

C-Track 50, an EU funded project under the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, aims to mobilise and support local and regional authorities in energy and climate planning in order to achieve climate resilience and carbon neutrality by 2050.

The energy planning process at the C-Track 50 countries

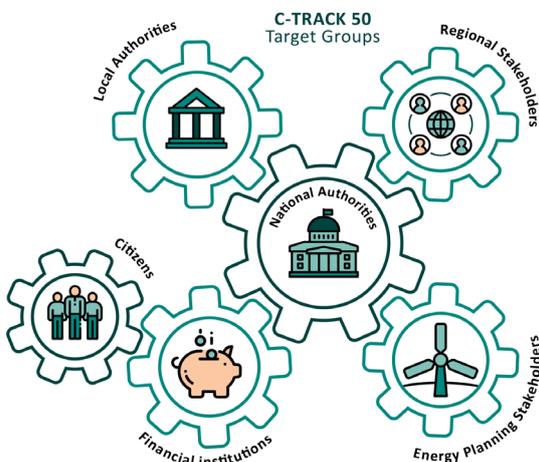
Energy and climate planning is a complicated process that engages many stakeholders with overlapping competencies across levels of governance. To ensure multi-level governance between the engaged authorities, the energy planning process for the eleven partner countries was reviewed. The report produced includes a review of the national target setting procedure in each country, as well as a synopsis of the process for formulating national energy and climate policy plans, and the role and involvement of local and regional governments. [LEARN MORE.](#)

Multi-level governance models on energy planning

Within the framework of C-Track 50, existing multi-level governance models were assessed to identify the most effective approach at a country level that could intensify collaboration. The resulting briefing paper also includes recommendations on implementing and tailoring collaboration processes in order to facilitate energy and climate planning at a national level. [READ the Report.](#)

Supporting local authorities in long term energy planning

C-Track 50 aims to mobilize and support local and regional authorities in defining long-term energy policy priorities, as well as developing, financing and implementing ambitious integrated sustainable energy and climate policy action plans in order to achieve climate resilience and carbon neutrality by 2050. Technical help and guidance is provided to at least one region and ten municipalities in each partner country. The selection of the supported municipalities involved the launch of an open call in most countries.



C-Track 50 addresses two key challenges: the lack of multi-level collaboration in integrated energy and climate policy planning and the limited experience across Europe in long-term planning at all governing levels.

Overall, C-Track 50 will contribute considerably to the 2030 and 2050 EU energy and climate targets by promoting multi-level governance, supporting public authorities in defining long-term energy policy priorities and facilitating local and regional energy planning.

	Enhancing the cooperation between the different levels of governance, both at the vertical and horizontal level, in 11 European countries		116 Sustainable energy and climate policy action plans for 2050 at the local and regional level.
	Working with regions to help them adopt national strategic policy priorities, while capitalising on synergies and economies of scale for implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy actions		105 Funding proposals for implementing sustainable energy and climate actions / projects
	Building the capacity of regional/local authorities on energy and climate policy planning, implementation and financing.		50.000 Stakeholders across Europe informed on carbon neutrality and C-Track 50 outputs.
			Support EU policies and initiatives, such as the Global Covenant of Mayors on Energy and Climate.



C-Track 50 participation at COP24 – Katowice 2018

C-Track 50 was successfully presented during a side event of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP24 in Katowice, Poland, on 8 December 2018 in the EU Pavilion. The event “Nature-based solutions and multi-level governance for carbon-neutral and resilient cities and regions” was organised by ICLEI Europe and the Ecologic Institute Berlin. Invited practitioners and experts discussed the role nature-based solutions and multi-level governance play in facilitating the transition of cities and regions to carbon-neutrality.



C-Track 50 National Roundtables promoting multi-level collaboration

In order to promote multi-level governance and facilitate strategic long-term energy planning, roundtables were realised in each partner country. Participants included national, regional, local and other public authorities and organisations involved in strategic energy and climate policy planning, such as associations of local authorities.



C-Track 50 Roundtables for local authorities and other stakeholders

In each participating country, a one-day roundtable for local authorities and other stakeholders was successfully held. The roundtables facilitated the dialogue between regional authorities, local authorities and other local stakeholders. During the roundtables policy priorities for regions and municipalities for 2050 were discussed, as well as priority actions and exemplary measures to implement. In addition, the vision of a carbon neutral economy by 2050 was discussed, along with proposed recommendations on national energy policy priorities for 2050.



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