



## Project presentation

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# Introduction on « MLG »: Multi-Level Governance



# Multi-level governance

*« Multi-level governance refers to the effective interaction between the different political levels for an improved coordination and coherence between the local, regional, national and European policy level »*

## **EU: 5 principles of "good governance":**

Transparency, Participation, Accountability, Effectiveness and Coherence

(source: White paper on EU governance)



# Drivers for Multi-Level Governance at sub-national levels



Regional  
authority



**Metropolitan  
area**

- Limited sources of renewable energy within their territory,
- Need coherence with regional plans
- Compliance with spatial planning not always “climate compatible”



**Municipality**



# Drivers for Multi-Level Governance at sub-national levels



Regional  
authority



**Metropolitan  
area**

- Lack of technical skills in energy planning
- Need grid connections for RES
- Lack of funding and financial resources
- Lack of energy data



**Municipality**



# Drivers for Multi-Level Governance at sub-national levels



Regional  
authority



Metropolitan  
area

**Need to involve regional and local stakeholders to:**

- Deploy “smart” energy grids
- Facilitate natural resource use and conflict management
- Implement effective cross boundary RES supply chains
- Engage stakeholders and develop consistent awareness raising



Municipality





# Other driving forces for MLG

- Need for synergies and **economies of scale**
- Need to take into account new **administrative levels**: macro regions, metropolitan areas
- Important **role of regions** in scaling-up local action and linking with EU policies and initiatives
- Increasing role of **civil society** and private actors:  
citizen investment program, RES acceptance, funding,..
- **More planning** requirements at sub-national levels



# Presentation of COOPENERGY





- Started in April 2013, will end in April 2016
- Coordinator: Regional Council of Rhône-Alpes
- 7 European regions from **Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, UK** and 11 further « twinning » regions in Europe (replicabi-lateral exchanges)
- Co-funded by the *Intelligent Energy Europe* programme of the European Commission



**Identify** and **promote** transferable models of effective collaboration

**Mobilize** regional and local public authorities and **facilitate** their cooperation

**Demonstrate** joint actions involving both levels

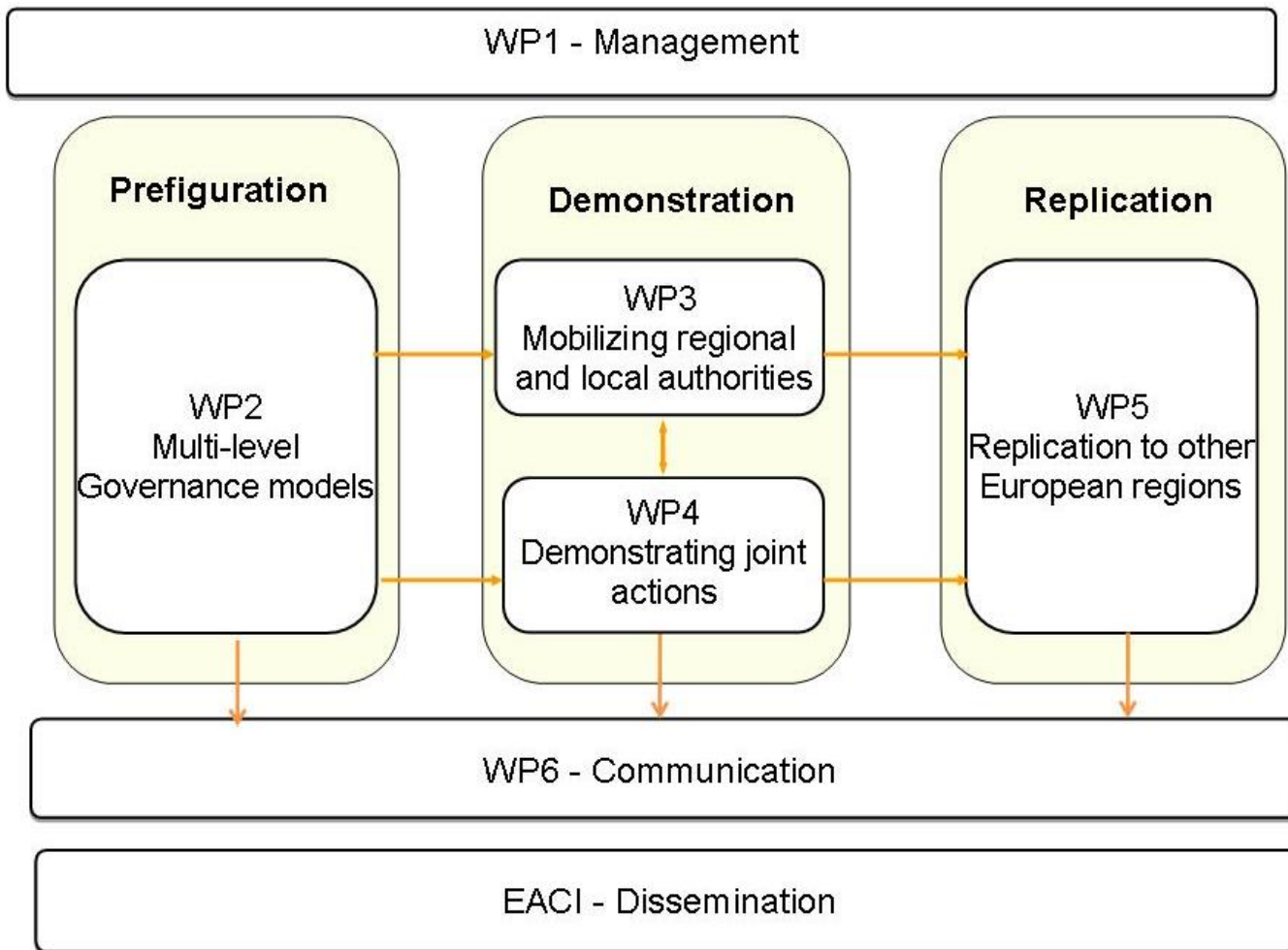
**Facilitate cooperation between regional and local public authorities  
in Sustainable Energy Planning**

**Support** knowledge transfer and replication

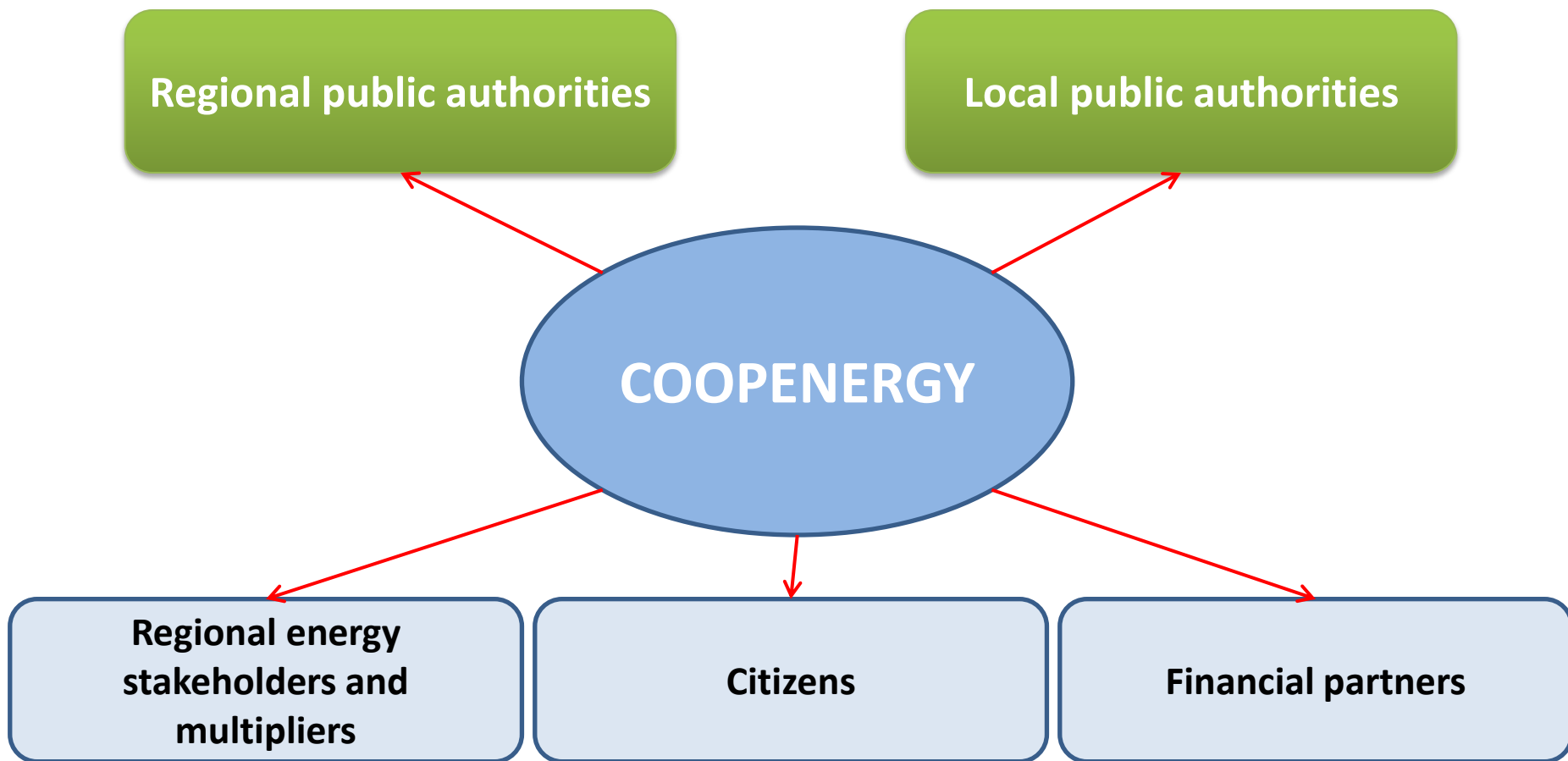
**Promote** European policies



# Structure

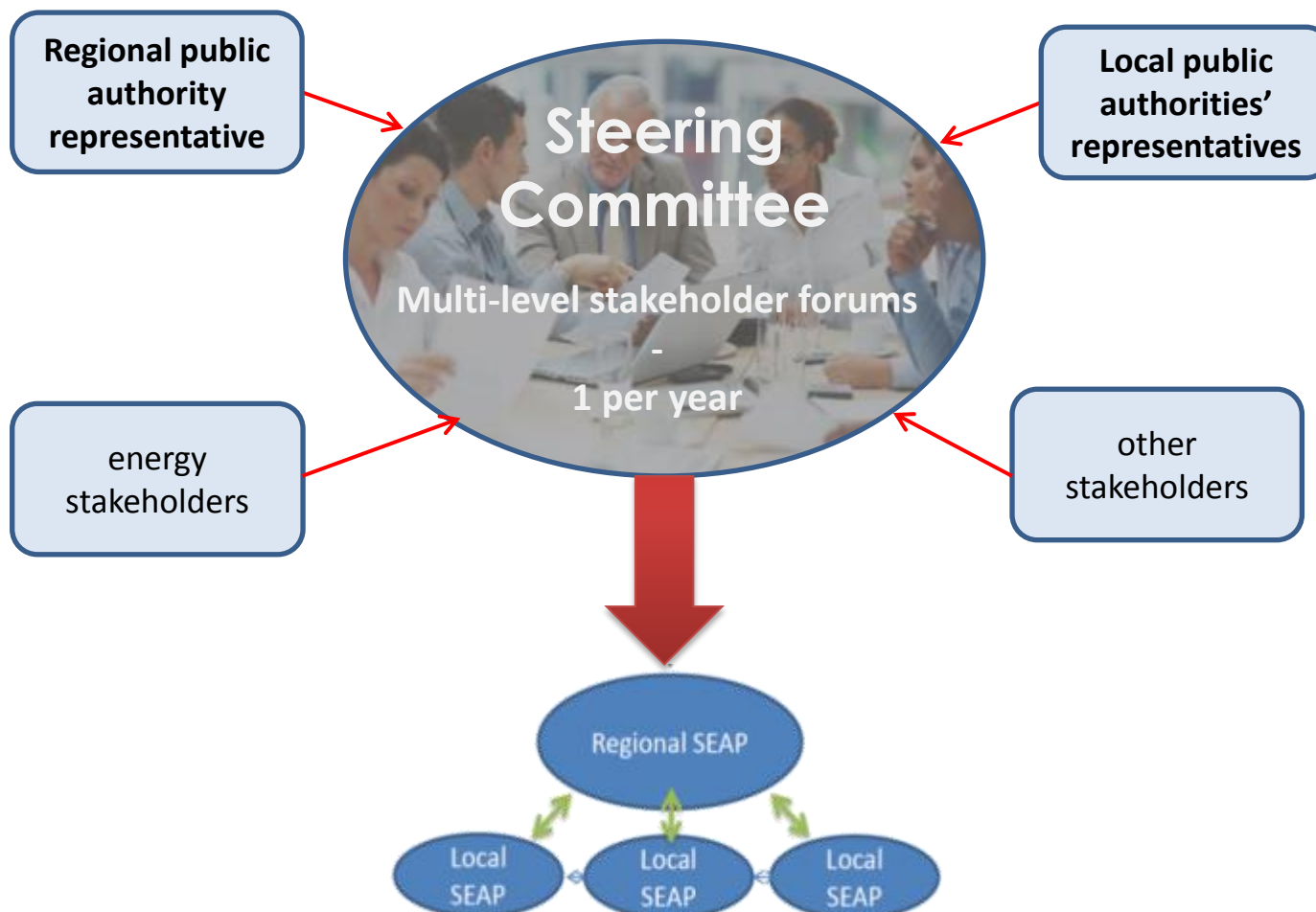


# Key actors



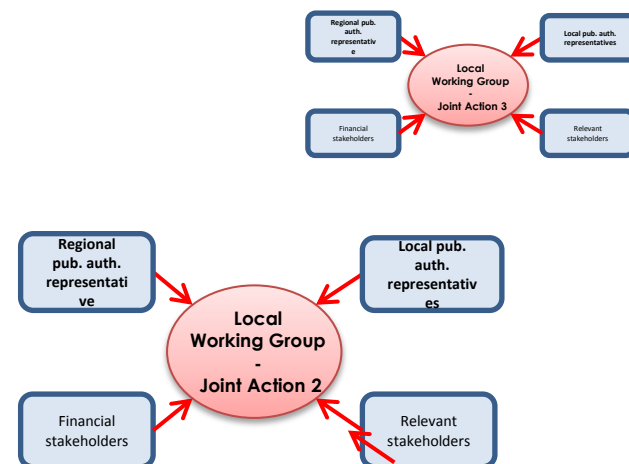
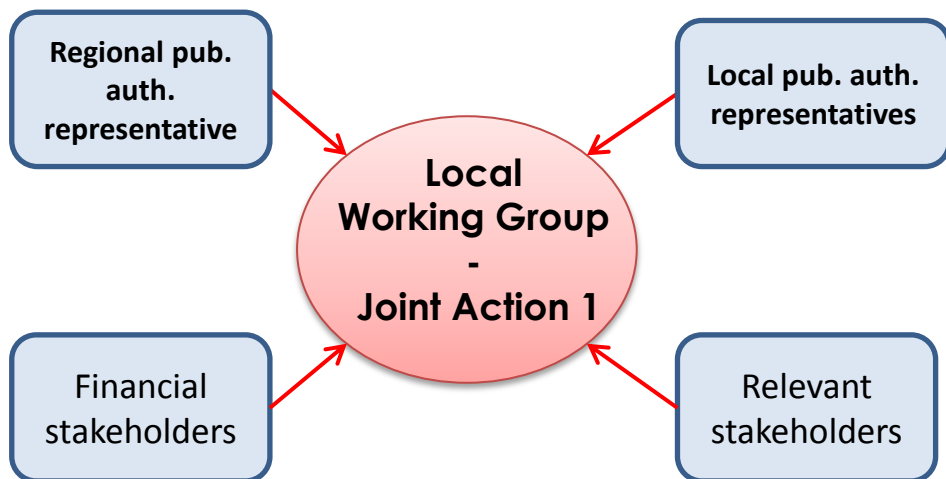
# How COOPENERGY is fostering MLG

## Collaborative review or design of the partner regions' regional energy plan



# How COOPENERGY is fostering MLG

## Concret cases: Implementation of Joint Actions in each partner region



### ■ 3 thematic pillars :

- **Financial instruments** (ex : Joint development process between the Zlin region and the municipalities for purchasing bulk energy and providing energy efficiency services in Czech republic)
- **Modelling, planning and monitoring tools for decision makers** (ex : Collaboration in adapting land use territorial procedures (SCOT) for sustainable energy communities in France)
- **Awareness raising and stakeholders involvement instruments** (ex : Organization of local workshops with citizens associations willing to invest in renewables in Germany)

# Key outputs

1 European wide survey to identify MLG models  
60 best practice MLG models compiled  
Drafting and dissemination of MLG Guidebook in 7 national languages  
Dissemination of project communication materials  
15 National and 8 International presentations of the project results  
13 Energy Info days

**Identify and promote transferable models of effective collaboration**

Review of energy planning process of 8 regional public authorities  
29 regional multi-level stakeholders forums  
CoM territorial coordinators (3 regional authorities)  
8 regional SEAP defined or revised in collaboration with LAs

**Mobilize regional and local public authorities  
and facilitate their cooperation**

14 joint actions implemented  
97 local working group meetings,  
with 184 LA and 244 stakeholders  
3 European thematic workshops

**Demonstrate joint actions**

11 Memoranda of Understanding signed  
11 « twinning » regions with bi-lateral exchanges

**Support knowledge transfer and replication**

Presentation of CoM material during internal  
and thematic workshops  
Presentation during final European event

**Promote European policies**



# THANK YOU

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