

PROJECT DETAILS

Duration: October 2017 to September 2020

Total budget: EUR 3.5 million

ERD Funds: EUR 2.7 million

Number of partners: 17

Involved countries: 8

MAIN OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT

- Progress report and draft of methodology to assess needs for capacity building
- Combined Document: Assessment concept, Baseline Reports and Capacity Building Schemes
- Implementation of local energy efficiency work groups documented in a consolidated implementation report for local energy efficiency workgroups
- Improved energy management systems
- Comprehensive report on most effective energy saving measures
- Feasibility study for an investment in each participating municipality/Guideline on financing of investment
- Guideline “Energy efficiency strategy for buildings”
- Web based training programme

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- Centria University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- Civitta UAB (LT)
- Elva Municipality (EE)
- Energy Agency for South East Sweden (SE)
- Gulbene Municipality Council (LV)
- Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (RU)
- Leuphana University Lüneburg (D)
- Magistrate of the City of Bremerhaven (D)
- Municipality of Gdynia (PL)
- ProjectZero (DK)
- Renewable Energies Agency (D)
- Riga Technical University (LV)
- Silute District Municipality (LT)
- South-Estonian Centre of Renewable Energy (EE)
- The Szewalski Institute (PL)
- Trolleybus Communication Enterprise (PL)

PROJECT LOCAL PARTNER

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ACT NOW! IN GENERAL

For energy efficiency improvements in public buildings

Act Now! – this is the call for improving energy efficiency in public and private buildings by enhancing the capacity of decision makers. The international project of the same name has been launched in Bremerhaven in February 2018 with a kick-off meeting of 37 participants from 17 partners in the Baltic Sea area. The project was initiated by “Klimastadtbüro”, the climate city office of Bremerhaven, which now coordinates the project.

Act Now! is funded with EUR 3.55 million by the European Union.



Melf Grantz, Mayor of Bremerhaven, sees a decisive advantage of the project in the transnational cooperation: “Every country has its own requirements and many already have experience with this topic. Cross-border exchange allows us to benefit from this experience and learn from each other.”

REASONING OF THE PROJECT

Fostering the municipalities’ CO₂ reduction targets

Time is running out, as greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase and accelerate global warming. What can communities do to implement climate action plans and to achieve CO₂ reduction targets they set? During the three-year term of **Act Now!**, 17 project partners will develop approaches and modules that will empower municipalities to significantly improve the energy efficiency of buildings.



“The administration holds the key to greater energy efficiency in its hands. State offices, schools and hospitals are among the public buildings that already contribute to climate protection by saving energy and converting to renewables,” notes **Act Now! project manager Till Scherzinger** of the Klimastadtbüro Bremerhaven.

MAIN WORKING PACKAGES

Knowledge tandems bring expert experience into the regions

The core idea of **Act Now!** is to work in tandems consisting of experienced energy efficiency firms and institutions and local administrations. In the initial phase of the project the local situation and needs for improvements of energy efficiency will be investigated in ten selected municipalities. Individual capacity building schemes for partner communities will be developed from the results of this analysis. Learning platforms, technical monitoring devices and exchange workshops will contribute to capacity building in the municipalities. All experiences gained during the implementation stage will feed into further dissemination of the results and “lessons learned” activities to improve the capacity building process also outside the project **Act Now!**.

