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Name: CO2FREE - *Cooperating 2 Foster Renewables and Energy Efficiency*

Funding programme: INTERREG IVC

Priority/Theme: Priority 2. Environment & Risk prevention/ Energy and sustainable transport

Duration: 24 months (octombrie 2010 – septembrie 2012)

Partners:

European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology – Ireland

Donegal County Council – Ireland

Derry City Council - United Kingdom

Association of Local Authorities in Västernorrland County, ALAV – Sweden

Agency for Regional Development and Innovations – Bulgaria

Fomento de San Sebastian – Spain

Regional Council of North Karelia – Finland

The Institute for Technology and Alternative Mobility – Austria

Regional Development Agency West Region – Romania

Avila County Council – Spain

Overall objective:

This overall objective of CO2FREE is to give the regional and local authorities specific instruments to address the challenge of energy efficiency and sustainable transport, by jointly developing Action Plans in close cooperation with regional stakeholders, to be implemented by making use of mainstream Objective 1 and 2 Structural Funds available in each participating region.

Activities

Component 1 - Management and coordination

Component 2 - Communication and dissemination

Component 3 - Exchange of experiences dedicated to the transfer of good practices into EU Structural Funds mainstream programmes



Expected outputs:

1. To translate the best practices mastered by the CO2FREE partnership into regional Action Plans to be implemented under the Operational Programmes of the EU Structural Funds (Objective 1 and 2 Operational Programmes) in each region
2. To have political commitment that regional Action Plans will be actually implemented, both from the regional stakeholders and the Managing Authorities of the Operational Programmes.
3. To involve regional and local stakeholders in the preparation of regional Action Plans
4. To disseminate information about the project, its objectives, the approach, results and lessons learned to a large audience including policy and decision makers at local, regional, national and EU level, as well as EU local and regional authorities.