Prioritizing actions in SECAPs with SYNERGISE+

Peer-to-peer learning session | 28 September 2026 | Online

AGENDA

• Welcome and introducing PROSPECT CUBE	**Giulia Viero (IEECP)**
• SYNERGISE+: how does it work? and what does it provide?	**Giulia Fracassi (IEECP)**
• Prioritizing actions in SECAPs with SYNERGISE+: the experience of Valladolid	**Sonsoles Gonzalo Pitarch (Municipality of Valladolid, Spain)**

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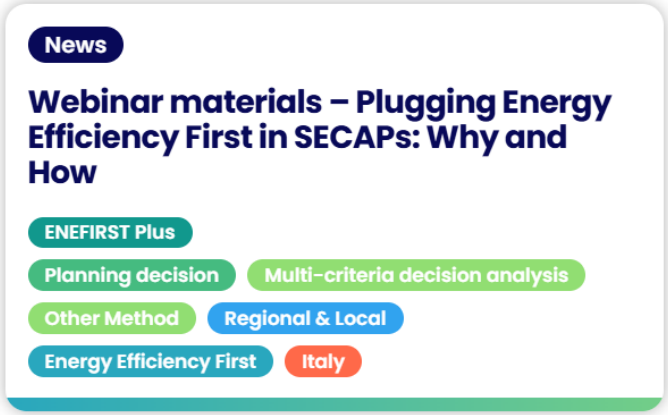
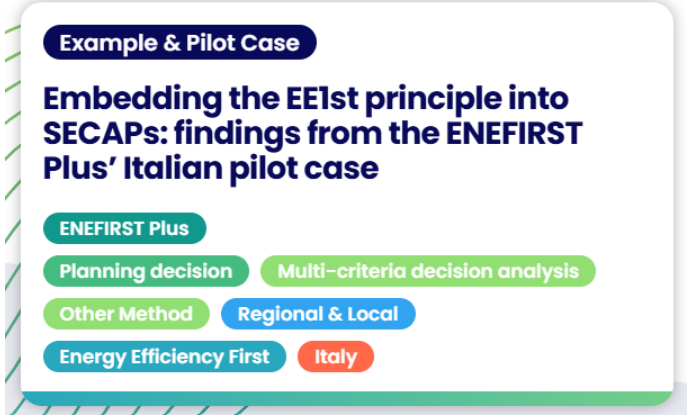
Previously about EE1st in SECAPs…

Workshop discussing the findings from the first Italian pilot case



Previous **peer-learning session** about making SECAPs strategic

Factsheet of the first Italian pilot case



See also the resources of the REGIO1st project (planning framework related tools, case studies, etc.)

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Capacity Building for Local and Regional Authorities

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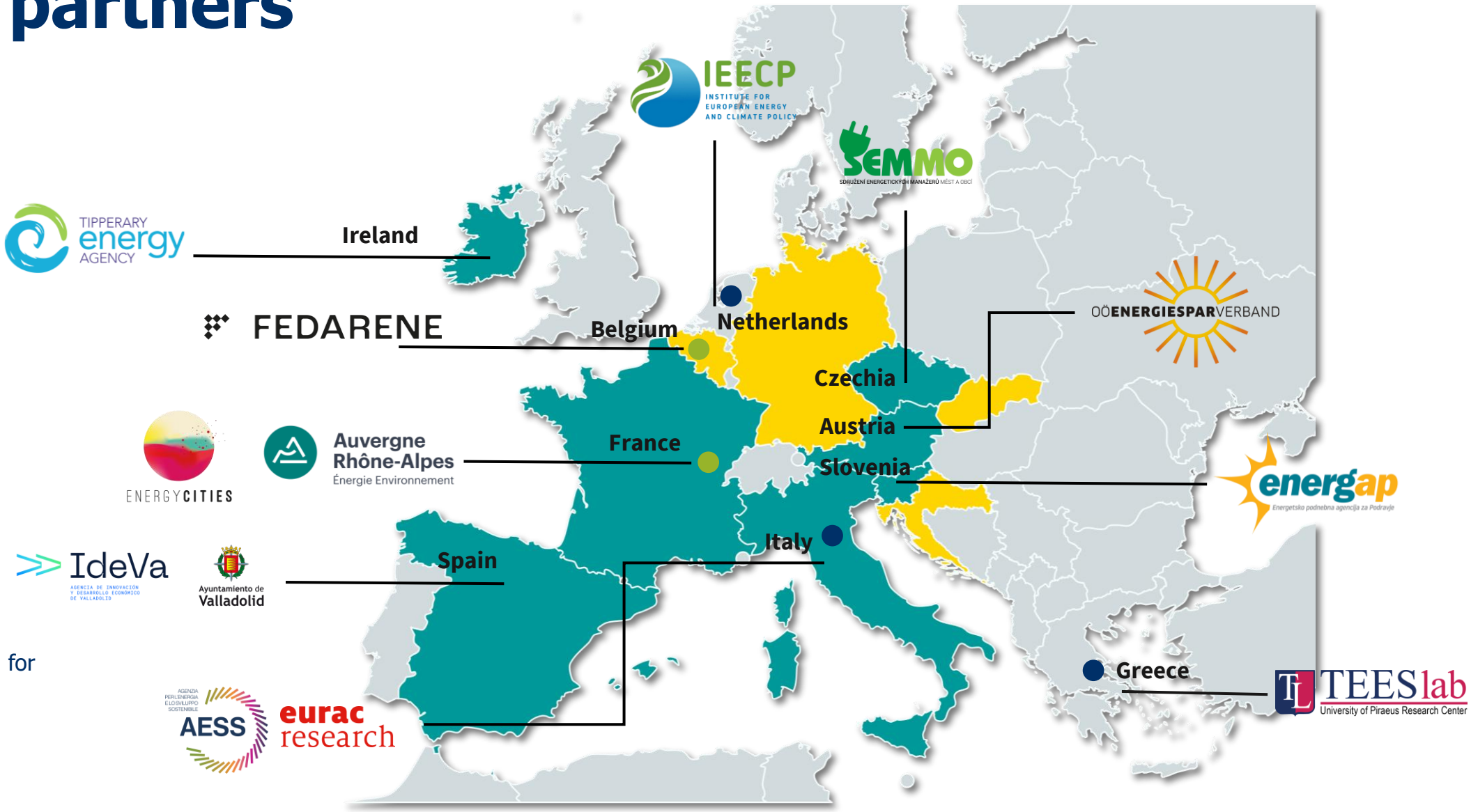
Project partners



- Internal mentors' MS
- Additional MS covered for local groups
- Networks
- Knowledge partners

Our mission:

To offer a tested and robust Capacity Building Programme (CBP) based on peer-to-peer (P2P) exchanges to equip LRAs with the right competences to implement their sustainable energy actions not relying solely on public funding but rather **leveraging the use of private capital by using innovative financing schemes and enabling structures** (such as one-stop-shops, energy agencies, energy communities).

The Capacity Building Programme

- Our approach will allow all LRAs - regardless of their level of knowledge, proficiency in English, or time availability - to engage fully in the project's activities. LRAs can progress by starting either in the PROSPECT Community or in the PROSPECT Learning Programme and advancing respectively to the PROSPECT Learning Programme or to the PROSPECT Advanced Mentoring.

Level 1: PROSPECT Community

- An **open-access learning opportunity**, designed with mentors to answer and support beginners' learning needs. Participants learn at their own pace, engage in discussion forums, and assess their progress through online exercises and quizzes.

Level 2: PROSPECT Learning Programme

- Participants seeking deeper learning can apply for joining a **learning group** (5 participants for the EU groups and 7 for the local groups46) with one dedicated mentor. This learning journey will include online group meetings and a study visit to the mentor's premises.
- 4 learning cycles are foreseen.

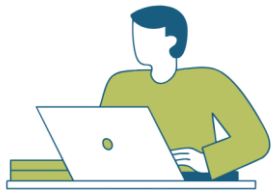
Level 3: PROSPECT Advanced Mentoring

- The mentees most eager to move forward and replicate the mentor's experience, will be able to benefit from **individual online sessions** with their mentor.

Level 2: PROSPECT Learning Programme

Step 1: Online meeting

- **Online** introduction where participants meet, review the learning plan and explore tools and materials and prepare for the in-person visit.
- Mentees **present project ideas** and their objectives for the study visit. The mentor guides them on using the VLE and accessing supporting documents.



Step 2: Site visit

- A **1.5-day in-person visit** to the mentor's premises, including an in-depth workshop on the mentor's project and financing scheme, tailored support for mentees, meetings with the full project team, and an optional site visit.

Step 3: Online meeting

- An **online** meeting one month after the study-visit, where the mentor follows up with the mentees on the status of the implementation of the project.

Step 4: Masterclass

- **2 Brussels Masterclasses** will provide cross-cycle networking, expert presentations on financing opportunities, tailored support, and structured collaboration. Advanced mentees will present their projects to financial institutions.

The PROSPECT learning resources - Tools & User manuals

Project Finance Readiness Tool

- A tool developed to help local authorities assess the financial maturity of their planned sustainable energy projects.
  - Access here

Recommendations - Decision Matrix

- A tool designed by UPRC to assist local government organisations choose among a wide range of innovative financing schemes for urban climate planning.
  - Access here

SYNERGIZE+

- An innovative and practical Excel-based tool designed to help decision-makers prioritize actions from Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).
  - Access here

AI-EnergyFinance Advisor

- An innovative AI-powered tool by EURAC based on generative Artificial Intelligence (genAI) capabilities working in parallel with other existing tools
- Support users by providing tailored suggestions on which relevant tools, financing schemes etc. might best meet their specific needs and purposes
- Coming soon on the **PROSPECT Academy**

MAC Tool

- I.e. the Marginal Abatement Cost (MAC) tool by EURAC, it will be a uer-friendly tool enabling LRAs to compare the cost-effectiveness and CO2 emission reduction potential of financing schemes across different sectors.
- Coming soon on the **PROSPECT Academy**

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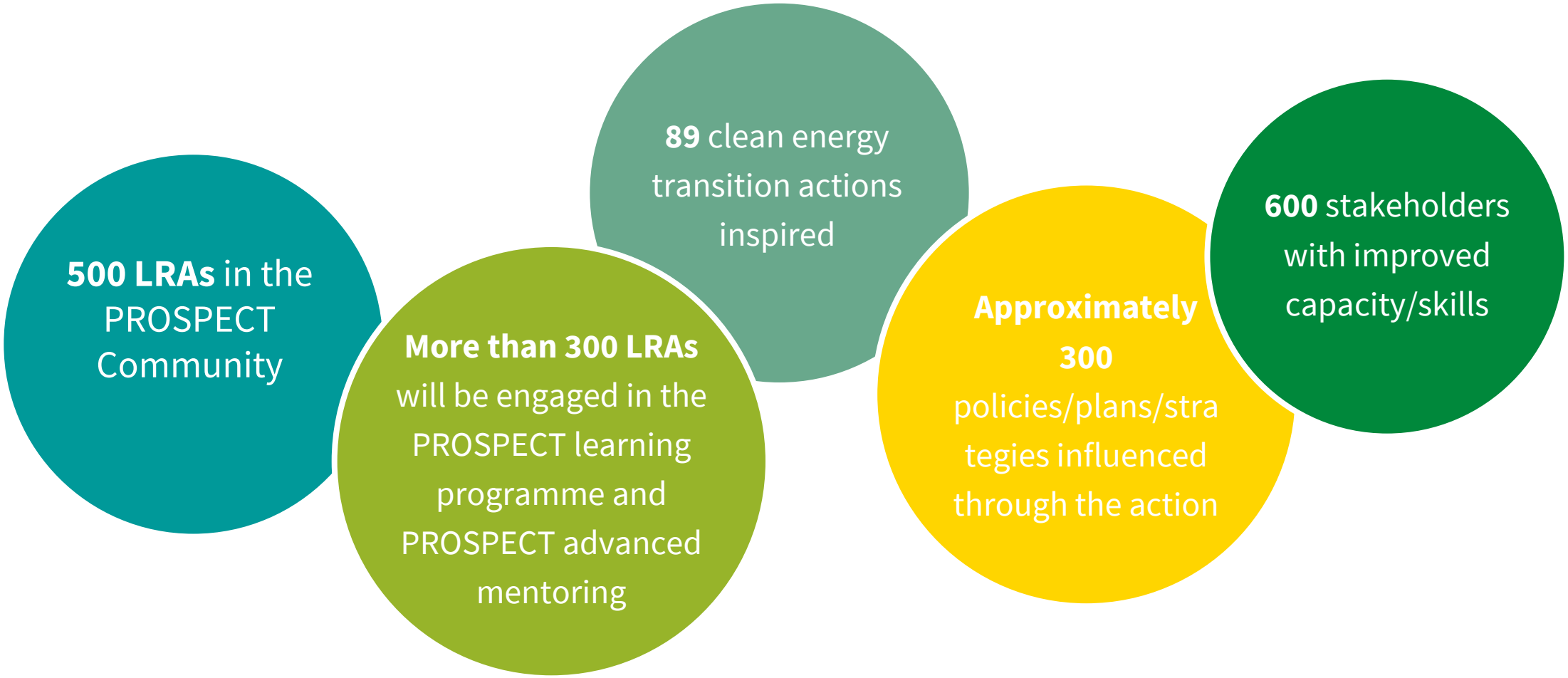
Expected impacts



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Policy work – upcoming activities & events

In order to make the most out of the existing EU initiatives and programmes, PROSPECT CUBE exploits its capacity to reach very small LRAs across the EU

- Upcoming **call for application** in October for PROSPECT CUBE **Learning Cycle 2** (start: January 2027)

- Upcoming #ProspectCube webinar "Financing the energy transition: discover how regions are leveraging third-party investments"
  October 8, 2026 | 10:00 - 11:00 Brussels time | Register here

- Second round of **national webinars** on the implementation of the Green Deal, organised by our mentors in AT, CZ, ES, FR, IE, IT, SI (by ENC) > to be planned in early 2027 but good to know for the webinar participants (what do you think?)

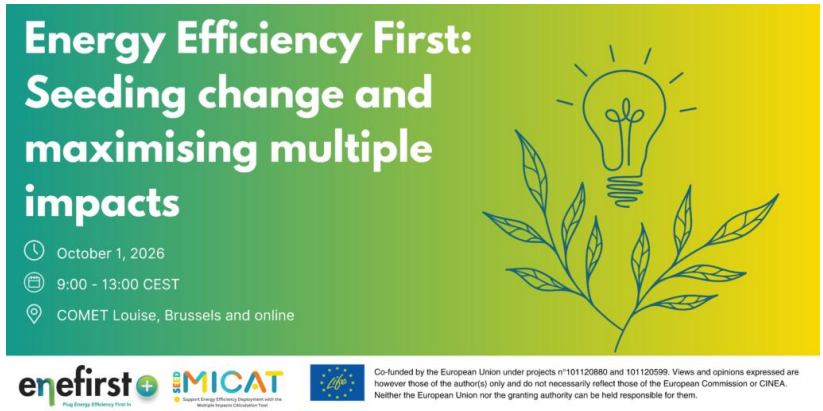
- "What'sEUp" webinars to be organised (in EN) by Energy Cities

- Other announcements on our Website News & Events | PROSPECT. Stay in touch with our PROSPECT Community for various initiatives!

Upcoming in ENEFIRST+

- **Thu. 1 October (morning)**

Final event jointly with SEED-MICAT



- **Week 19-22 October**

Workshop presenting the results of the second Italian pilot case → stay tuned !

+ **factsheet** about the second Italian pilot case to be published soon

All proceedings, resources and info at:

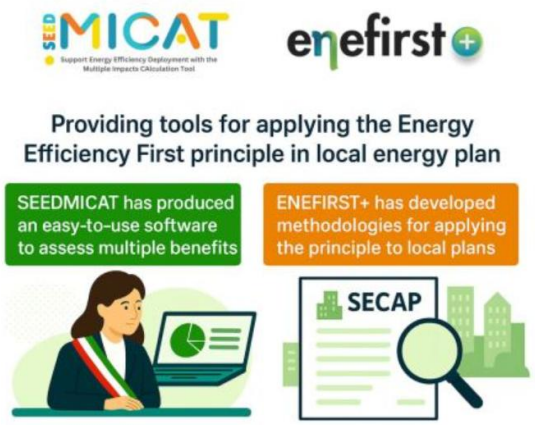
https://ee1st.eu/

And two upcoming external events:

European week of Regions and Cities

14 October 18:00/18:30

EU RegionsTalk: Energy efficiency first' principle in practice: applications on local energy strategies



Covenant of Mayors Ceremony

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From commitment to implementation: strengthening multilevel governance for local climate and energy action in Italy

The Italian position paper

Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy EUROPE