

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

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Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented) and of its transnational added value

Since the envisaged investments in the energy sector are relevant, it is essential that the leverage factor of public funds increases in the future and that the use of funds focuses on the strategic actions that will drive the energy transition. For this reason, all the inputs coming from the different activities of PROSPECT2030 were capitalised in the drafting of policy recommendations on the use of public funds for climate change mitigation at European, transnational, national and regional levels. In particular, the benchmark of the regional reports on public funds used for low carbon economy over the 2014-20 programming period and the KPIs tables were crucial for the development of strategic conclusions and recommendations. These are the key instruments to increase the effectiveness of the public funds use in the involved regions in the next programming period (2021-2027) and are addressing horizontal and thematic policy areas. One of the main outcomes is that public funds need to focus on areas where maximised impacts and leveraging of private funding can be triggered in order to create our carbon-neutral future in Europe. The process was supported by an intense transnational mutual learning activity for sharing knowledge and best practices, influencing each other and thus building competences for a more conscious way to use public funds. All the involved Regions are managing a huge share of ERDF, so the policy recommendations integration within their energy strategies, as it is already ongoing, will boost their capacities in mobilising investments for low-carbon measures at territorial level and will increase the cost effectiveness of the use of their public funds in the next programming period (2021-2027). Furthermore, recommendations have been tailored to each Central Europe macro-regional strategy (EUSDR, EUSAIR, EUSBSR, EUSALP) in order to influence key decision makers at transnational level taking into account territorial peculiarities. The policy recommendations on macro-regional strategies primarily target the decision-makers at EU, national and regional levels, but also the local administrations, non-governmental organisations and other opinion leaders who may influence their policies definition. Moreover, they were focused on the main specific topics pursued by each strategy as well as on some horizontal issues. This output factsheet is to be considered as a merged fact sheet covering the 5 outputs: the policy recommendations and the 4 adaptations to macro-regional strategies.

NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

Burgenland - Eco Energy Land (AT),
Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT),
Mazovia (PL),
Piemonte (IT),
Saxony-Anhalt (DE),
Split-Dalmatia (HR),
Southern Great Plain (HU)

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

The transition towards a net zero carbon economy is one of the pillars set down by the EU Commission for the next 2021-2027 programming period. One of the key objectives of PROSPECT2030 was to deliver policy recommendations to the decision-making for improving the use of public funds, in particular ERDF dedicated to support the green transition. As recommendations are addressing relevant horizontal and thematic policy areas at each territorial level, they primarily target decision-makers and local administrations, but also various organisations and opinion leaders who may influence the coming years' planning. The wide stakeholders engagement will have a lasting impact due to the implementation of improved and innovative policies. The recommendations were also tailored to each of the 4 Central Europe macro-regional strategies (EUSDR, EUSAIR, EUSBSR, EUSALP) and were used as a reference by the involved regions in the process of adoption of REAPs, which already occurred or is ongoing. The expectation is to influence each of the main issues which are addressed by the macro-regional strategies thus reinforcing the impact on a transnational level.

Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The drafting of Policy Recommendations for a more effective use of public funds set the basis for the further development of long term sustainable energy policies in the involved pilot regions. They offer a valuable multilevel contribution, which will contribute in influencing the strategies of Regions and Macro-Regions, helping to manage the public funds with sound leverage factors. The replication activities with 12 additional institutions, a large participation in networking events and the final conference allowed to widely transfer the policy recommendations to several other institutions which will improve their capacities to deal with the Fit for 55 targets. The transposition of the policy recommendations in the macro-regional context was particularly important and successful for EUSALP where they have been picked up and embedded in the EUSALP policy recommendations for energy transition.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links

If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The main relevant related project deliverables are the following:

D.T1.3.1 - Framework Policy recommendation document

D.T1.3.2 - Policy recommendation adaptation to macro-regional strategies

They can be found on the project website under the “Documents” section in the Home Page:

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/PROSPECT2030.html>