JOINING FEDARENE

Your practical guide to becoming a member
Through constant exchanges between its members, FEDARENE is a dynamic network working together to develop a sustainable vision of Europe’s energy future.

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WHAT IS FEDARENE

OUR STORY

FEDARENE was created on 8th June 1990 by 6 regional authorities – Rhône-Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur, Wallonie, País Vasco, Aquitaine and Nord-Pas-de-Calais. These authorities wanted to make the voice of the regions heard in the debate on energy and environment policies at the European level. The Brussels office opened its doors in November 1991. The six pioneers quickly attracted followers and the network already reached 40 members in 1995.

The successive enlargements of the European Union extended FEDARENE’s sphere of influence and today more than 70 organisations from 20 European countries form the FEDARENE network of cooperation. It is now a crossroads for a wide array of agencies which are not only the driving force behind the development of the network, but also play an essential role in policy making. They act as producers of ideas on the regional, national, European and international levels, and as implementers of decisions emanating from these levels.

FEDARENE is one of the founding partners of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, which was launched in 2008. The initiative is currently managed by a consortium of networks of local and regional authorities, led by Energy Cities and Climate Alliance, and composed of CEMR, EUROCITIES FEDARENE, and ICLEI Europe. The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy is now the world’s largest movement for local climate and energy actions, bringing together over 7,700 signatory local authorities, as well as supporting organisations who strive to fast-track local climate and energy action and go beyond the EU’s 40% greenhouse gas-reduction target by 2030.
OUR MISSION

**FEDARENE acts as a liaison between local / regional authorities and European institutions.** We make the voice of regions and local governments heard at the European level and inform our constituency of relevant European initiatives and policies.

**FEDARENE promotes the exchange of experience and the development of transnational projects.** Through its events and networking activities, FEDARENE brings together organisations from across Europe to share know-how, develop European projects and replicate successful initiatives.

**FEDARENE provides a forum for discussion for stakeholders of the energy sector.** FEDARENE serves as a platform not only to its members but to all stakeholders striving for the energy transition: public authorities, non-governmental organisations, citizens, small and medium-sized enterprises and financial institutions amongst others.
WHO CAN JOIN FEDARENE

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ENERGY AGENCIES

- These agencies operate at the local or regional level;
- Their goal is to contribute to the energy transition through the implementation of sustainable energy policies and/or climate and environment measures;
- These agencies are either public institutions created by a public authority to work on its behalf, or private organisations which work closely with local or regional public authorities.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

- These authorities, through their specialised departments, are responsible for the implementation of sustainable energy policies and/or climate and environmental measures;
- In accordance to the statutes of FEDARENE, “region” is construed as “the level of government immediately below that of central government, with political representation guaranteed by the existence of an elected Regional Council or, failing such level of government, by an association or body constituted at regional level by the local authorities at the level immediately below”.
IF YOU JOIN FEDARENE, YOU WILL...

**BE VISIBLE**

- Influential stakeholders from the energy field in Brussels and across the EU will learn about your activities and your key messages.
- You will present your projects to EU officials and prominent decision-makers at our networking events, conferences and workshops.
- You will share your ideas and activities with other energy agencies and local/regional governments from all over Europe.

**INTERACT**

- You will meet and exchange directly with energy experts working in regions and cities across the EU.
- You will be invited to join current partnerships and to create new ones by building project proposals with members of the network.
- By attending our events, you will transfer your knowledge and gain new expertise.

**BE INFORMED**

- Our Brussels office will notify you of relevant EU funding opportunities for your organisation.
- You will have access to our exclusive information channels (newsletter, individual information upon request...).
- You will be aware of all important European policy developments and events in your area of activities.

**INFLUENCE**

- You will meet and discuss with EU representatives about policy reforms and financial programmes.
- You will disseminate your own sustainable energy solutions in projects across Europe.
- Your priorities and main concerns will be presented in our Position Papers and Policy Recommendations.
WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOU

Membership in FEDARENE is a two-way street:

1. **Share with us information** on your projects, your events, your local/regional policy developments and other activities.
   - Our communications channels become your communication channels. We'll make sure your news are seen and heard across Europe.

2. **Don’t be shy**, call us or email us when you have questions or specific needs and visit us when you come to Brussels.
   - We will do our best to answer your questions and the Brussels office is always happy to welcome you.

3. **Come to our events** and meet the other members of FEDARENE who work on the same topics as you do, who face the same challenges and work for the same objectives.
   - We’ll make sure you are put in contact with energy experts from other regions and that you are included in our discussions and working groups.
Participate in our webinars, workshops and calls for contribution.

✓ Your feedback from the ground is invaluable to us, the European Institutions and the other energy agencies.

Include us in your activities, invite us to your events, host FEDARENE events (workshops, general assemblies...).

✓ We are ready to support you in any way we can in achieving your goals.
THE PEOPLE OF FEDARENE

MEET THE BOARD

Julije DOMAC
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MEET THE BRUSSELS TEAM

The FEDARENE has a representation office in Brussels since 1991, which is currently composed of 5 employees who are dedicated to the organisation’s activities and members.

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Submit a request for membership to the President of FEDARENE. Address your request to our president Mr. Julije DOMAC, Managing Director of North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency, by sending him a motivated letter by e-mail at fedarene@fedarene.org and by post to our Brussels Office (Rue de Stassart 131, 1050, Brussels, Belgium).

The application is voted upon at our yearly General Assembly.

You are paired with a senior member. A member of FEDARENE will be assigned to you as sponsor to ensure that you are integrated into the Network appropriately and benefit from it fully.

Pay the annual membership fee. The fee is calculated according to a formula taking into account different elements such as the size of your staff, the GDP and population figures of the said region.

Enjoy the benefits of being a FEDARENE member at its fullest. You are now able to influence, interact, be more visible and be informed of all relevant policies and initiatives!

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the FEDARENE Brussels Office at fedarene@fedarene.org.