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## About RENOVERTY

RENOVERTY will foster energy efficiency building upgrades in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), South-eastern Europe (SEE) countries, as well as Southern European countries (SE), by setting the methodological and practical framework to build renovation roadmaps of vulnerable rural districts in a financially viable and socially just manner.

Specifically, the project aims to deliver tools and resources to support local and regional actors to build and execute operational single or multi-household roadmaps for rural areas. A scalable model will also be created to ensure the wide geographical replicability and implementation of the roadmaps by different actors at the EU level. Strategically, the project will contribute to minimising logistical, financial, administrative, and legal burdens caused by a complex and multi-stakeholder home renovation process. Additionally, RENOVERTY will ensure that building retrofits consider the social dimension by incorporating security, comfort, and improved accessibility in the roadmaps to further improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations.

Over the project's three years, seven pilots located in Sveta Nedelja (Croatia), Tartu (Estonia), Bükk-Mak & Somló-Marcalmente-Bakonyalja Leader (Hungary), Zasavje (Slovenia), Parma (Italy), Coimbra (Portugal), and Osona (Spain) will implement the roadmaps, while wider integration of rural and peri-urban development is foreseen in the long run.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present document is a deliverable of the *Home Renovation Roadmaps to Address Energy Poverty in Vulnerable Rural Districts* (RENOVERTY) project, which is funded by the European Union's LIFE Programme under Grant Agreement 101077272. This deliverable provides a description of the events carried out by each partner in the first year of RENOVERTY activities. During the first year, the project has focused on investigating the challenges and barriers faced by policies in RENOVERTY countries. This investigation is being conducted through local action groups (LAGs) to identify ways to streamline logistical, financial, administrative, and legal aspects related to building retrofits.

In addition, the project has organized local and national events in the pilot countries, providing valuable insights for optimizing the pilot actions and developing renovation roadmaps tailored to energy-poor households. These events have also facilitated a comprehensive needs assessment, contributing to the development of renovation roadmaps customized for specific rural communities. The RENOVERTY consortium has actively shared its outcomes at both European and national events, and established stakeholder dialogue with other sister projects. Collaborative activities with these sister projects aim to discuss RENOVERTY's results and explore synergies with other relevant initiatives in the field.

# 1 Introduction

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The overall aim of Deliverable 5.2 “Report on proceedings and material from the EU and national level events” is to provide a comprehensive overview on the outcomes of all the activities to integrate RENOVERTY in the EU policy dialogue. The current version of the Deliverable concerns the activities held until the end of October 2023. This Deliverable will be updated at the end of the project to include all the relevant activities held throughout the duration of RENOVERTY. Project partners are encouraged to contribute with insights and information from events on an ongoing basis.

In summary, the document acts as a knowledge hub, promoting the dissemination of project outcomes, fostering collaboration, and serving as a valuable resource for both project partners and external stakeholders, thereby enhancing the project's long-term impact and exploitation potential.

The report is structured around seven chapters to provide a comprehensive overview of the project's organised events, categorising them into international, national and local events while highlighting key findings, insights, and lessons learned. After this *first* introductory chapter, chapter *two* delves into how we aim to mainstream RENOVERTY results at the EU policy dialogue. Chapter *three* provides a quantitative overview of the organised events while chapter *four* shows the qualitative output of the organised local, national events as well as the organised webinars. Chapter *five* explains the approach of how we set up and establish synergies with sister projects. Chapter *six* summarises the lessons learned from the organised events and chapter *seven* provides first conclusions.



## 2 Mainstreaming RENOVERTY at the EU policy dialogue: Concept and methodology

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The primary objective of Working Package 5 is to establish a robust policy framework that supports the implementation of developed renovation roadmaps for energy-poor individuals in selected pilot areas, as well as at regional and national levels while seamlessly integrating RENOVERTY's activities within EU-level policy dialogues and initiatives focused on energy poverty.

The concept behind organising and participating in relevant events and clustering activities is rooted in the need to maximise the impact and reach of the RENOVERTY project within the context of addressing energy efficiency and renovation challenges. This concept embodies a **proactive** and **collaborative approach** to amplify the project's influence and ensure its alignment with broader sustainability and policy goals.

**Policy Integration:** To achieve policy integration, we actively engage with EU policymakers through direct participation in relevant forums and dialogues, such as the European Sustainable Energy Week and World Sustainable Energy Days. For instance, we aim to participate in high-level EU conferences on climate policy and sustainable energy, where we showcase the practical implications of our research. By doing so, we contribute valuable insights to EU policy discussions, demonstrating the real-world applications of our Rural Energy Efficiency Roadmaps (REERs).

**Awareness and Advocacy:** We launched a targeted awareness campaign to raise awareness and advocate for inclusion in EU policy dialogue. This campaign includes webinars, social media engagement, and collaboration with advocacy groups focused on energy poverty.

**Stakeholder Engagement and Collaborations:** We aim to engage relevant stakeholders, such as policymakers, government agencies, advocacy groups, and industry representatives, in the EU policy dialogue.

Through participation in relevant events and initiatives, we expand our network of partners, stakeholders, and like-minded projects. Building robust connections within the energy efficiency and renovation community enhances our project's visibility and provides access to valuable resources.

To ensure the sustainability of dialogue and maximise the utilisation of results generated within RENOVERTY, the project consortium has undertaken a process of identifying and prioritising key stakeholders based on the existing network of the consortium ([link](#)). These stakeholders encompass various organisations, initiatives, and projects whose involvement is integral to the successful execution of the RENOVERTY project. The prioritisation is categorised as high, medium, or low, reflecting their significance in our project's objectives and endeavours (see chapter 5).



As several EU, national, and regional level organisations and initiatives are looking into policy options to enhance the implementation of energy efficiency renovations for energy poor households, the creation of synergies between relevant projects, related activities financed by EU funded initiatives might be the focus of a mechanism to produce multiplicative effects. This approach serves the dual purpose of avoiding duplication of work and harnessing synergies that can enhance the dissemination of RENOVERTY project results. This exchange creates opportunities to learn from others, gain fresh insights, and refine our project strategies based on shared experiences.

### 3 Quantitative overview of the organised events

This chapter aims to provide the readers with a quantitative overview of these events. Six events were organised by end of October 2023 within the RENOVERTY project. At first the scale of the event, the country where the event took place and the total amount of events organised are given in the table (Table 1) below, together with the respective organisation carrying out the event. The organisation of the local and national events is tracked in an internal file.

**Table 1 - Number of events organised.**

Country	Organising partner	Total	Number of participants
<b>Regional/ Local</b>			
Italy (WP3)	AISFOR	1	8
Slovenia (WP3)	Focus	1	18
Croatia (WP3)	REGEA	1	18
Spain (WP3)	ECOSERVEIS	1	18
<b>National</b>			
Slovenia (WP3)	Focus	1	6
<b>European</b>			
Sister projects exchange (WP5)	Climate Alliance	1	43
<b>Webinars</b>			
To be organised	To be defined	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>

## 4 Qualitative overview of the organised events

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This chapter provides the reader with an overview of all the workshops and events carried out up to October 2023 of the RENOVERTY project. The basis of the chapter is made up of reports provided by the respective partners. Highlights, comments and recommendations made during these events/ workshops are outlined and later on categorised based on the application sector, challenge, and type of stakeholder, for the readers to easily navigate.

Additional local events are in the process of being organized as part of the project, and these will be included in the updated version of the deliverable.

### 4.1 Local events

The involvement of Local Action Groups (LAGs) is essential to engage local stakeholders, households, and citizens in RENOVERTY to allow achieving community-related actions to be most effective. The main activities foreseen for the LAGs are:

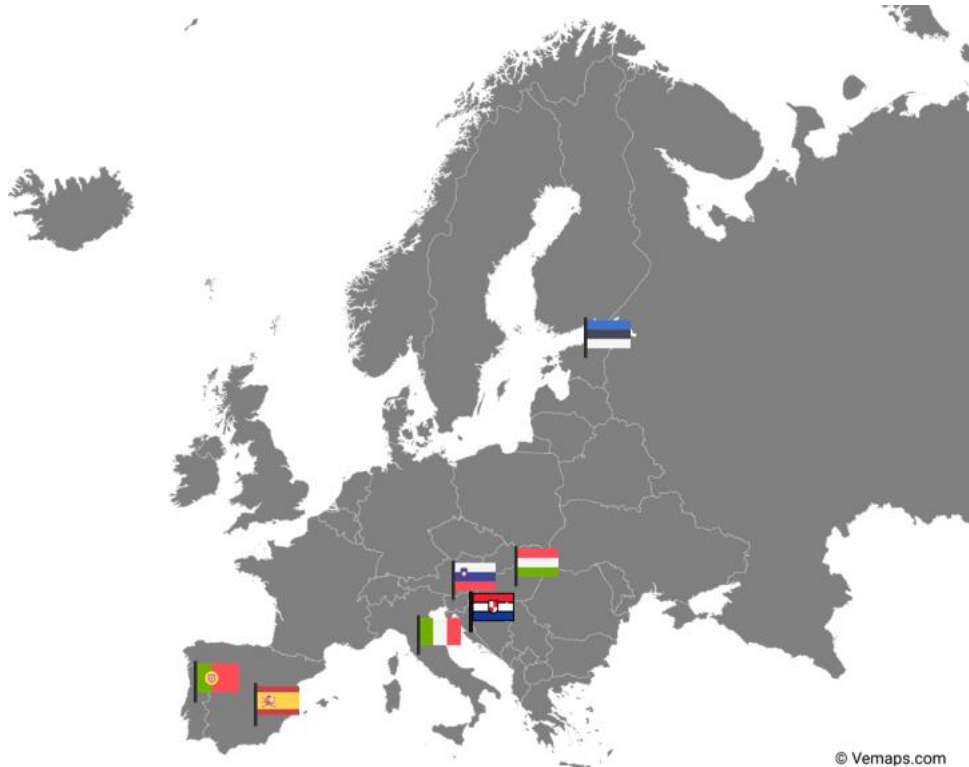
- The participation in the developed training under Working Package 3,
- supporting the organisation of workshops and events,
- support in creating the REERs based on characteristics of the area,
- dissemination of information,
- and acting as facilitators between the local actors and project partners on the pilot rural areas.

More concretely, within Working Package 3, dedicated to building capacity for co-creation of renovation strategies in vulnerable households, a total of **four** events for each pilot area are planned. They will focus on the renovation process and set the basis of the co-designing activity. In more detail, two of these events target **households** and **citizens**, focusing on explaining the entire renovation process and highlighting the social and economic benefits of renovation. The other two workshops are designed for **stakeholders**, including financial institutions, market players, and public bodies. Their purpose is to inform and prepare these stakeholders for co-design work within the project.

The pilot areas are Osona (Spain), Parma (Italy), Coimbra (Portugal), Bükk-Mak & Somló-Marcalmente-Bakonyalja Leader (Hungary), Sveta Nedelja (Croatia), Tartu (Estonia), Zasavje (Slovenia). The two small events primarily target audited households and citizens and can be either individual meetings (ex-ante or ex post the audit) conducted before or after the energy audit or open to all households. The two stakeholder workshops aim at informing activities on the RENOVERTY project and the possible involvement in future activities, but also providing an

insight into the co-design process for designing REERs and provide an overview of the tools, resources, knowledge and know-how on how to chair the REERs co-designing process.

**Figure 1 - Map of the RENOVERTY pilot countries.**



## 4.1.1 Local event in Italy

**Table 2 - Details from the first local event organised in Italy.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative and organisation)</b>	Marina Varvesi (AISFOR), Pierpaolo Romano (AISFOR), Giovanni Pattoneri (GAL del Ducato)
<b>Event venue</b>	Online
<b>Date</b>	17 May 2023
<b>Cooperation partner (LAG cooperating)</b>	GAL del Ducato
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	Incontro di Avvio del Progetto Pilota e del Tavolo di Lavoro / Pilot Project and Working Table Meeting
<b>Description and key topic</b>	The exchange addressed, among others, the following questions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what is RENOVERTY and what are the objectives of the project</li> <li>- what is the role of the LAG</li> <li>- how stakeholders will be involved and what their role can be</li> </ul>
<b>Sectors and primary target audiences represented</b>	National level policy maker and Municipalities
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	The event was structured as a round table chaired by Giovanni Pattoneri. The event was initially presented by Giovanni Pattoneri, director of the LAG, who explained why the event was held. Next, Marina Varvesi presented the European lines on Redevelopment, what is Energy Poverty and the RENOVERTY project. In addition, during the event the stakeholders who attended had the opportunity to introduce themselves, showing interest in the project and possible implications. The event was held in Italian and attended by 8 participants. One week after the event, the minutes and the presentation were circulated among the participants.
<b>Total number of participants</b>	8
<b>Material developed</b>	<a href="#">Material</a>
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP3, Task 3.3.1

## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

This event had two main objectives, one was to introduce RENOVERTY and the Italian pilot to some of the stakeholders in the province of Parma, thanks in part to input from the area's LAG, the "GAL del Ducato". Another main objective was to measure how much interest the project generated, to see how many of them would participate in future activities. Participants gained valuable insights and information related to renovation challenges and energy poverty in the pilot area. Additionally, stakeholders built connections and established networks during the event. These relationships are expected to endure beyond the event, further enriching the collaborative efforts within the renovation sector.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

Evaluation of the event:

- All the participants expressed willingness to follow-up with RENOVERTY project activities;

- The event exceeded our expectations in terms of the quality of discussions and the level of engagement from attendees. It's clear that there is a **strong interest in advancing energy-efficient renovations**, and RENOVERTY is well-positioned to lead in this area;
- We were impressed by the **diversity of stakeholders** present at the event, covering both primary and secondary targets. It's a testament to RENOVERTY's ability to **bring together key players** in the field;
- The event's sessions were thought-provoking and **informative**. We appreciate RENOVERTY's commitment to fostering a sustainable stakeholder dialogue. I believe this approach will significantly contribute to the project's success;
- We appreciated the **interactive** nature of the event. It allowed for meaningful discussions and the exchange of practical experiences.

## 4.1.2 Local event in Croatia

**Table 3 – Details from the first local event organised in Croatia.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	<b>Slavica Robić (REGEA) and Valerija Vrček Habazin (REGEA)</b>
<b>Event venue</b>	Community Center Strmec, Sveta Nedelja
<b>Date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	Radionica u sklopu EU projekta RENOVERTY / 1 <sup>st</sup> Workshop as part of EU project RENOVERTY
<b>Description and key topic</b>	<p>The main workshop purpose was to acquaint main local stakeholders of two Croatian pilot areas (Sveta Nedelja and Žumberak) with the main objectives and activities of the RENOVERTY project, as well as the topic of energy poverty in general.</p> <p>The key topics covered were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of energy poverty, where the category of energy poor households was explained in detail,</li> <li>- the objectives and activities of the project,</li> <li>- introduction of the REERs and its content,</li> <li>- necessary/ next steps for the conduction of the energy audits, which are a key prerequisite for the development of REERs, were presented and agreed upon.</li> </ul>
<b>Sectors represented</b>	City/ municipality (9 participants), LAGs/ FLAGs (5 participants), Croatian Social Welfare Institute (1 participant), Local

	population (1 participant), RENOVERTY partner REGEA (2 participants)
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	The workshop was structured as a presentation divided into three main parts. The first part covered the presentation of energy poverty, the second part presented the RENOVERTY project, and the third part was related to the presentation of REERs and its content. In this section, among other things, the necessary steps within the project were outlined. Finally, a highly productive discussion was held, during which various comments and suggestions were given, and activities necessary for conducting energy audits were agreed upon. It was evident that LAGs play an important role in this process, emphasizing their collaboration with local authorities and the local population in their respective areas.
<b>Total number of participants</b>	18
<b>Material developed</b>	Presentation, Minutes
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP3, Task 3.1.1

## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

The main workshop purpose was to acquaint main local stakeholders of two Croatian pilot areas (Sveta Nedelja and Žumberak) with the main objectives and activities of the RENOVERTY project, as well as the topic of energy poverty in general.

### **What are the main challenges facing renovating a building inhabited by energy poor?**

The event did not directly address this issue, but the discussion included topics related to how unresolved property and legal issues, as well as the building legality, could pose problems when applying for national calls for energy renovation since these are some of the main eligibility criteria for applicants.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

The workshop was very useful in presenting the RENOVERTY project to a broader group of local stakeholders, thus involving them in the implementation of specific project activities. During the workshop, key steps in identifying households for which energy audits and energy certificates will be prepared were agreed upon, and deadlines for their selection were defined. The participants were very interested and willing to be involved in the further implementation of the project.



Figure 2 - Picture from the first Croatian local event.



Figure 3 - Picture from the first Croatian local event.



## 4.1.3 Local event in Estonia

This event had not taken place by the time this report was uploaded. Detailed information will be provided in the updated version of this deliverable.

**Table 4 - Details from the local events organised Estonia.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	TBD
<b>Event venue</b>	TBD
<b>Date</b>	TBD
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	TBD
<b>Description and key topic</b>	TBD
<b>Sectors represented</b>	TBD
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	TBD
<b>Total number of participants</b>	TBD
<b>Material developed</b>	TBD
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	TBD

### Key outcomes from the event/workshop

TBD

### RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

TBD

## 4.1.4 Local event in Hungary

This event had not taken place by the time this report was uploaded. Detailed information will be provided in the updated version of this deliverable.

**Table 5 - Details from the local events organised in Hungary.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	TBD
<b>Event venue</b>	TBD
<b>Date</b>	TBD
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	TBD
<b>Description and key topic</b>	TBD
<b>Sectors represented</b>	TBD
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	TBD
<b>Total number of participants</b>	TBD
<b>Material developed</b>	TBD
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	TBD

### Key outcomes from the event/workshop

TBD

### RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

TBD

## 4.1.5 Local event in Slovenia

Table 6 – Details from the local event organised in Slovenia.

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	<b>Lidija Živčič and Matjaž Grmek, Focus</b>
<b>Event venue</b>	RRA Zasavje, Kolodvorska cesta 2, 1410 Zagorje ob Savi, Slovenia
<b>Date</b>	19 May 2023
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	Uvodno srečanje za pripravo načrtov obnove v Zasavju / Kick-off meeting for the preparation of REERs in Zasavje
<b>Description and key topic</b>	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the RENOVERTY project to a wider range of stakeholders and to identify the needs of local stakeholders for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Zasavje.</p> <p>Key topics: presentation of RENOVERTY, participation interests of local stakeholders, needs of local actors for REER design and REER preparation process, workshops for citizens and other forms of work with citizens, energy audits in households.</p>
<b>Sectors represented</b>	Municipalities (3 participants), social actors, such as Center for social work and Red Cross (5 participants), LAGs (2 participants), Regional Development Agency (3 participants), regional NGO network (1 participant), EU information point (1 participant), building management company (1 participant), research institute (1 participant), RENOVERTY partner Focus (2 participants)
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of project activities and Q&amp;A</li> <li>- Where do local stakeholders see themselves and want to participate – discussion</li> <li>- What needs do local actors have for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) REER</li> <li>b) REER preparation process</li> <li>c) workshops for citizens and other forms of work with citizens</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Energy audits in households - who can help and what do they need?</li> <li>- Various comments and suggestions</li> </ul>
<b>Total number of participants</b>	18

<b>Material developed</b>	<u>Minutes</u>
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP3, Task 3.3.1

## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

The events/ workshop's aim was to introduce the RENOVERTY project to a wider range of stakeholders and to identify the needs of local stakeholders for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Zasavje.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

The event was useful to make a first introduction of the RENOVERTY project to a wider range of local stakeholders in the pilot region. It also helped to identify the needs of local stakeholders for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Zasavje. All the participants expressed willingness to follow-up with RENOVERTY project activities.

**Figure 4 - Picture from the first Slovenian local event.**



## 4.1.6 Local event in Spain

Table 7 – Details from the first local event organised in Spain.

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	Laia Tarradas and Raquel Rodríguez (ECOSERVEIS)
<b>Event venue</b>	Sant Pere de Torelló (Osona)
<b>Date</b>	20 July 2023
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	ENERGY RENOVATION PROCESS ON DWELLINGS: BENEFITS, BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES
<b>Description and key topic</b>	<p>Ecoserveis presented RENOVERTY and the main goals, as well as the pilot in Osona. The second part of the presentation was mainly focused on the renovation process, the benefits and the different subsidies available in Spain. The Local Energy Agency from Osona introduced the local energy communities and the possible synergies within the RENOVERTY.</p> <p>After the more theoretical part of the event, while people were enjoying the coffee break, with a whiteboard all participants were encouraged to imagine a renovation process in their dwellings and to identify the different barriers. At the same time, those barriers were analysed and different opportunities to overcome them identified.</p>
<b>Sectors represented</b>	Citizens, LAGs and Local Energy Agency of Osona
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the RENOVERTY project</li> <li>- Osona's pilot</li> <li>- The energy renovation process: steps, benefits and subsidies</li> <li>- The local energy communities from Osona</li> <li>- Dynamic on challenges and opportunities in the renovation process</li> </ul>
<b>Total number of participants</b>	18
<b>Material developed</b>	<p>Power Point Presentation <a href="#">Power Point Presentation</a></p> <p>Poster <a href="#">for dissemination</a></p> <p><a href="#">Minutes</a></p>
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP3, Task 3.3.1



## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

Citizens were the target of the activity, and the aim was to present the RENOVERTY consortium, collaborations and main goals, focusing on the energy renovation process on dwellings, its benefits, barriers and opportunities.

### **What are the main challenges facing renovating a building inhabited by energy poor?**

All the identified barriers were related to conceptual and cross-cutting issues rather than technical aspects, such as lack of energy knowledge, funding, difficulties with administrative procedures, among others.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

The event was useful for making a first introduction of the RENOVERTY project to citizens in the pilot region. It also helped to identify the barriers and the opportunities in the energy renovation process for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Osona.

**Figure 5 – Picture from the first Spanish local event.**





Figure 6 - ECOSERVEIS drawing the main conclusions at the first Spanish local event.



Figure 7 - ECOSERVEIS providing energy workshop with children during the first Spanish local event.



## 4.1.7 Local event in Portugal

This event had not taken place by the time this report was uploaded. Detailed information will be provided in the updated version of this deliverable.

**Table 8 - Details from the local events organised in Portugal.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	TBD
<b>Event venue</b>	TBD
<b>Date</b>	TBD
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	TBD
<b>Description and key topic</b>	TBD
<b>Sectors represented</b>	TBD
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	TBD
<b>Total number of participants</b>	TBD
<b>Material developed</b>	TBD
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### Key outcomes from the event/workshop

TBD

### RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

TBD

## 4.2 National events

Within Working Package 4, centered on building the renovation roadmaps and policies within RENOVERTY's pilot countries, three participative workshops are planned.

The **first** workshop will bring together **local stakeholders at pilot sites**, including local and regional decision-makers, authority representatives, regional development and energy agencies,

and organisations providing social services with a focus on those experienced in fieldwork and familiar with the local situation. The aim is to support the co-creation process of roadmaps by defining the timeframe and the focus areas for collaboration with stakeholders.

The **second** workshop, at the national level, will be organised after the initial draft of the roadmaps has been developed. **National-level stakeholders** will be invited, such as representatives from competent ministries, agencies, energy service companies, and financial institutions. The objective is to present the first draft of the co-designed project roadmaps.

These workshops will be organised after the development of the first draft of the REER.

The **third** workshop, also at the **national level** (3) will be a larger nationwide event open to both stakeholders and the interested public. Its purpose is to present the final drafts of the roadmaps and gather feedback.

## 4.2.1 National event in Slovenia

**Table 9 - Details from the national events organised in Slovenia.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	<b>Lidija Živčič, Focus</b>
<b>Event venue</b>	Eko sklad, Bleiweisova 30, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
<b>Date</b>	29 September 2023
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	Uvodno srečanje nacionalnih deležnikov za pripravo načrtov obnove za energetske revne gospodinjstva v Zasavju / Kick-off meeting of national stakeholders for the preparation of REERs for energy-poor households in Zasavje
<b>Description and key topic</b>	The purpose of the workshop is to present the RENOVERTY project to relevant national stakeholders and to identify the needs of national stakeholders for the preparation of REERs for the homes of people in energy poverty in Zasavje.  Key topics: presentation of RENOVERTY, participation interests of national stakeholders, needs of national stakeholders for REER design and REER preparation process.
<b>Sectors represented</b>	Slovenian Eco Fund (4 participants), research institute (1 participant), RENOVERTY partner Focus (1 participant)
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of RENOVERTY activities and Q&amp;A</li> <li>- Where do national stakeholders see themselves and want to participate? Discussion</li> <li>- What needs do national stakeholders have? Discussion</li> <li>- Various comments and suggestions</li> </ul>

<b>Total number of participants</b>	6
<b>Material developed</b>	<a href="#">Minutes</a>
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP3, Task 3.3.1

## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

The workshop's aim was to introduce the RENOVERTY project to a wider range of national level stakeholders and to identify the needs of the national stakeholders for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Zasavje.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

The event was useful to make a first introduction of the RENOVERTY project to several national stakeholders. It also helped to identify the needs of the present national stakeholders for the preparation of the RENOVERTY REERs in Zasavje. All the participants expressed willingness to follow-up with RENOVERTY project activities. The drawback at the event was that not all the invited national stakeholders took part in the event, hence there might be individual meetings needed to ensure their engagement.

## 4.3 Webinars

Under Working Packages 5 and 6, concerned with the synthesis of key outcomes from building renovation process for energy poor groups as well as dissemination and outreach respectively, RENOVERTY plans to organise 6 webinars. These events will primarily take the form of webinars and will be carefully tailored to specific stakeholders. The purpose of these webinars is twofold: firstly, to generate interest in the project and secondly, to present our roadmaps and project results, inviting valuable feedback. These webinars will showcase periodic results from the project and will be organised by IEECP, CA, and UPRC, along with partners contributing to the proposed outcomes. To enhance dissemination, ELARD will host two annual meetings where RENOVERTY outputs and results will be shared with their network.

Within WP6, one final event at the European level (digitally or in Brussels) will present the results of the project to policy makers, cities, regions and other European projects. This event did not take place when the deliverable was uploaded. Detailed information will be provided in the updated version of this deliverable.

**Table 10 – Overview of organized webinars.**

Title of webinar	Organising partner	Type of event	Total	Number of participants
TBD				
TBD				
TBD				
<b>Total</b>				

**Table 11 – Detail of organized webinars.**

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Date</b>	TBD
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	TBD
<b>Description and key topic</b>	TBD
<b>Sectors represented</b>	TBD
<b>Summary of main activities at the event</b>	TBD
<b>Total number of participants</b>	TBD
<b>Material developed</b>	TBD
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	TBD

## 4.4 RENOVERTY’s participation in external events/ webinars

Key external events (workshops, seminars, and conferences) that are relevant to RENOVERTY have been identified for project partners to attend, and a list will be included in the Communication and Dissemination Plan (CDP). This list is updated as needed. This will be tracked by the monitoring templates developed in the [CDP](#). Partners will be required to participate at all events, either as speakers or audience members, so as to share the project results at external events at least twice per year, with a goal of 4 or more attended as speakers yearly (totalling 12 externally organized events).

**Table 12 – Details from the external events where RENOVERTY partners have participated.**

Name of the event	Country	Participating partner	Type of event	Date
POWERPOOR event	EU	IEECP	EU event	30.09.22
SocialWatt and StreamSAVE event	BE	IEECP/CINEA	EU event	16.03.22
The Covenant of Mayors: the municipal tool for decarbonisation and sustainable local development	IT	IEECP	National event	17.05.23
CINEA Contractor's Meeting on Energy Poverty	BE	IEECP	EU event	17.04.23
Tools and opportunities for local authorities	IT	IEECP	National event	17.05.23
<a href="#">International Clean Energy Challenge</a>	AT	IEECP	EU event	26.07.23
ELARD Members Meeting	SE	ELARD	National event	05.03.23
<a href="#">18<sup>th</sup> Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water, and Environment Systems (SDEWES) - project exchange event</a>	CR	UPRC	International event	29.09.23
<a href="#">Rural areas in the energy transition</a>	EU	UPRC	EU event	24.10.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>			

## 5 RENOVERTY synergies with other projects

Creating a group of sister projects is a common practise for EC-funded projects, however there is no universally accepted definition. Typically, it refers to an EU-funded project that shares the same topic or program funding and aligns with the same problem statement, thereby contributing to the expected outcomes of the call.

Projects with similar missions, even if they receive funding from regional, national, or international sources rather than the EU, can also be considered as potential sister projects. Such projects offer alternative perspectives on addressing the issue of energy poverty at hand.

The concept of sharing data and interesting results among a “hive” of projects and establishing a network for sharing tools is the inception of this undertaking. As a result, that will increase the outreach potential for the projects that participate, and research activities will benefit from exchanging strategies.

The objectives of this initiative can be summarised in the following points:

- **Discover Similar Projects:** Identify initiatives with aligned objectives and agendas.
- **Expand Knowledge Bases:** Enhance literature reviews and knowledge sharing in related scientific fields.
- **Share Outreach Efforts:** Collaboratively disseminate and communicate project findings.
- **Facilitate Scientific Collaboration:** Promote mutual support and cooperation in scientific endeavours.

### 5.1 Identification of sister projects

As part of the activities in Working Package 5, a sister projects group has been set up, which fosters collaboration and synergies for the implementation of energy efficiency renovations for energy poor households. For this, at the inception of the RENOVERTY project, a comprehensive database of relevant projects and initiatives was created. All partners were invited to feed this database, as the majority of the consortium have well-established relationships with relevant stakeholders at the EU, national and regional level. Additionally, [cordis.europa.eu](https://cordis.europa.eu) provided more projects funded under the same programme call.

The main criterion for the inclusion in the database is working on a similar scope with RENOVERTY, (i.e., Energy Poverty and energy efficiency in the building sector, policy design etc.). The effort of the consortium was focused on the discovery of projects that have a similar timeframe and are currently active. Over the course of the year, this database has been continuously updated and expanded. The list contains 47 initiatives and sister projects (October 2023).

The following information was gathered and made available to the consortium:



- Project name: The official title of the project or initiative.
- Website: The web address providing access to more details.
- Closing month and year: The expected project or initiative completion date.
- Potential opportunity for collaboration: Events, features being in the newsletter, scientific publications, feedback on developed renovation roadmaps.
- Relevant events, activities, publications: Noteworthy events or publications connected to the initiative.
- Contact partner of the consortium: The designated point of contact within the RENOVERTY consortium/ relationship manager.
- Priority (high medium low): A classification of the stakeholder's importance to RENOVERTY.
- Contact approach (face-to-face, email, online call, phone, etc.): Preferred method of contact.
- To be contacted by (consortium partner and name): Specific consortium partner responsible for outreach.
- Last contact (date and person): The most recent interaction with the stakeholder.
- Agreement on synergy (Yes - No - No response): Confirmation of the potential for synergy.
- Comments
- Synergy in Working Package: Identification of the RENOVERTY working package related to synergy.
- E-Mail for contact

Within the consortium, dedicated relationship managers have been assigned to each initiative/ key stakeholder. These relationship managers are responsible for overseeing and ensuring effective and ongoing dialogue and exchange with each initiative identified, linking closely with the project's WPs to ensure their effective engagement in the relevant activities of the RENOVERTY project.

## 5.2 Synergies matrix

After identifying potential initiatives and sister projects and assigning the relationship managers, dialogue was initiated, and many projects were positive in setting up the sister project network. Among them are EASIER, Cooltorise, SHERPA, EXCITE, RenoHub, EmpowerMed, ComAct, POWERPOOR, ENPOR, DigiBuild, UP-STAIRS Uplifting Energy Communities, Life Bio-balance, RuralBioUp, LocalRES, TANDEM, Sun4all, WELLbased, REVERTER, iBRoad2EPC, Justem, EP-0, ENSMOV Plus, PROSPECTPlus, RUSTIK, EXCESS PEB Project, FLIARA, RURALITIES, dRural, e-SAFE, oPENLab, Porto Energy Hub, STEP, Life IP Buildest, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub, Drive 0, DECIDE4Energy, 100Aldeias, SocialWatt, Solar energy for all, EnPover, ALLenergy, GREEN Home, SCEPA, SHAPE, CEESSEN-BENDER, PEnTrEn.

Figure 8 – List of initiatives and sister projects.

Project	Website	Closing month and year	Potential opportunity for collaboration	Contact partner	Priority	Contact approach (face to face, email, online call etc.)	To be contacted by:	Last contact (date and person)	Agreement on synergy (Yes-No- No response)
ENPOR	<a href="https://www.enpor.eu/">https://www.enpor.eu/</a>	Aug-23		IEECP	high	informal email to consortium partner	IEECP (Axelle/Roberta)	Yes	Yes
DigBuild	<a href="https://digibuild-project.eu/">https://digibuild-project.eu/</a>	Dec-23	energy efficient building	IEECP	high	informal email to consortium partner	IEECP (Axelle/Roberta)	22/06/2023 Roberta, 07.09.23 KE	Yes
UP-STAIRS Uplifting Energy Communities	<a href="https://www.h2020-upstairs.eu/">https://www.h2020-upstairs.eu/</a>	Aug-23	learn about setting up pilot regions across the EU	COLLEGE CORK, ECOSERVEIS	high	informal email to consortium partner	Ecoserveis (Marta)	marta 28th June, 07.09. Keisfeld, 28.09	Waiting
Life Bio-balance	<a href="https://wwfcee.org/what-we-do/cimate-energy/life-bio-balance-project">https://wwfcee.org/what-we-do/cimate-energy/life-bio-balance-project</a>	24-Jun	support EU Member States to shift to a low-carbon and resilient economy by ensuring that solid biomass is produced and used sustainably at all levels	WWF Hungary	high	informal email	Reflex (Bea)	27/06/2023 Bea, 11.09 K Eisfeld	Yes
RuralBioUp	<a href="https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101060618">https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101060618</a>	Sep-25	learn how to strengthen the cooperation among regional key actors	Promotion of the European Union	Medium	formal email (?)	AISFOR (Marina)	Pierpaolo, 06.09.23 KE	Yes
LocalRES	<a href="https://www.localres.eu/">https://www.localres.eu/</a>	Apr-25		CARTIF/Energy Cities	Medium	informal email (M <sup>a</sup> Angeles Gallego responsible person)	Climate Alliance	26/06/23 K Eisfeld, 07.09.23 KE	
TANDEM	<a href="https://www.ecoserveis.net/en/donation/tandem/">https://www.ecoserveis.net/en/donation/tandem/</a>	Aug-25	Analyse rural areas and renewable energy implementation	ECOSERVEIS	medium	informal email to consortium partner	Ecoserveis (Marta)	marta 28th June, 07.09 K Eisfeld	Waiting
Sun4all	<a href="https://sunforall.eu/">https://sunforall.eu/</a>	Sep-24	Europe. Facilitate access to renewable energies to vulnerable households	ECOSERVEIS	medium	informal email to consortium partner	Ecoserveis (Marta)	marta 28th June, 06.09.23	Yes
WELLbased	<a href="https://wellbased.eu/publicWebsite/project/details/101076277">https://wellbased.eu/publicWebsite/project/details/101076277</a>	Feb-25	reduce energy poverty and its effects on the citizens health and wellbeing in in six pilot cities	LA INNOVACION URBANA (LNV)	medium	formal email (?)	Ecoserveis (Marta)	Krissy 31.07., 22/06/2023 Roberta + 5/07 reminder, 22.09.23	Yes
Reverter		Oct-25		IEECP	medium	informal email to consortium partner	IEECP (Mara)		Yes

## 5.3 Collaborative activities

To kick-start this collaborative journey, a kick-off meeting with interested sister projects was scheduled for 30 October 2023. We contacted 47 projects and 30 projects have presented their project objectives during the sister project exchange. MIRO was used to guide the attendants through the presentations. This meeting served as a platform for sharing insights, aligning goals, and outlining the strategies for future collaboration.

Some collaborative activities are:

- Newsletter: providing a platform to disseminate project results and best practices. This is a collaborative effort collecting all initiatives from these and other projects on the topic
- Collaboration in co-hosting an event
- Presenting or participating in RENOVERTY's webinars
- Participation in RENOVERTY's training developed under Working Package 3.

## 5.4 EU-level event with sister projects

Table 13 – Details about the first sister project exchange event.

<b>RENOVERTY representative (name and organisation)</b>	Kristina Eisfeld (Climate Alliance)
<b>Software</b>	Zoom
<b>Date</b>	30 October 2023
<b>Title (original language/ English)</b>	Sister project Kick-Off event

<b>Description and key topic</b>	Each sister project presented the main aims and objectives of the project and afterwards opportunities to collaborate have been discussed.
<b>Sectors represented</b>	Research institutions, consultancies, NGOs, SMEs
<b>Total number of participants</b>	43
<b>Material developed (link to the internal repository)</b>	<a href="#">LINK</a>
<b>Work Package and Task Number</b>	WP5, Task 5.2

## Key outcomes from the event/workshop

The events/ workshop's aim was to establish a dialogue with relevant stakeholders and consortia of projects, in order to avoid duplication of work, exploit synergies, disseminate results (WP6) and ensure their input into relevant WPs of RENOVERTY project. A significant outcome was the strong willingness expressed by all participants to collaborate and learn from other projects. The participants expressed willingness to follow up on RENOVERTY project activities.

## RENOVERTY partner's own perspectives and comments

The stakeholders that participated enriched the discussion with diverse perspectives as they stemmed from a variety of backgrounds. Some sister projects highlighted during their presentation areas that need targeted focus (e.g., capacity building of local actors and municipalities) and underlined some renovation barriers and the importance of the provision of subsidies to finance upfront renovation costs. Sister projects offered comments on the common challenges faced (e.g., create trust in multi-apartment buildings, speeding up renovation process). A further potential outcome of this collaboration can be to provide a comparative analysis of comments made by different partners, showcasing similarities or differences in their perspectives.

Figure 9 – Kick-Off Sister projects exchange.



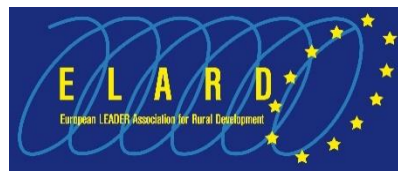
## 6 Lessons Learned and Crosscutting Themes

### Common Themes and Insights

In the forthcoming updated deliverable, we will delve deeper into this chapter as more events occur and data accumulates. This will result in a more thorough understanding of the lessons learned, overarching themes, and common insights.

### Open Questions

- Is rural energy poverty sufficiently placed on the political agenda at the regional and local level?
- How to empower local public actors in rural areas in becoming involved in the process of renovating vulnerable buildings?
- Which sectors need to be more informed and interested?
- What kind of tools, leaflets, resources are required to apply a successful integration of renovation roadmaps? How do the local contexts differ and are there similarities?
- Do local actors have knowledge gaps when it comes to identifying relevant financing schemes?
- How to select the buildings to focus efforts on (apart from WPB)?



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