

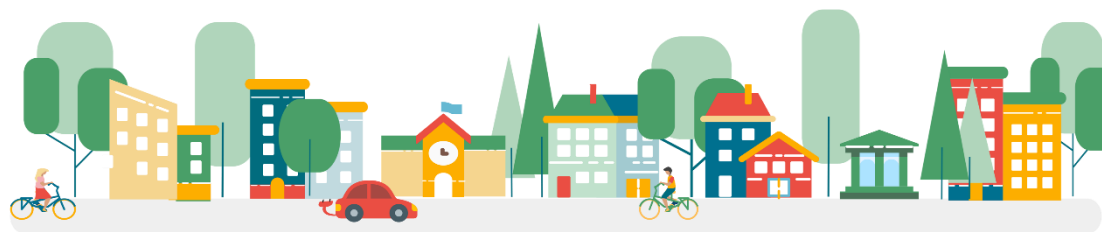
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Energie Cités

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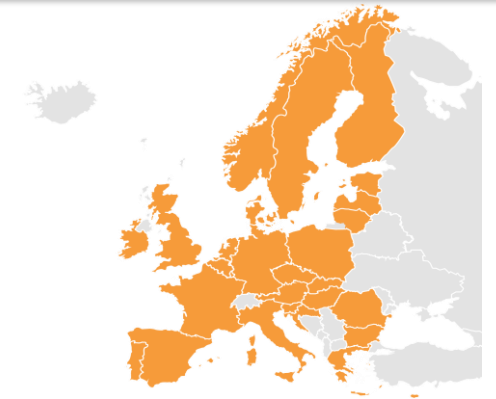
Association of Municipalities Polish Network „Energie Cités” (PNEC)

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- **non-profit** NGO operating since 1994 actively promotes and supports **sustainable energy development, climate mitigation and adaptation on the local level**
- supports Polish municipalities in developing and implementing **local energy and climate strategies** and related projects
- promotes **energy efficiency** and **RES use**
- PNEC's members are local and regional authorities **from all over Poland**
- since April 2009 the **official Covenant Supporter**, and as such **supports Polish CoM signatories** in the development and implementation of SECAPs
- collective member of European Energy Cities network

**70 PARTNER'S ORGANISATIONS
FROM 20 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**



35 MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES



PNEC activities

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- implementation of projects supporting **energy transition & climate adaptation** in Polish cities and municipalities,
- organization of **thematic** conferences, seminars, workshops, study tours, etc.,
- supporting **exchange of experience and ideas** between its members, as well as with other EU municipalities,
- assisting in identifying funds for climate & energy-related project,
- support the **SECAPs development and implementation**,
- **publication** of guidelines, brochures, good cases and promotional movies&posters for municipalities
- promotion of municipalities' achievements in media
- climate and environmental **education**



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy
EUROPE



Implementation of projects focused on sustainable energy and climate protection in municipalities

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Energy efficiency in buildings



Development of district heating based on RES



Energy management in municipalities



Climate change adaptation



Integrated urban planning



Engaging communities in climate action



Alleviating energy poverty



Energy education



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- Full name: *Bringing local and regional municipalities towards owning their SECAPs*
- Acronym: OwnYourSECAP
- Financing: LIFE+
- Duration: 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2025

Objectives

Engage local authorities to develop or upgrade their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (**SECAPs**) with ambitious targets of **climate neutrality in 2050** and highlighting measures that have double and **triple effects** (mitigation, adaptation, and energy poverty)

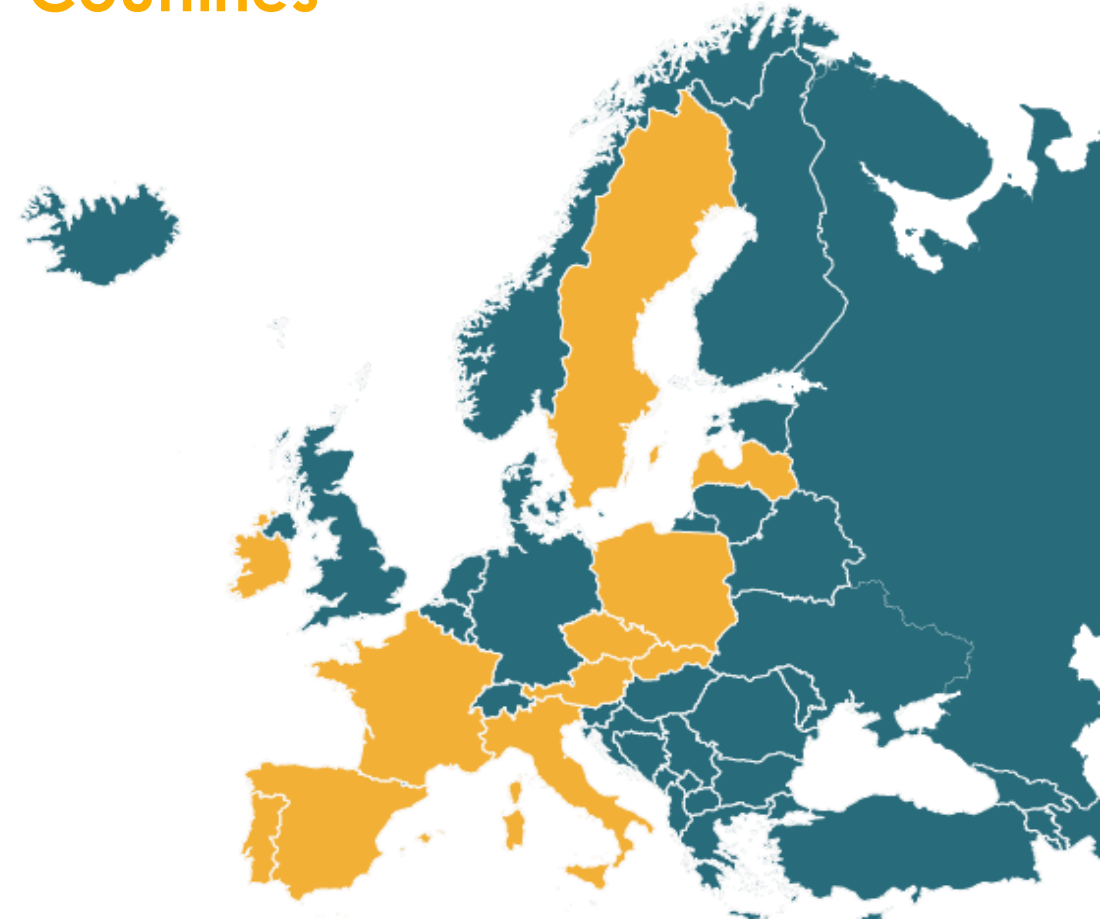
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11 Partners 11 Countries

- **Latvia** – Ekodoma (Coordinator)
- **Austria** – E7 Energie Markt Analyse GMBH
- **Czech Republic** – Seven, the Energy Efficiency Center Z.U
- **France** – MT Partenaires Ingénierie
- **Ireland** – Tipperary Energy Agency Limited
- **Italy** – Sogesca s.r.l
- **Poland** – Stowarzyszenie Gmin Polska Sieć „Energie Citiés”
- **Portugal** – Instituto De Sistemas e Robotica- Associacao
- **Slovakia** – Energeticke Centrum Bratislava
- **Spain** – Eurovertice Consultores SL
- **Sweden** – Energikontor Sydost AB

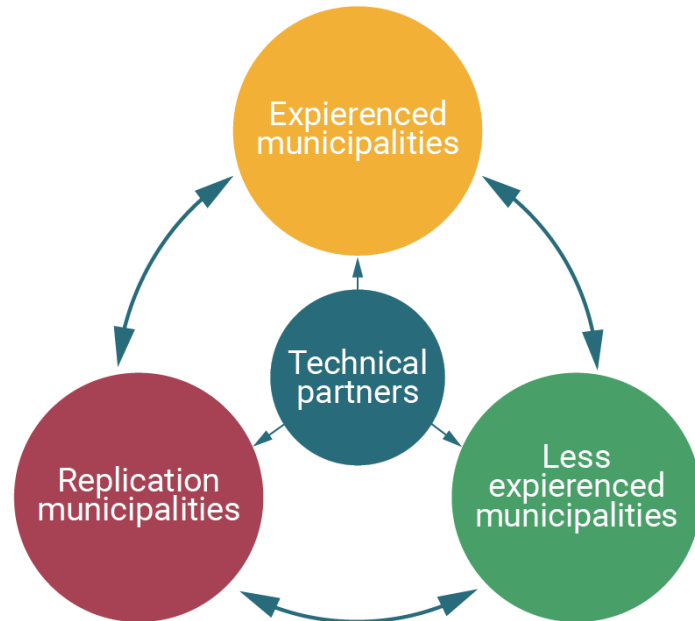


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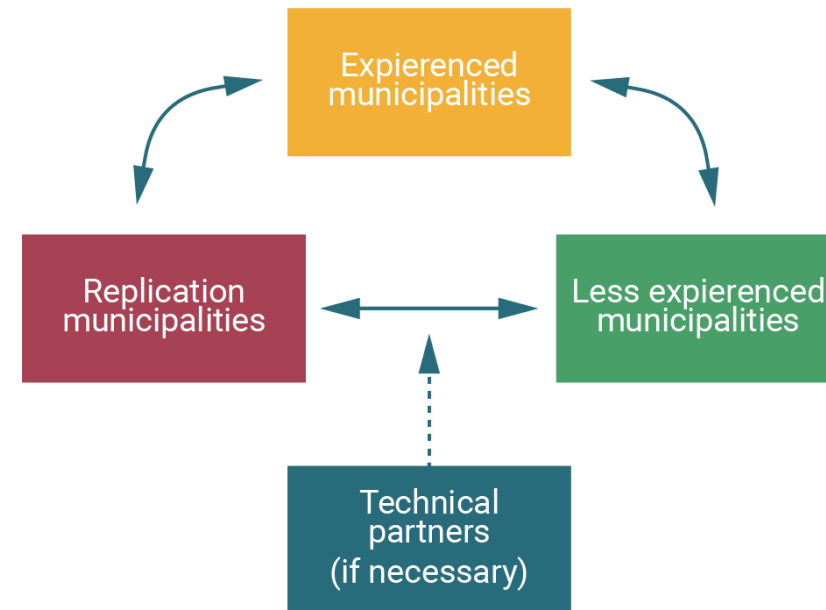
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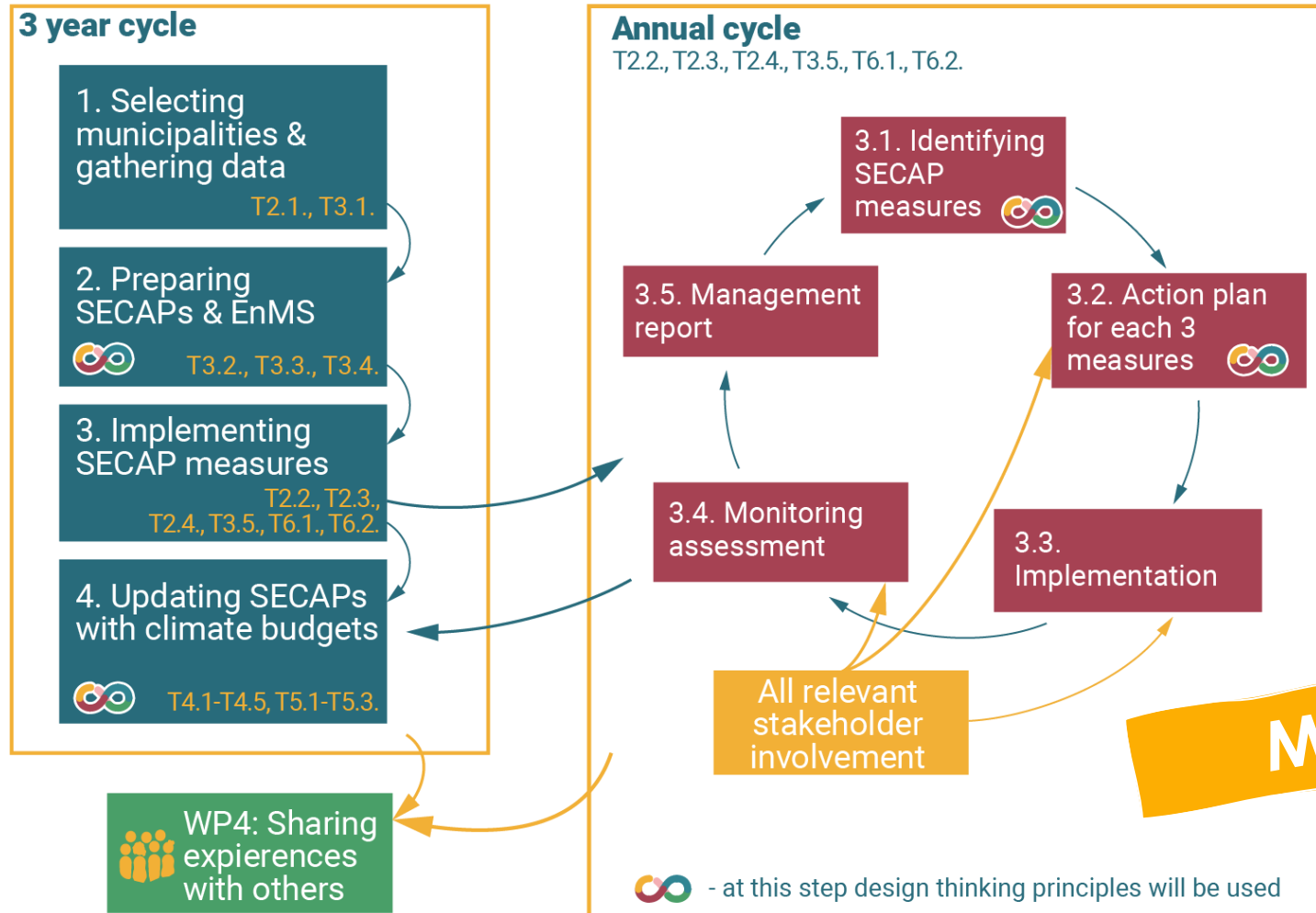
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Approach

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Design thinking principles in SECAP development

What is the problem?
Municipality has looked at different other SECAPs and wishes to have their own SECAP with better and more targeted measures.

EMPATHISE



Why is it important?
Municipality researches and defines what do they mean with better and more target measures.

DEFINE



IDEATE



How do we solve it?
Municipality and stakeholders come up with 10 different ways how to identify better and more targeted measures in their SECAP.

PROTOTYPE



How do we create it?
The group decides which of the 10 solutions they will try and test. They test, e.g., three ideas proposed by the participants of the group.

TEST

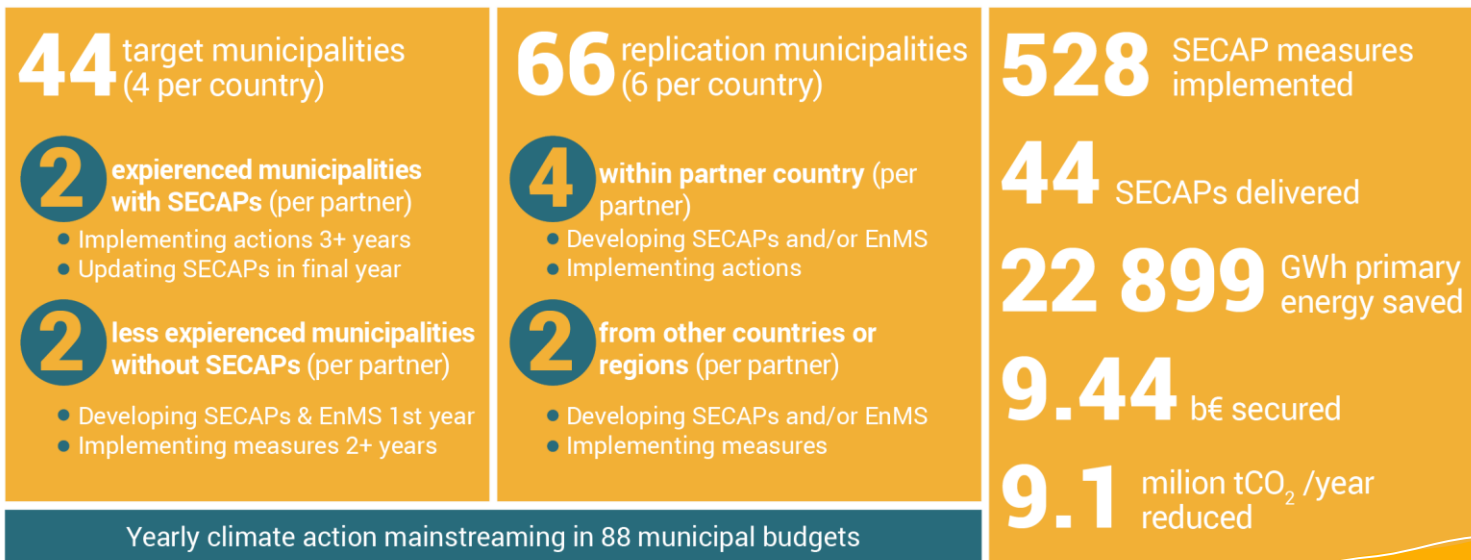


Does it work?
Once tested, the group evaluates which of the tested solutions has given better results and selects for further application.



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Target values

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2 Experienced municipalities (per partner)

- Implementing actions 3+ years
- Updating SECAPs in final year

2 Less experienced municipalities (per partner)

- Developing SECAPs & EnMS 1st year
- Implementing actions 2+ years

6 Replication municipalities (per partner)

- 4 within partner country (per partner)
- 2 from other countries or regions (per partner)
- Assistance for SECAPs and/or EnMS
- Implementing actions

- For all: Climate budget mainstreaming made easy

Local authorities we work with

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- **106 municipalities / LAs** : 21 experienced / 24 less experienced / 61 replication

- **18 countries** : 11 + 7 (Croatia, Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania, Greece, Malta, Slovenia)

- Development of **tools** for LAs : **EnMS, climate budget, actions, IT Platform**

- Implementing actions - **425 SECAP actions** selected

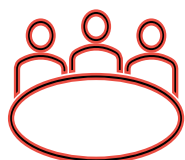
- Development of SECAPs - **18 SECAPs approved**

- Development of EnMS **ISO 50001** – 6 local authorities are **certified**

- Organising **P2P activities** – **3 international** P2P (Prague, Vienna and Bratislava) and **more than 100 national P2P** (communication, implementation, EnMs, adaptation, climate budget mainstreaming)

- **Climate Budget** mainstreaming – elaboration of a **methodology to facilitate the issue**

Implemented activities



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Main challenges

- **Raising Interest:** SECAPs overlap with national initiatives in some countries ; numerous actions and parallel initiatives for LAs
- **Limited availability** of personnel within local authorities
- **Reaching out is challenging:** the overall communication offer is tremendous over all channels (we slip under the radar)
- **Adapting** to local contexts in each each country

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The LIFE programme was instrumental for us :

- It gave us the opportunity to **explore** in depth new fields and techniques and **adapt** them **to the needs** of the LAs (e.g. Climate budget, design thinking, CoM, etc.)
- Best practices and cooperation between project partners based on expertise is a real advantage
- P2P within 11 countries and more is really inspirational

Lessons learned



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Final conference

13 June 2025, from 10:00 to 12:00 CET - online



More information soon...

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