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REGIONS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION

TOWARD GOVERNANCE,

FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION

■ CLIMACTREGIONS OBJECTIVES

In the global context of fighting against climate change, the European Union (EU) has committed itself to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20% by 2020. The ClimactRegions project is part of this dynamic and aims to strengthen regional capacity to develop and implement policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

Financed by European program INTERREG IVC, ClimactRegions mobilizes the partners on a duration of three years until spring 2013.

OBJECTIVES

- . enable Regions to efficiently monitor and observe greenhouse gases,
- . develop regional policies for greenhouse gas mitigation using good governance processes,
- . strengthen the dialogue between Regions and the EU on climate change policies and their implementation in the field.

■ CLIMACTREGIONS IDENTIFYING GOOD PRACTICES

The identification of good practices in terms of GHG reduction in European regions is the main focus of the ClimactRegions. These good practices include:

THE OBSERVATION ON GHG EMISSIONS

What are the existing methodologies to count GHG emissions? How monitoring is organized? How to determine the impact of different sectors?

THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS

What are the most effective? How to practice? What is the necessary framework?

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

How to involve stakeholders in the process of construction and implementation of GHG reduction policies? How all local stakeholders can get involved?

■ CLIMACTREGIONS TOOLS FOR POLICY MAKERS

ClimactRegions will develop assessment methodologies and will produce guides in three areas: GHG observatory, regional policies and governance. Based on the exchange of experiences and good practices identified by partners, the recommendations, aimed at developing specific actions to reduce GHG emissions in the territories, can then be used by policy makers.

A STRONG IMPACT

Beyond the project partners, the results obtained by ClimactRegions will benefit all stakeholders involved in the territories. Through targeted communication tools and a web portal, the Regions have all the information needed to facilitate the implementation of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

AN ACTION BASED ON EXCHANGE

A network of observatories of regional greenhouse gas emissions will be incorporated into a permanent working group within the European network of European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and Environment (FEDARENE). The dialogue between the Regions and the European Union will be strengthened through the European organizations, especially the Committee of the Regions and the new directorate within the European Commission in charge of climate change.