The BAPAURA project has reached its halfway point! The support offered by the partners to the municipalities is now well established and operational; 115 small municipalities in the region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes are currently benefiting from it. This newsletter n°3 presents the activities and progress of the partners since September 2021.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE NETWORK

BAPAURA adapted to the health context all the while remaining user-friendly. Short weekly webinars bring together about fifteen participants on technical subjects (indoor air quality, air tightness, programming phase, summer comfort, etc.). Within this framework, specialized companies have been invited to exchange with the partners on technical aspects of the renovation of public services. These workshops are intended to extend beyond the BAPAURA partnership via a pairing program.

Focus: The impact of a renovation project on local finances

The financial set-up and access to financing is at the heart of the success of an ambitious renovation project. It was deemed important to raise awareness among project managers about the accounting of communities and the impact that a renovation project can have on their finances. The tools and trainings created within the framework of BAPAURA, tested with municipalities by the partners, are now disseminated at the regional level via the "centre de ressources tertiaire" (tertiary resources center). For the stakeholders of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, a training session took place in December, and a second one is planned for March 15, 2022.

With the aim of disseminating the service models and tools developed, the BAPAURA project includes a pairing approach. Each partner will be associated with a territorial actor wishing to develop a renovation support service. ADEME and AURAEE will deploy this pairing with at least two other regions concerning the coordination and facilitation aspects. Meetings between the partners and their respective pairs will allow an exchange on their contexts and the services that can be developed according to the local needs, stakeholders and competences. The pairs will be included in the technical meetings of the project with the partners to evolve together and share their experience.

For more information on BAPAURA, download the newsletters of February 2021 & August 2021.
Testimony of the Community of Municipalities of the Cantalien Chataigneraie (CCC15)  
BAPAURA partner

The CCC15 is beneficiary of national and European calls for projects (BAPAURA and ACTEE), which allowed it to finance, among other things, a full-time position of "flow economist". The latter benefits from the resources and network of BAPAURA's coaches, and supports 28 projects. This is an unprecedented approach in a rural area, because it allows small municipalities to benefit from tools and engineering that meet the challenges of energy transition in a single collective effort.

"The renovation of a municipality building which hosts a local business is the first phase of a global plan to strengthen the attractiveness of the municipality and the revitalization of its town center. This project is also an opportunity for the municipality to take up the challenge of the energy transition through an environmentally friendly renovation that deliberately turns the page on fossil fuels. Priority has been given to a drastic reduction in the building's energy needs, with the aim to lowering expenses and guaranteeing lasting economic benefits for the business model that has been tested since March 2020 by the effects of the crisis." Guy MESPOULHES (Mayor of Siran, 476 inhabitants)

SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Currently, 115 projects are in progress of support, of which 58 are beyond the programming phase, and 12 renovation contracts have already been signed. See the map of supported projects

What's next?

BAPAURA is part of a regional and national dynamic of facilitation and training of support services (action of the tertiary resource center, network of flow economists of ACTEE). BAPAURA contributes to the complementarity of the different programs proposed and is integrated in the regional coordination. The toolbox for coaches will be completed and distributed at the regional level by summer 2022. Finetuning is still needed regarding the legal terms of the service, as well as the economic viability of a renovation support service.

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