainability, renewable energy, waste management, sustainable and responsible tourism, education | Vjeran Piršić vjeran.pirsic@gmail.com | Krk – CO ₂ -Neutral and Energy-Autonomous Island |
| Krk City Krk, www.krk.hr/en | Public authority, founded 1993 City management, public utilities | Čedomir Miler cedomir.miler@ri.t-com.hr | Krk – CO ₂ -Neutral and Energy-Autonomous Island |
| Society for Sustainable Development Design (DOOR) Zagreb, www.door.hr/english | NGO, founded 2003 Education on renewable energy sources and alleviating energy poverty, citizens' participation in sustainable energy policy, climate change mitigation | Ana Tešija ana.tesija@door.hr | Cycling as an Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture (FSB), Zagreb, www.fsb.unizg.hr | University, faculty founded 1956 Education and research, renewable energy, energy systems | Prof. Dr. sc. Neven Duić neven.duic@fsb.hr | South-East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue |
| CYPRUS | | | |
| Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation (OEB) Nicosia, www.oeb.org.cy/en | Federation, founded 1960 Representation of enterprises across all economic sectors in Cyprus and provision of comprehensive support and specialized services | Anthi Charalambous acharalambous@oeb.org.cy | Business4Climate+ |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | | | |
| CEE Bankwatch Network Prague, www.bankwatch.org | NGO, founded 1998 Greening the EU budget, phasing out fossil fuels for a Just Transition, defending human rights, democracy and development | CEE Bankwatch Network main@bankwatch.org | Energy Transformation Central and Eastern Europe |
| Czech Technical University in Prague (CVUT), Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Prague, www.fel.cvut.cz/en | University, founded 1920 Education, energy, economics | Michaela Valentová valenmi7@fel.cvut.cz | Climate Investment Capacity (CIC) |
| German-Czech Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Czech Republic) Prague, www.tschechien.ahk.de | Chamber of commerce, founded 1993 Promotion of bilateral economic cooperation | René Harun harun@dtihk.cz | Young Energy Europe |
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Kamelia Georgieva
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» I WAS HONESTLY INSPIRED BY THE PRACTICAL RESULTS OF THE 50/50 PROJECT FOR ENERGY SAVING AT GERMAN SCHOOLS. IT OPENED UP A NEW PROFESSIONAL HORIZON FOR ME, INTRODUCING BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS AND INSIGHTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES IN BULGARIA.



Prof. Neven Duić
University of Zagreb

» WE DRAFTED A LIST OF TYPICAL MYTHS RELATED TO THE INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES (RES), SUCH AS: 'RES AREN'T FINANCIALLY VIABLE' OR 'RES INCREASE ELECTRICITY PRICES IN THE LONG TERM'. THIS PROVIDED US WITH A CHANCE TO DEBUNK THEM AT A NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL.



Anthi Charalambous
OEB

» BY PARTICIPATING IN A EUKI-FUNDED PROJECT, I WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP MY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, MEET GREAT PEOPLE WITH THE SAME IDEALS AND BELIEFS WHO SHARE MY VIEW THAT SMALL ACTIONS CAN BRING ABOUT BIG CHANGES WHEN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE.

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| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
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| DENMARK | | | |
| Department of Management Engineering, Technical University Denmark (DTU) Lyngby, www.man.dtu.dk/english | University, founded 1829 Research in the intersection between management, technology and economics with a focus on sustainability | Poul Erik Morthorst pemo@dtu.dk | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| ESTONIA | | | |
| Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia (BEF) Tallinn, www.bef.ee | NGO, founded 2003 Chemicals and consumer awareness, nature conservation, biodiversity, sustainable mobility, energy and climate change, waste and water management | Laura Rimmelgas laura.rimmelgas@bef.ee | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Estonian Environmental Law Center (EELC) Tallinn, www.k6k.ee | NGO, founded 2007 Climate change, nature conservation, noise, mineral resources | Kadi-Kaisa Kaljuveer kadikaisa@k6k.ee | Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy Policy in Estonia |
| Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) Tartu, www.elfond.ee/en | NGO, founded 1991 Nature conversation, biodiversity, sustainable development, environmental education | Kärt Vaarmari elf@elfond.ee | Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy Policy in Estonia |
| Estonian Green Movement / Friends of the Earth Estonia (ERL), Tartu, www.roheline.ee/en | NGO, founded 1988 Climate change, education, renewable energy | Jüri-Ott Salm, jott@elfond.ee | Paludiculture in the Baltics |
| Tartu City Government Tartu, www.tartu.ee/en | Public authority, founded 2000 Municipal administration | Madis Vasser madis@roheline.ee | Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy Policy in Estonia |
| FRANCE | | | |
| Energy Cities Besançon, www.energy-cities.eu | Association of local authorities, founded 1991 Energy transition, networking of local authorities, EU policy | Peter Schilken peter.schilken@energy-cities.eu | Franco-German Energy Transition Week, BEACON |
| France Nature Environnement (FNE) Paris, www.fne.asso.fr | Federation, founded 1968 Nature conservation, awareness building | FNE information@fne.asso.fr | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| I4CE – Institute for Climate Economics Paris, www.i4ce.org | Think tank, founded 2002 Energy and ecological transition, climate finance, public and private investment | Ian Cochran ian.cochran@i4ce.org | Landscape of Climate Finance |
| IDDRI – Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales, Paris, www.iddri.org/en | Think tank, founded 2001 Sustainable development, climate, biodiversity and ecosystems, marine conservation | IDDRI iddri@iddri.org | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| négaWatt association Valence, negawatt.org | Think tank, founded 2001 Energy sufficiency, energy efficiency, renewable energy | Yves Marignac yves.marignac@negawatt.org | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| GERMANY | | | |
| adelphi consult GmbH Berlin, www.adelphi.de | Private company, founded 2002 Climate, energy, resources | Camille Serre serre@adelphi.de | BEACON |
| adelphi research gGmbH Berlin, www.adelphi.de | Think tank, founded 2001 Climate policy, energy policy, renewable energy | Juliane Schröer, schroeer@adelphi.de | Energy Management in Alpine Hotels |
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Zuzana Vondrová
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WE BELIEVE THAT ONLY A COMPLEX ECOLOGICAL-SOCIAL APPROACH TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS AND INTERESTS OF THE LOCALS CAN BRING ABOUT A REAL JUST TRANSITION.



Jüri-Ott Salm
Estonian Fund for Nature

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PALUDICULTURE CONTRIBUTES TO REDUCING CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM DEGRADED PEATLANDS. THANKS TO EUKI SUPPORT, THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN RAISED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ESTONIA. WE HOPE THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE MORE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF PEATLANDS IN THE FUTURE.



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| Agora Energiewende Berlin, www.agora-energiewende.de/en | Think tank, founded 2012 Energy policy, energy transition | Dr. Christian Redl, christian.redl@agora-energiewende.de | South-East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue |
| | | Matthias Buck, matthias.buck@agora-energiewende.de | Making State Aid Work |
| Baltic Environmental Forum Germany (BEF) Hamburg, www.bef-de.org | NGO, founded 2003 Sustainable urban development, climate change, nature and marine conservation | Matthias Grätz matthias.graetz@bef-de.org | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Client Earth gGmbH Berlin, www.clientearth.org | NGO, private corporation Environmental law, public interest litigation | Maria Kleis mkleis@clientearth.org | Making State Aid Work |
| | | Kamila Drzewicka kdrzewicka@clientearth.org | Tackling Coal in Domestic Heating |
| Climate Alliance Frankfurt am Main, www.climatealliance.org | Association, founded 1990 European network of cities engaged in climate action and climate justice | Anne Turfin a.turfin@klimabuendnis.org | Franco-German Energy Transition Week |
| Climate Analytics gGmbH Berlin, www.climateanalytics.org | NGO/think tank, founded 2009 Climate change policy, climate diplomacy, decarbonisation | Dr. Andrzej Ancygier andrzej.ancygier@climateanalytics.org | CEE Climate Policy Frontier |
| Community Network „Alliance in the Alps“ (AidA) Übersee am Chiemsee, www.alpenallianz.org/en | NGO, founded 1997 Nature conservation, climate change and energy, social empowerment | Sabine Neumann sabine.neumann@alpenallianz.org | Alpine Partnership Conference |
| German Aerospace Center, Institute of Transport Research (DLR-IVF), Berlin, www.dlr.de | Public authority, scientific institute, founded 1969 Mobility and urban development, passenger transport, commercial transport | Michael Hardinghaus michael.hardinghaus@dlr.de | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| German Association of Environmental Management (B.A.U.M. e.V.) Hamburg, www.baumev.de | NGO, founded 1984 Development of an environmentally conscious economy, training opportunities with recognised practitioners, sustainable resource use | Dipl.-Forstwirt Rainer Kant rainer.kant@baumev.de | ALLIES |
| DGRV – German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation Berlin, www.dgrv.de | Association, founded 1972 Cooperatives/cooperative auditing, economic development, citizen energy/cooperative energy transition | Dr. Andreas Wieg energie@dgrv.de | Energy Communities |
| DIHK Service GmbH Berlin, www.dihk.de/en | Private company, founded 2006 Projects in the fields of energy, environment and others | Janine Hansen hansen.janine@dihk.de | Young Energy Europe |
| District Administration of Fürstfeldbruck (LRA) Fürstfeldbruck, www.lra-ffb.de | Public authority Administration, public services | Birgit Baidl birgit.baidl@lra-ffb.de | Building Bridges |
| DIW Berlin – German Institute for Economic Research Berlin, www.diw.de/en | Scientific institute, founded 1925 Economic policy, socio-economic studies | Dr. Olga Chiappinelli ochiappinelli@diw.de | Climate-Friendly Materials Platform |
| DUENE e.V. – Institute for Sustainable Development Greifswald, www.duene-greifswald.de | NGO, founded 1997 Sustainable development of landscapes, scientific research into landscape ecology, consulting, international cooperation | Dr. Wendelin Wichtmann wendelin.wichtmann@duene-greifswald.de | INVESTIGATE |
| Ecologic Institute Berlin, www.ecologic.eu | Think tank/scientific institute, founded 1995 Environmental policy and education, sustainable development, socio-ecological research | Sandra Naumann sandra.naumann@ecologic.eu | Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Poland |
| | | Dr. Nils Meyer-Ohlendorf nils.meyer-ohlendorf@ecologic.eu | Climate Policies as the New Trademark of the EU |
| | | Matthias Duwe matthias.duwe@ecologic.eu | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| Energievision Frankenwald Kronach, www.energie-frankenwald.de | NGO, founded 2008 Renewable energy, non-profit public relations work | Martin Kastner kastner@energie-frankenwald.de | Energy Competence Centre Podlaskie Region |



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Agora Energiewende

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EUKI HELPED US ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT THINK TANKS IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE THAT WORKS ON FAST-TRACKING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION. WE DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS AND PROVIDE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP FOR DECARBONISING THE ENERGY SECTOR TO ENSURE CLEAN, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY IN THE REGION.
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Matthias Grätz
Baltic Environmental Forum Germany

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THE BICYCLE IS A KEYSTONE IN THE TRANSITION TO MORE LIVEABLE CITIES. IT WILL ALSO HELP US TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE BY REDUCING CO₂ EMISSIONS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR.
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Laura Krug
DUH

»
CIVIL SOCIETY PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN DEVELOPING A MORE AMBITIOUS EU CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF EUKI, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD A NETWORK OF CEE NGOS WITH THE AIM OF BRINGING THEIR COMBINED EXPERTISE INTO THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN BRUSSELS.
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| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
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| Environmental Action Germany – Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (DUH) Berlin, Radolfzell, www.duh.de/englisch | NGO, founded 1975 Renewable energy, nature conservation, circular economy | Laura Krug krug@duh.de Patrick Huth, huth@duh.de Dorothee Saar, saar@duh.de | Energy Transformation Central and Eastern Europe InventAir EU-2030 Transport |
| Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI), Karlsruhe, www.isi.fraunhofer.de/en.html | Scientific institute, founded 1972 Energy and climate policy, energy system analysis, innovation research | Dr. Vicki Duscha vicki.duscha@isi.fraunhofer.de | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Environment and Energy, General Directorate of Nature Conservation, Green Spaces and Soil Protection, Department of Landscape Planning and Urban Green, Hamburg, www.hamburg.de/bue/amt-fuer-naturschutz-gruenplanung-und-bodenschutz | Government authority, founded 1914 Environmental regulations, incentives and information, strategic landscape planning, monitoring and evaluation, governmental duties | Dr. Hanna Bornholdt gruendach@bue.hamburg.de | GRAD |
| Germanwatch e.V. Berlin, www.germanwatch.org | NGO, founded 1991 Climate policy, corporate accountability, agricultural policy | Tobias Reichert reichert@germanwatch.org | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| Green Budget Germany (FÖS) Berlin, www.foes.de | NGO/think tank, founded 1994 Environmental fiscal policy, environmental taxation, environmentally harmful subsidies | Matthias Runkel matthias.runkel@foes.de | MFF for the Climate |
| Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe e.V. (IWO) Berlin, www.iwoev.org | NGO, founded 2001 Pilot projects in energy efficient refurbishment of multi-family buildings, sustainable development of the housing economy, training/education programmes | Knut Höller hoeller@iwoev.org | SOL – Solar Energy for Multi-Family Buildings in Lithuania, Managers for Urban Redevelopment in Lithuania |
| HTW Berlin University of Applied Sciences Berlin, www.htw-berlin.de/en | University, founded 1994 Education and research in areas such as renewable energy, economics, construction, sustainable development | Birgitta Kinscher b.kinscher@htw-berlin.de | ZEWKlima |
| ideas into energy gGmbH Berlin, www.ideas-into-energy.org | NGO, founded 2017 Energy policy, transdisciplinary research, European and international policy | Robert Brückmann rb@ideas-into-energy.org | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| IJP - International Journalists' Programmes Berlin, www.ijp.org | NGO, founded 1981 Media and journalism, international exchange, quality reporting | Clemens Bomsdorf bomsdorf@ijp.org | Climate-Energy Fellowship for Journalists, Climate Fellowships for Journalists from Central and Eastern Europe |
| Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (Ufu) Berlin, www.ufu.de | NGO, founded 1990 Environmental education, energy efficiency, environmental law | Florian Kliche florian.kliche@ufu.de Oliver Ritter, oliver.ritter@ufu.de | Climate Action in Bulgarian Schools, BEACON Climate School Be.At |
| Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility (IKEM) Berlin, www.ikem.de/en | NGO, founded 2009 Energy transition, mobility, protecting the climate | Aleksandra Novikova aleksandra.novikova@ikem.de | CIC2030 |
| Institute for Futures Studies and Technology Assessment (IZT) Berlin, www.izt.de | Scientific institute, founded 1981 Futures studies, sustainability assessment, stakeholder integration, climate and resource protection awareness | Malte Schmidthals m.schmidthals@izt.de | CLIKIS |
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| Klimaschutzagentur Weserbergland Hameln, www.klimaschutzagentur.org | Public authority/non-profit organisation, founded 2010 Energy consulting for municipalities, companies and private households, development and implementation of energy concepts, awareness raising | Leonie Grothues grothues@klimaschutzagentur.org | Municipal Energy Management |



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WE DEVELOPED INCENTIVE MODELS TO MOTIVATE SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY-SAVING PROGRAMMES. WE HAVE RAISED AWARENESS ABOUT THE FACT THAT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING IN HIS OR HER PERSONAL ENVIRONMENT TO SAVE ENERGY AND WORK AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE.



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THE 21 VOLUNTEERS FUNDED BY EUKI ENRICH OUR WORK, COMMUNICATE OUR PROJECTS EXTERNALLY AND ENCOURAGE A LASTING EXCHANGE.



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|--|--|--|---|
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| Michael Succow Foundation for the Protection of Nature (MSS), Greifswald, www.succow-stiftung.de | Foundation/NGO, founded 1999 Peatland and climate protection, development of protected areas, research and capacity building | Andreas Haberl andreas.haberl@succow-stiftung.de | Paludiculture in the Baltics |
| Navigant Berlin, www.navigant.com | Private corporation, founded 1983 Climate and energy policy, renewable energy and energy efficiency, energy systems | Sarah Gül beacon_helpdesk@navigant.com | BEACON |
| NewClimate Institute Berlin, Cologne, www.newclimate.org | Think tank, founded 2014 Climate policy, sustainable energy, sustainable finance | Hanna Fekete h.fekete@newclimate.org | Landscape of Climate Finance |
| Öko-Institut e.V. – Institute for Applied Ecology Freiburg, www.oeko.de/en | Think tank, founded 1977 Energy and climate, mobility and transport, resources and recycling | Julia Repenning j.repenning@oeko.de | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| Respect for Greece Berlin, www.respekt-für-griechenland.de | NGO, founded 2015 Working for and with refugees on Lesbos and in Athens, Greek-German cooperation in energy saving at schools and in protecting the climate, supporting solidarity projects in Greece | Dr. Hilde Schramm vorstand@respekt-für-griechenland.de | Climate School Be.At |
| Secretariat for Futures Studies, Free University Berlin Berlin, www.sfz-berlin.eu | Scientific institute, think tank, private corporation, founded 1989 Energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, sustainable development, IT and communications technology | Prof. Dr. Rolf Kreibich rolf.kreibich@gmx.de | YESclima, ZEWKlima |
| Staatliche Berufsschule Fürstenfeldbruck (FFBS), Fürstenfeldbruck, www.bs-ffb.de | Vocational school, Education, electrical engineering, IT, metals, economy | Secretariat FFBS sekretariat@bs-ffb.de | Building Bridges |
| Steinbeis-Innovationszentrum energie+ (siz energie+) Braunschweig, www.siz-energie-plus.de | Scientific institute, private corporation, founded 1996 Energy and quality management, development of supply systems | siz energie+ info@siz-energie-plus.de | SOL – Solar Energy for Multi-Family Buildings in Lithuania |
| The Energy Trainers – Network for Education and Communication, Puchheim, www.fair-cycle.de | NGO, founded 2012 Renewable energy, education, sustainability | Ingrid Rauscher rauscher@energiebildner.de | Building Bridges |
| WWF Germany Berlin, www.wwf.de | NGO, founded 1963 Climate action, biodiversity | Juliette de Grandpré juliette.degrandpre@wwf.de | Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe |
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| Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES) Pikermi, www.cres.gr/cres/index_uk.html | National energy agency, founded 1987 Renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy policy and planning | Louiza Papamikrouli, lpapamik@cres.gr Evi Tzanakaki, etzanak@cres.gr | ENCREMENDO BEACON |
| Ecocity Marousi, www.ecocity.gr | NGO Sustainable cities, circular economy, mobility | Ecocity info@ecocity.gr | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| German-Greek Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Greece) Athens, www.griechenland.ahk.de | Chamber of commerce, founded 1924 Representative of German trade exhibitions, education, renewable energy | Sarina Thiele s.thiele@ahk.com.gr | Young Energy Europe |
| Municipality of Athens Athens, www.cityofathens.gr/en | Public authority, founded 1834 All municipal fields, e.g. social solidarity, immigration, life-long learning, waste management | Kostis Kontogiannis costisco@icloud.com | Climate School Be.At |
| National Observatory of Athens (NOA) Athens, www.noa.gr | Scientific institute, founded 1842 Climate change, energy, atmospheric environment, meteorology, hydrology | Dr. Vasiliki Assimakopoulos, vasiliki@noa.gr Jelena Georgopoulou, elenag@noa.gr | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy South-East Europe Energy Transition Dialogue |



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» **WE DEVELOP SOLUTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND. IT IS FASCINATING TO SEE HOW A FAMILIAR TRUSTED SETTING CAN GET DIFFERENT INTEREST GROUPS TALKING TO EACH OTHER AND WILLING TO WORK ON SOLUTIONS TOGETHER.**



Louiza Papamikrouli
CRES

» **OUR PROJECT INTRODUCED US TO THE EUKI COMMUNITY, ALLOWING US TO CONNECT WITH PARTNERS WE MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE MISSED. OUR SHARED KNOWLEDGE GROWS WITH EVERY FRIENDLY EXCHANGE AND CREATIVE PIECE OF ADVICE, AND THIS HAS HELPED US OVERCOME A BUMPY START.**



| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
|--|--|--|---|
| National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) Zografos, www.ntua.gr/en | University, founded 1837 Education, sustainable mobility, transportation research, urban planning | Thanos Vlastos vlastos@survey.ntua.gr | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Wind of Renewal – Anemos Ananeosis Athens, www.anemosananeosis.gr/en | Social cooperative, founded 2014 Energy efficiency, energy transition, energy poverty, circular/green economy, social innovation, youth employment | Nikos Chrysogelos windofrenewal@gmail.com | Climate School Be.At, YESclima, ZEWKlima |
| WWF Greece Athens, www.wwf.gr/en | NGO, founded 1991 Living economy, biodiversity, environmental governance | Stavros Mavrogenis s.mavrogenis@wwf.gr | Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe |
| HUNGARY | | | |
| CEEweb for Biodiversity Budapest, www.ceeweb.org | NGO, founded 1994 Conservation of biodiversity through promotion of sustainable development; advocacy, capacity building, networking and awareness raising | Orsolya Nyarai onyarai@ceeweb.org | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| Clean Air Action Group (CAAG) Budapest, www.levego.hu/en | NGO, founded 1988 Air quality, transport, environmental fiscal reform | András Lukács, lukacs@levego.hu Márton Vargha, levego@levego.hu | MFF for the Climate EU-2030 Transport |
| Energiaklub Climate Policy Institute and Applied Communications Association Budapest, www.energiaklub.hu/en | NGO, founded 1995 Energy policy, climate adaptation and mitigation, awareness raising | Gábor Orbán orban@energiaklub.hu | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |
| German-Hungarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Hungary) Budapest, www.ahkungarn.hu | Chamber of commerce, founded 1993 Economic development, networking platform for businesses, market analysis | Balint Lengyel lengyel@ahkungarn.hu | Young Energy Europe |
| KÖVET Association for Sustainable Economies Budapest, www.kovet.hu/en | NGO, founded 1985 Sustainability, corporate social responsibility, economic development | Attila Gáspár gaspar@kovet.hu | ALLIES |
| National Society of Conservationists – Friends of the Earth Hungary (FoE Hungary) Budapest, www.mtvsh.hu | NGO, founded 1989 Climate and energy policy, environmental education and awareness raising, energy transition, citizen energy | Alexa Botar alexa@mtvsh.hu | Germany's Bürgerenergie |
| REKK Foundation for Regional Policy Co-operation in Energy and Infrastructure Budapest, www.rekk.hu | Foundation, founded 2016 Expert forums on Hungarian, regional, European and international energy policy initiatives; knowledge exchange about the regulation of energy and other public utilities | Balázs Felsmann balazs.felsmann@rekk.hu | Climate-Friendly Materials Platform |
| IRELAND | | | |
| BirdWatch Ireland Kilcoole. Co. Wicklow, www.birdwatchireland.ie | NGO, founded 1969 Conservation of birds and their habitats; research, survey and monitoring of birds and their habitats; citizen science and awareness raising around birds | Oonagh Duggan oduggan@birdwatchireland.ie | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| ITALY | | | |
| Associazione Alvisè Cornaro Padova, www.alvisecornaro.org | Non-profit association, founded 2003 Education | Marina Bolletti marinabolletti@gmail.com | Building Bridges |
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| ENEA – Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development Rome, www.enea.it/en | Federal agency, founded 1960 Scientific and technological research on renewable energy, energy efficiency, nuclear fusion and nuclear security | Dr. Maria Rosa Viridis mariarosa.viridis@enea.it | CLIMATE RECON 2050 |



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»
EUROPE HAS TO MASSIVELY TRANSFORM ITS FOSSIL ENERGY SYSTEM. EUKI IS HELPING US TO PUT RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE HANDS OF COMMUNITIES IN HUNGARY AND SPAIN.
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Pheline Kuhnert
Volunteer,
Giacche Verdi Bronte

»
DURING MY TIME WITH THE BOSCHI PROJECT I WAS ABLE TO LEARN MANY NEW THINGS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE PROTECTION. AS A RESULT OF MY WORK THERE, I REFLECT ON MY LIFESTYLE IN GERMANY IN A TOTALLY NEW WAY.
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| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
|--|--|--|---|
| European Asbestos Risks Association (EARA) Trieste, www.earaonline.eu | NGO, founded 2008 Prevention of environmental pollution due to asbestos, communication and assistance for people who have been exposed to asbestos, education | Dr. Sergio Sghedoni segreteriaeara@gmail.com | Krk – CO ₂ -Neutral and Energy-Autonomous Island |
| Giacche Verdi Bronte Bronte, www.giaccheverdibronte.it | NGO, founded 2010 Environmental education, environmental protection | Andrea Aidala gybronte@gmail.com | Frutti per la Biosfera – Fruits for the Biosphere, Boschi per la Biosfera – Forests for the Biosphere |
| Union of the Municipalities of the Trasimeno Paciano, www.comunedeltrasimeno.gov.it | Association, founded 2016 Tourism, social issues, integrated territorial investments (ITI) Trasimeno | Dr. Louis Montagnoli lmontagnoli@cmtrasimeno.it | Building Bridges |
| LATVIA | | | |
| Baltic Environmental Forum Latvia (BEF Latvia) Riga, www.bef.lv | NGO, founded 2003 Integrated planning, climate change, sustainable mobility | Līga Pakalna līga.pakalna@bef.lv | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, Riga Technical University (RTU) Riga, www.videszinatne.rtu.lv/en | Scientific institute, founded 1862 Energy efficiency and renewable energy, energy and environmental sciences, education | Dr. sc. Ing. Agris Kamenders agris.kamenders@rtu.lv | Climate Investment Capacity (CIC) |
| Latvian State Forest Research Institute (SILAVA) Salaspils, www.silava.lv/mainen/aboutus.aspx | Scientific institute, founded 1946 Forestry research, climate adaptation and mitigation, forest operations and technologies | Dr. Andis Lazdiņš andis.lazdins@silava.lv | INVESTIGATE |
| Latvian Cyclists' Union (LCU) Riga, www.divritenis.lv | NGO, founded 2010 Promote daily cycling in Latvia, cycling research | Viesturs Laurs viesturs.laurs@gmail.com | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| LIECHTENSTEIN | | | |
| Alpine Town of the Year Association Schaan, www.alpenstaedte.org/en | NGO, founded 1997 Sustainable development, cooperation between Alpine municipalities | Claire Simon claire.simon@alpenstaedte.org | Alpine Partnership Conference |
| International Commission for the Protection of the Alps (CIPRA), Schaan, www.cipra.org | NGO, founded 1952 Nature and people, social innovation, economic transition | Wolfgang Pfefferkorn wolfgang.pfefferkorn@cipra.org | Alpine Partnership Conference |
| LITHUANIA | | | |
| Alliance of Lithuanian Consumer Organisations (LVOA) Vilnius, www.lvoa.lt/en | NGO, founded 2012 Consumer rights, sustainability | Kęstutis Kupšys kestutis.kupsys@lvoa.lt | SOL – Solar Energy for Multi-Family Buildings in Lithuania |
| Applied Research Institute for Prospective Technologies (Protech), Vilnius, www.protechnology.lt | Scientific institute, founded 2005 Photovoltaic technologies, renewables and energy saving, sensors and electronics | Vitas Maciulis vitas@protechnology.lt | SOL – Solar Energy for Multi-Family Buildings in Lithuania |
| Housing Energy Efficiency Agency (BETA) Vilnius, www.betal.lt/en | Energy agency, founded 2013 Energy efficiency of public buildings, energy consulting, international cooperation | BETA info@betal.lt | Managers for Urban Redevelopment in Lithuania |
| Kaunas Regional Energy Agency (KREA) Kaunas, www.krea.lt/en | Public authority, founded 2003 Education in renewable energy sources, promotion of rational energy use, environmental protection | Dr. Feliksas Zinevicius krea@techpark.lt | Municipal Energy Management |
| Lithuanian Fund for Nature (LGF) Vilnius, www.glis.lt | NGO, founded 1991 environmental protection | Nerijus Zableckis nerijus.z@glis.lt | Paludiculture in the Baltics |



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» **RENEWABLE ENERGY IN LATVIA FACES SERIOUS REPUTATION CHALLENGES. OUR EUKI PROJECT HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP IN TACKLING THESE CHALLENGES BY HELPING TO SHIFT PUBLIC PERCEPTION AND BUST FALSE MYTHS.**
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» **EUKI HAS SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS TO MAP BEST PRACTICES IN THE HEATING SECTOR IN GERMANY AND DENMARK. IT IS ON THIS BASIS THAT WE DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE HEATING STRATEGY FOR POLAND TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE EMISSIONS.**
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| Organisation | Type of organisation | Contact | EUKI projects |
|--|---|--|--|
| POLAND | | | |
| Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" (PNEC), Krakow, www.pnec.org.pl/en | NGO, founded 2002 Energy efficiency and renewable energy, climate action, ecological education | Patrycja Plonka patrycja.plonka@pnec.org.pl | GRAD |
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| | | Tomasz Pawelec, tomasz.pawelec@pnec.org.pl | CLIKIS |
| Białystok County www.powiatbialostocki.pl | Public authority Administration, public services | Białystok County starostwo@st.bialystok.wrotapodlasia.pl | Energy Competence Centre Podlaskie Region |
| City of Warsaw Warsaw, www.um.warszawa.pl/en | Public authority Administration, public services | Office of Mobility and Transport sekretariat.bpmit@um.warszawa.pl | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| Earth and People Warsaw, www.ziemiailudzie.pl/en | Foundation, founded 2009 Education on sustainable development, social and cultural activities, environmental protection | Ewelina Skoczen ewelina.skoczen@ziemialudzie.pl | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| FEWE – Fundacja na rzecz Efektywnego Wykorzystania Energii, Katowice, www.katowice.energiaisrodowisko.pl | Foundation, founded 1990 Energy efficiency, sustainable cities, low-carbon economy | Szymon Liszka s.liszka@fewe.pl | ALLIES |
| Forum Energii Warsaw, www.forum-energii.eu | Think tank, founded 2016 Energy sector, data and analysis | Andrzej Rubczyński andrzej.rubczynski@forum-energii.eu | Int. Cooperation Forum "Clean Heat" |
| Hajnówka County Hajnówka, www.hajnowka.pl | Public authority, founded 1998 Renewable energy | Andrzej Skiepmo promocja@powiat.hajnowka.pl | Energy Competence Centre Podlaskie Region |
| Sendzimir Foundation Warsaw, www.sendzimir.org.pl/en | NGO, founded 2008 Sustainable urban development, blue-green infrastructure, stakeholder participation and dialogue | Ilona Gosk ilona.gosk@sendzimir.org.pl | Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Poland |
| The Civil Affairs Institute (INSPRO) Łódź, www.inspro.org.pl/en | NGO, founded 2004 Civil society, environmental protection, sustainable transport | Piotr Skubisz piotr.skubisz@inspro.org.pl | EU-2030 Transport |
| WiseEuropa Warsaw, www.wise-europa.eu | Think tank, founded 2013 Climate policy frameworks, socio-economic impact assessment, long-term sectoral and macroeconomic transition pathways | Aleksander Śniegocki aleksander.sniegocki@wise-europa.eu | CLIMATE RECON 2050, CEE Climate Policy Frontier, Landscape of Climate Finance, Climate-Friendly Materials Platform |
| WWF Poland Warsaw, www.wwf.pl | NGO, founded 2000 Environmental protection, biodiversity, climate | Marta Anczewska manczewska@wwf.pl | Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe |
| PORTUGAL | | | |
| FCiências.ID – University of Lisbon Lisbon, www.fciencias-id.pt | Scientific institute, founded 2018 Climate change, nature-based design, sustainability and regeneration | Gil Penha-Lopes gpenha-lobes@fc.ul.pt | BEACON |
| ROMANIA | | | |
| Association 2Celsius Bucharest, www.2celsius.org | NGO, founded 2010 Clean transport, climate policies, environmental communication | Raul Cazan raul@2celsius.org | EU-2030 Transport |
| Energy Cities Romania (OER) Braşov, www.oer.ro | NGO, founded 1995 Sustainable development of municipalities, renewable energy, energy efficiency, conferences and workshops, capacity building | Camelia Rata, camelia.rata@oer.ro | Accelerating climate action buildings |
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» **OUR GOAL IS TO SUPPORT FORWARD-LOOKING, EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING. EUROPEAN COOPERATION ALLOWS US TO EXPLORE NOVEL IDEAS AND PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES FROM ACROSS THE EU.** «



Alexandru Mustata
Bankwatch Romania

» **EUKI SUPPORT ALLOWED US TO BRING TOGETHER STAKEHOLDERS FROM SIX COAL REGIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE, FROM MAYORS TO ACTIVISTS. THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND SUCCESS STORIES OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS, AND SAW THAT A TRANSITION, WHICH IS FAIR FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, IS POSSIBLE ANYWHERE – BUT IT REQUIRES A LOT OF WORK.** «

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| Environ Association Bucharest, www.environ.ro/index.php/en | NGO Waste management, environmental education, circular economy | Elena Gaspar-Ion elena.gaspar@environ.ro | BEACON |
| Expert Forum Association (EFOR) Bucharest, www.expertforum.ro/en | Think tank, founded 2011 Good governance, energy, anti-corruption | Ana Otilia Nutu otilia.nutu@expertforum.ro | CEE Climate Policy Frontier |
| GlobalFocus Center Bucharest, www.global-focus.eu | Think tank Foreign policy, security, EU policy, good governance, development | GlobalFocus Center Twitter: @GlobalFocusCntr | Climate Policies as the New Trademark of the EU |
| SLOVAKIA | | | |
| Cycling Coalition Bratislava, https://cyklokoalicia.sk/english/ | Advocacy for the rights of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, advocacy for sustainable mobility, urban space planning | Lenka Rozsivalová info@cyklokoalicia.sk | Cycling as Element of Urban Climate Mitigation Policy |
| SLOVENIA | | | |
| Energy Agency of Podravje – Institution for Sustainable Energy Use (EnergaP) Maribor, www.energap.si | Public authority, founded 2006 Information, advice and training on energy management issues; energy audits and management of mainly public buildings, public-private partnerships | Dr. Vlasta Krmelj vlasta.krmelj@energap.si | Municipal Energy Management |
| Focus Association for Sustainable Development (Focus) Ljubljana, www.focus.si/english/ | NGO, founded 2003 Energy, climate, transport | Dr. Tomislav Tkalec tomi@focus.si | InventAir |
| SPAIN | | | |
| Foundation for Environment, Energy and Sustainability in the Province of Cádiz – Energy Agency Province of Cádiz (APEC) Cádiz, www.agenciaenergiacadiz.org | Foundation, founded 2006 Climate change, energy sustainability, environment | Pablo Quero García pquero@diplucadiz.es | YESclima |
| Amigos de la Tierra – Friends of the Earth Spain (FoE Spain) Madrid, www.tierra.org | NGO, founded 1979 Climate justice, community energy, development aid, agriculture, economic justice, circular economy | Hector de Prado sosclima@tierra.org | Germany's Bürgerenergie |
| Institute for Research in Technology (IIT), Comillas Pontifical University Madrid, www.iit.comillas.edu/index.php/en | Scientific institute, founded 1890 Education, energy research, renewable energy | Pedro Linares Llamas pedro.linares@comillas.edu | Climate-Friendly Materials Platform |
| International Institute for Law and the Environment (IIDMA) Madrid, www.iidma.org | NGO, founded 1996 Energy transition and climate change, governance and sustainable development, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters | Massimiliano Patierno massimiliano.patierno@iidma.org | Cutting Emissions from Farming |
| University of Cádiz Cádiz, www.uca.es/en | University, founded 1979 Higher education, energy efficiency, renewable energy | Dr. Francisco José Sánchez de la Flor francisco.flor@uca.es | YESclima, ZEWKlima |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | |
| Climate Strategies London, www.climatestrategies.org | Think tank, founded 2006 Climate change, energy, sustainable development | Andrzej Blachowicz andrzej.blachowicz@climatestrategies.org | CEE Climate Policy Frontier |
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» **CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES RELY STRONGLY ON BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE. WE EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO APPROACH THIS, WHILE ALSO TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION VARIOUS CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, TECHNICAL, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.**



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» **WITH EUKI'S SUPPORT, WE WILL IMPROVE ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE FIND JOBS.**



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» **CATALOGUING BEST PRACTICES FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, MATCHING THEM WITH THOSE FROM WESTERN EUROPE AND RECOMMENDING POLICY SOLUTIONS CAN MAKE A TRUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU'S EMISSION REDUCTION EFFORTS.**



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PROJECT SELECTION 2017/2018

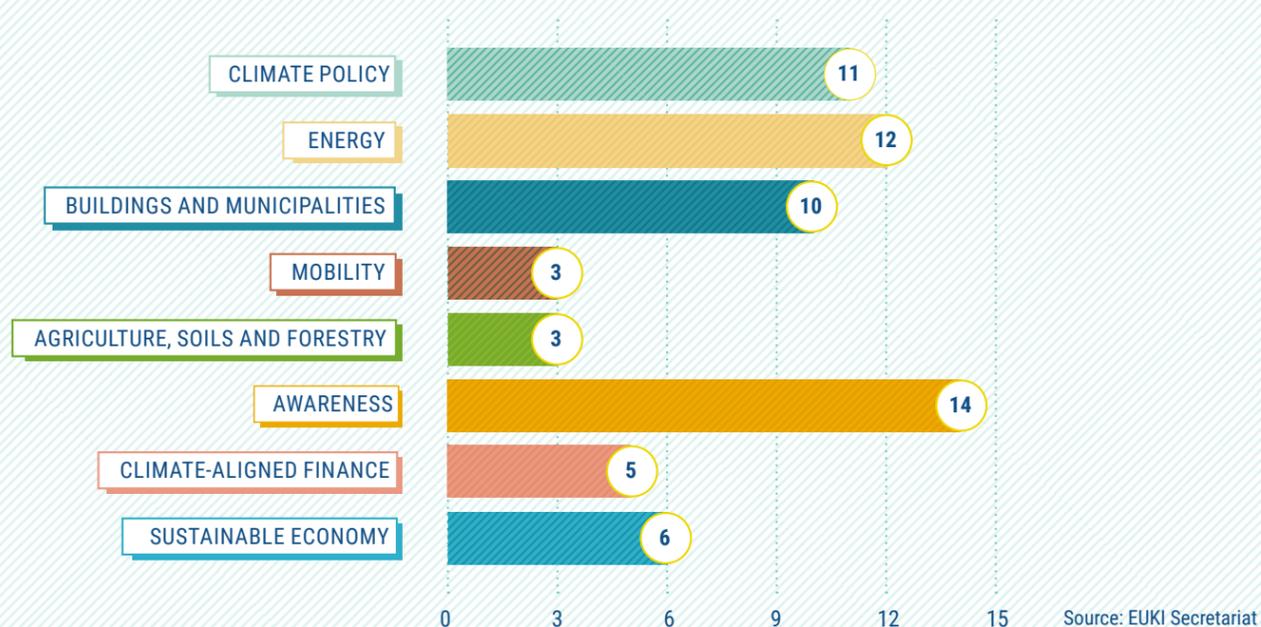
The selection of the projects from the EUKI call for project ideas occurred in a two-step process. The selection criteria were the relevance of the topic, the quality of the project concept, synergies with other German and international climate cooperation projects, sustainability and efficiency.

| | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|-----------|------|
| Number of projects submitted to the EUKI call for project ideas | 65 | 85 |
| Number of selected projects | 22 | 22 |
| Number of projects through subsidies and calls for tenders | 10 | 10 |
| Total number of new projects | 32 | 32 |
| Total number of EUKI projects 2017/2018: | 64 | |

Source: EUKI Sekretariat

PROJECT SELECTION BY TOPIC

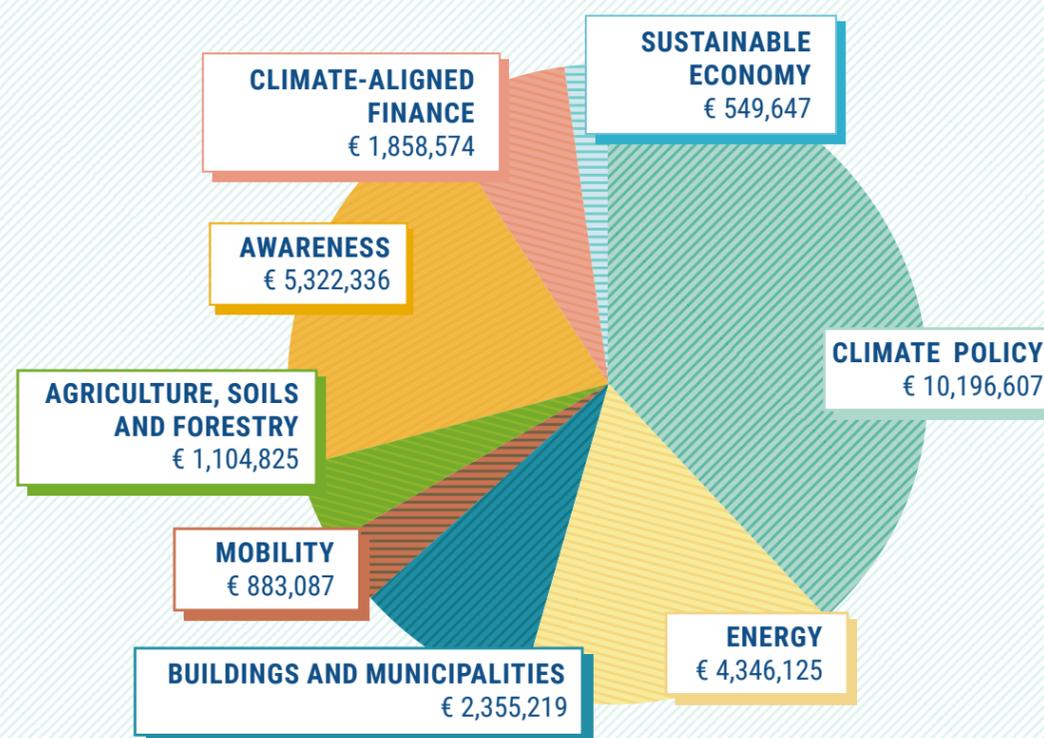
The illustration shows all EUKI projects in 2017 and 2018 according to EUKI's eight core areas. It includes both projects from the EUKI call for project ideas and projects resulting from subsidies and tender processes. Each project was assigned to the topic area that forms the core of the project's work. A number of EUKI projects also work in other topic areas or overlap with other topics.



Source: EUKI Sekretariat

FINANCING COMMITMENTS BY TOPIC

The illustration shows the financing commitments for all EUKI projects launched in 2017 and 2018 according to EUKI's eight core areas. Depending on the duration of the project, the financing may be paid out over several years. The illustration includes both projects from the EUKI call for project ideas and those projects that resulted from subsidies and tender processes.



Source: EUKI Sekretariat



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