Project Title:	Regional Strategies for Energy Conscious Communities
Acronym:	RENERGY
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Project summary:	

RENERGY should be seen in a context of the EU 2020 Strategy setting out objectives and main line of action to address urgent global energy concerns: excessive reliance on non-renewable fossil fuels, dependency on energy imports, safety issues (e.g. nuclear) and the significant CO2 contribution of transport sector and fossil energy sources to climate change.

The overall objective of project is to improve, through interregional cooperation, the effectiveness of regional development policies aimed at increasing RES and EE through synergic actions in three main areas (policy making, business and social), as a response to the negative consequences of economic crisis and climate change. Investments in the Green Economy will contribute to economic growth and job creation and also to combating climate change in Europe. The specific objectives of RENERGY are: stimulate the uptake of RES and thus create jobs; work with local authorities, the drivers, to promote EE and to reduce energy consumption; feed findings from the work with SMEs and local authorities into the energy policy-making cycle in order to continuously improve it. The project's partnership involves nine public authorities (Potenza Province, Tulln, Worms, Durham, Energie Cités, Avrig, Sheffield, Slagelse, Szentes) and three knowledge institutions (CNR-IMAA, INTELI, KTU) which will coordinate respectively the policy making, business and social pillars. The main expected results deal with an integrated, policyoriented and fostered cooperation among the partners and all project stakeholders including local and regional communities for the purpose of meeting the 20-20-20 requirements; networking and working relations with existing energy networks established (e.g. Climate Alliance of European Cities, Covenant of Mayors, Energie-Cités, UK Carbon Action Network etc.); non-signatory partners signing up to the Covenant of Mayors; a set of policy tools to achieve an efficient management of energy; increased funding opportunities and concentrated funding resources related to improving energy efficiency and the optimal utilisation of RES, for the purpose of creating sustainable EE and RES urban communities through an increase in uptake of RES and energy efficient behavior; indirect contribution to job creation and CO2 emission reduction

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Municipality of Avrig	Romania
Municipality of Slagelse	Denmark
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