

Implementing the Energy Efficiency First Principle in Regional Planning

Regio1st raises awareness about the Energy Efficiency First principle (EE1st) among regional governments and their agencies and supports them to make related decisions in their planning. It does so through the provision of appropriate guidance to regional authorities to embed the EE1st principle in their decisions and in the implementation of their energy plans departing from six participant regions and expanding to over 100 regions in the EU. It establishes a community of practice for EE1st in cooperation with the Covenant of Mayors to ensure political commitment of regional authorities and strengthens the enforcement of the Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue provision, with particular focus on ownership and acceptance of the principle from stakeholders at all levels.

Our Objectives



Provide decision-support for regional authorities to apply the EE1st principle in their energy-related planning practices



Establish a community of practice for EE1st to ensure political commitment and societal acceptance through co-development of energy related scenarios



Support the introduction or strengthening of EE1st in the revision of National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), Regional Operational Programs and foster the enforcement of the Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue provision



Our pillars

Regio1st is based on three connected pillars contributing to assisting regions in embedding the EE1st principle in their decision-making structures and upscaling the EE1st adoption in various multilevel governance structures across the EU:



Development of the decision support framework and choices (Regio1st tool)



Implementation of the EE1st in the regional planning process (testing in six regions)



Upscaling the EE1st in the EU regional framework (replication to their local and regional authorities)

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Our scope

Regio1st directly addresses six regions, and indirectly targets 100 additional regional and 120 additional local agencies and authorities through knowledge exchange and capacity building. These regions have been chosen since they are in delicate planning phases and are facing various investment choices. They will implement and test the REGIO1st framework and will then showcase to other regions how they embedded the EE1st principle.



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