

Innovative sustainability in cities and regions

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Mia Dragovic Matosovic presented two key projects, PROSPECT+ and ENERGeE Watch, pushing cities and regions to learn and invest in innovative and sustainable solutions. Both projects provide insightful learning programmes for cities to start out on their journey to a greener future.

The IEECP Lunch Seminars offer short insights into ongoing projects and how they play a central role in the energy transition.

Useful links:

- [PROSPECT+ Project](#)
- [ENERGeE Watch project](#)
- [IEECP projects](#)

Learning Programs for cities and regions

ENERGeE Watch

- 3 cycles x 4 groups
 - 4 internal mentees
 - total 72 mentees

4 MODULES:

- Data Collection with KSSENA
- Monitoring and Verification with Cyprus Energy Agency
- Indicators for adaptation to climate change (Regional Energy Agency of Ile de France)
- Data display, dissemination and validation by local authorities with AURA EE

1st step of each cycle – masterclass

- Participants choose the learning objectives to track progress

The learning program:

- Conducted by seven project partners with vast networks and experience
- Enables networking and examples from practice shown on the field
- Results in improved policies and MRV standards, as well as partnerships for innovative sustainable energy policies and MRV practices.

PROSPECT +

- 4 cycles x 16 groups
 - total 200 mentors and mentees

5 thematic areas:



Provides energy efficiency measures, renewable energy sources, public transport, low-emission mobility, etc.

Innovative financing schemes

- Citizens Finance (crowdfunding and cooperatives)
- Energy Performance Contracting (EPC)
- Internal Contracting
- Green Bonds
- Guarantee Funds
- Soft Loans
- Revolving Funds
- Third Party Financing

Participants can join as mentee or mentor, with the objective to engage a total of 200 public authorities in its capacity-building programme on innovative financing.



Extensive research was done on capacities which differentiate more successful from less successful cities when it comes to innovative sustainable financing.

It confirmed that most cities have limited budget and personnel for such projects. But more importantly, it showed that a city commitment in terms of people and the budget, regardless how small, was a good predictor of much greater success in exploiting innovative financing.

More on this research [here](https://doi.org/10.3390/su12208447):
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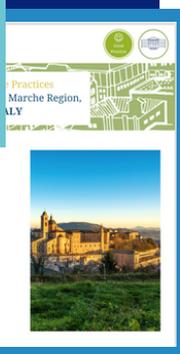
More awareness about different innovative financing practices, but depth of knowledge has remained basic throughout the years.

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Large polarization from cities that have extensive knowledge, to most of the cities knowing only basics of investing in sustainable measures. This means that no guidebook can help them as there isn't sufficient expertise for them to know where to start, which are the steps, or what to avoid

PROSPECT+ Replicable Practices

EPCS
 Participatory Budget
 ESCOs
 Crowd-investing
 and more!



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<https://h2020prospect.eu/replicable-practices>

Stay up to date with the project(s) or, even better, join the learning programmes!



Sign up for the last cycle!

<https://energee-watch.eu/get-involved/>

Learn about the upcoming cycles

<https://h2020prospect.eu/get-involved>

