



Cohesion 4 Transitions (C4T) Community of Practice

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Welcome to the C4T Community of Practice



Rationale for C4T Community of Practice:

- To support **effective expenditure** under Policy Objective 2 of EU Cohesion Policy
- **Experience shows need for tailored support** to MS, regional and local authorities to implement climate and environmental investments with Cohesion Policy
- **Communities of practice are a model of proven success** for improving implementation of funds



C4T Community of Practice: snapshot

Objectives

C4T GROUNDWORK

- Targeted support to resolve remaining challenges and provide advice on specific issues related to the implementation of the PO2
- Capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and development of tailor-made tools

C4T WORKING GROUPS

- Exchange of knowledge and good practices
- Identification of solutions to specific challenges
- Networking and collaboration

C4T ACADEMIC SOUNDING BOARD

- Advancement on the concept of sustainability transitions in cohesion policy
- Facilitation of interactions between science and policy in the planning and implementation of projects

Achievements

- **Technical assistance projects** covering energy agencies, climate adaptation, circular economy and sustainable water management

- 3 Working Groups
 - Climate Change: 35 members
 - Energy: 35 members
 - Environment: 27 members
- Compendium of good practices

- 8 Knowledge Pieces
- 11 renowned academics part of Academic Sounding Board supporting both the C4T and the JTP



Key Support Services

STRATEGY AND PLANNING

- Development/update of strategies and roadmaps for sustainability transitions
- Support to preparation of project pipelines, projects calls, and prioritisation of projects
- Assistance with the identification of funding and co-funding for projects as well as financial instruments

IMPLEMENTATION

- Support to monitoring and improvement of strategies, programmes and plans
- Provision of capacity building activities to public authorities and beneficiaries project preparation and programme implementation
- Support to project development, preparation and implementation set-up

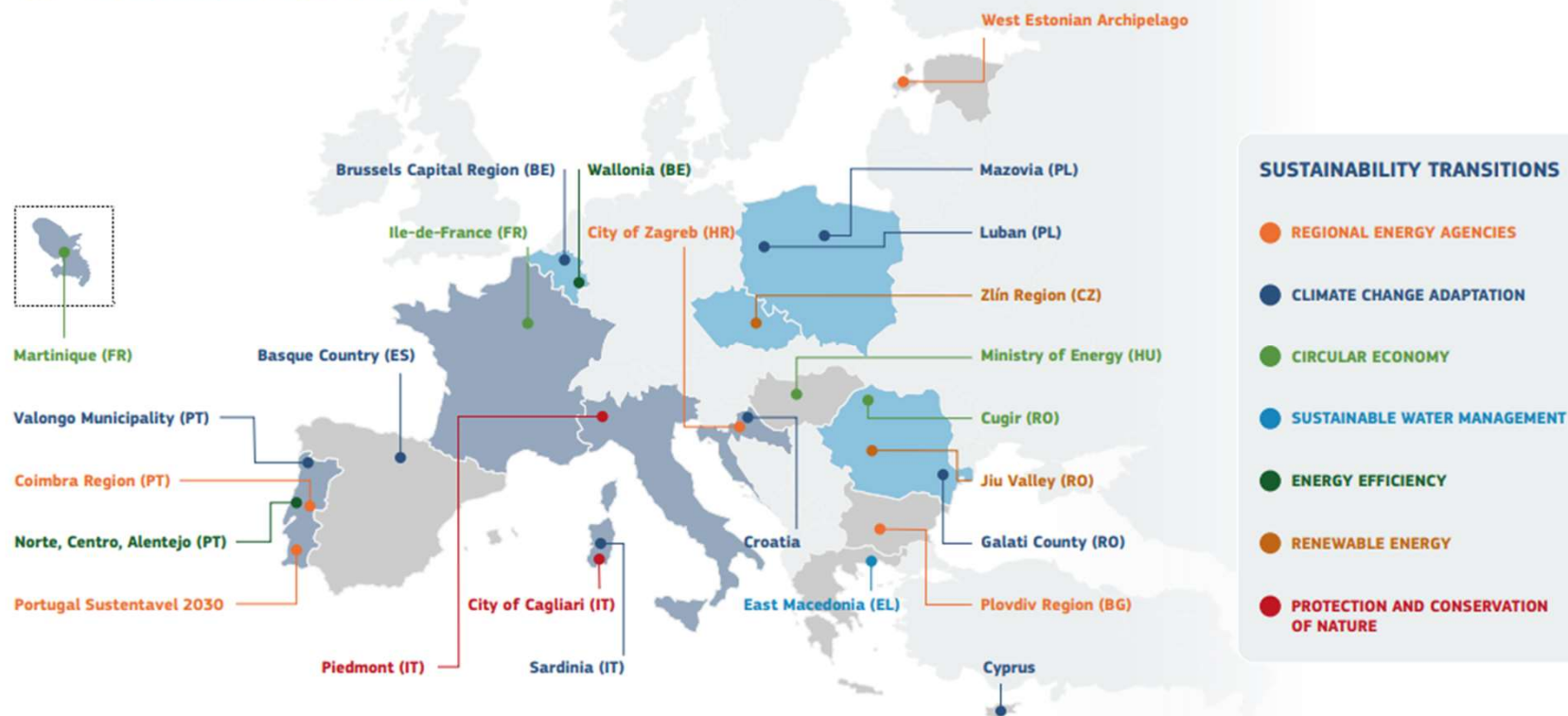
COOPERATION

- Promotion of cooperation with other regions and cross border cooperation
- Engagement and dialogue with stakeholders around sustainability

C4T GROUNDWORK

-  BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY C4T GROUNDWORK PHASE I
-  BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY C4T GROUNDWORK PHASE II
-  BENEFICIARIES COVERED BY C4T GROUNDWORK PHASE I & PHASE II

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Save the date for the next TA Call!

- The next call for the C4T Groundwork technical assistance will be open on **1 October**
- Deadline for applications: **17 November**
- Sign up for the [C4T newsletter](#) to stay up to date.



Overview of the implemented assignments



Advice to the Estonian Islands' Energy Agency

- **Beneficiary:** Estonian Island Energy Agency
- **Implementation period:** October 2023 – February 2024
- **Focus area:** Regional energy agencies
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - preparing LIFE application
 - developing concept for one-stop shop
 - identifying financing sources for projects (including ERDF/CF P02)
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Supported the establishment of the agency
 - Successful LIFE application





Advice to to Ihobe, the Basque Environment Agency

- **Beneficiary:** Ihobe (Basque Environment Agency)
- **Implementation period:** September 2023 – October 2024
- **Focus area:** Climate change adaptation
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Concept development for a study to assess the cost of inaction of climate change and prioritisation of climate adaptation projects
 - Benchmarking of relevant climate-adaptation projects in comparable EU regions
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Successful launch of a study on the cost of inaction and identification and prioritisation of climate adaptation projects
 - Four case studies on relevant European climate adaptation projects with recommendations on transferability and replication in the Basque Country.





Improvement of the climate-proofing procedures

- **Beneficiary:** REGEA – North-West Croatia Regional Energy and Climate Agency
- **Implementation period:** January – June 2024
- **Focus area:** Regional Energy agencies
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Improving climate-proofing procedures on the level of strategic planning
 - Improving climate-proofing procedures on the level of infrastructure
 - Capacity-building workshop
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Set of action points for improvement Zagreb City Climate Adaptation Plan
 - Guidelines for climate-proofing of investments improved on the basis of pilot investment „Paromlin” (urban regeneration project for the new city library and the cultural centre)

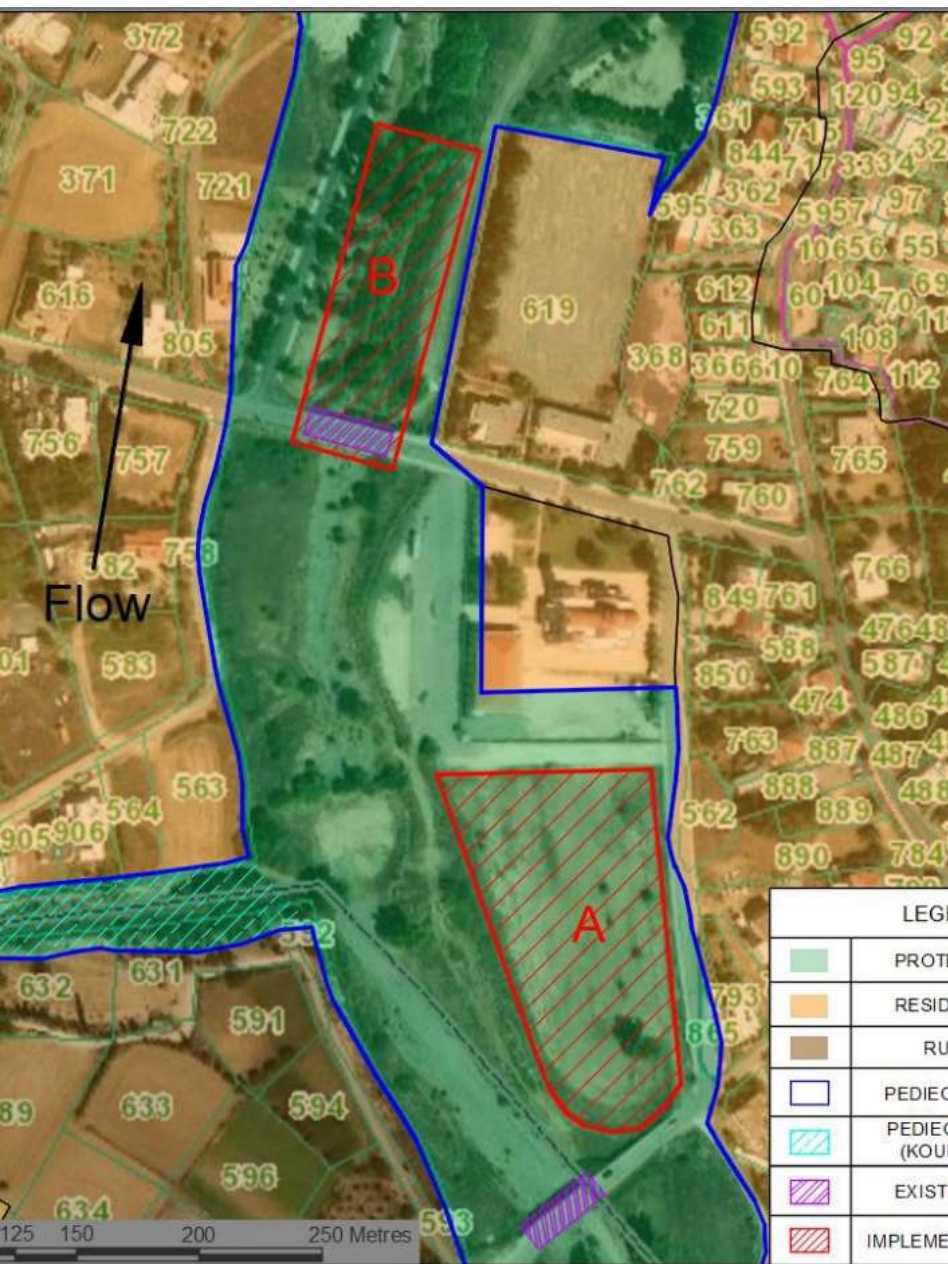




TA to the One-stop-shop for Residential Building Renovation in the Plovdiv Region

- **Beneficiary:** Energy Agency of Plovdiv
- **Implementation period:** October 2023 – June 2024
- **Focus area:** Regional energy agencies
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Establishing an overview of funding possibilities and pricing options for a one-stop-shop services
 - Capacity-building workshops
 - Outline of relevant financing options
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Provided funding possibilities and pricing options for a one-stop-shop service.
 - Increased capacity of the Plovdiv EA personnel on building renovation.
 - Facilitated knowledge sharing and capacity building on the financing models for residential energy efficiency renovation.





Nature-based Solutions for Flood Management in Cyprus – Advice to the Cyprus Energy Agency

- **Beneficiary:** Cyprus Energy Agency
- **Implementation period:** January 2024 – July 2024
- **Focus area:** Climate change adaptation
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Development of a monitoring concept for the measures
 - Estimation of costs of the proposed measures
 - Advice on any further preparatory works (studies, etc.) needed to acquire funding
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Showed that measures would be cost-efficient and benefits will outweigh costs
 - Prepared elements and structure for a funding proposal





Advice to the Autonomous Region of Sardinia

- **Beneficiary:** The Regional Programming Centre (CRP) of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia
- **Implementation period:** April 2024 – September 2024
- **Focus area:** Climate change adaptation
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Climate Proofing exercise: climate data collection, involvement of relevant actors, analysis
 - Regional Workshop on lessons learnt
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Technical Report
 - Guidelines
 - Capacity building support





Advice to Valongo Municipality

- **Beneficiary:** Valongo Municipality
- **Implementation period:** March 2024 – October 2024
- **Focus area:** Climate change adaptation
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Priorities analysis addressing resilience of river systems
 - Developing concept note of bankable project (Climate adaptation and biodiversity)
 - Identification of best practices in river restoration and NbS
 - Identifying financing sources for projects (including under P02 and private-public partnerships)
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Improved Municipality capacity
 - Adaptable priority analysis
 - Concept note that can be adapted and reused in different contexts





TA to the Hungarian Ministry of Energy

- **Beneficiary:** Hungarian Ministry of Energy
- **Implementation period:** July 2024-Oct 2024
- **Focus area:** Circular economy
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Identify and analyze calls of circular economy programmes relevant to HU.
 - Learn from call requirements of previous calls.
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Systematic mapping of call requirements of six selected CE calls, four selected Horizon calls, and two ERDF-financed funds.
 - Key conclusions and take-aways.





TA to Eastern Macedonia, Thrace

- **Beneficiary:** Managing Authority eastern Macedonia Thrace
- **Implementation period:** May 2024 to October 2024
- **Focus area:** Sustainable water management
- **Key scope and activities:**
 - Written guidance on holistic water project preparation approach
 - Training Workshop
- **Main outcomes:**
 - Strengthen capacity projects projects in the drinking water sector
 - Resource developed for designing and evaluating projects holistic approach



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Working Groups



C4T Working Groups

Who are the WG members?

Managing Authorities; intermediate bodies; regional, local, urban or other public authority; organisations representing civil society; and other relevant stakeholders

Members come from 21 EU Member States

The main output in 2024: [Compendium of good practices](#).

Ongoing work: Preparation of specific actions to help with overcoming specific challenges in the PO2 implementation



ENERGY

Managing authorities and intermediate bodies:

- ✓ Municipalities
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- ✓ Ministries
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- ✓ Members of the Monitoring Committees
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CLIMATE CHANGE

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