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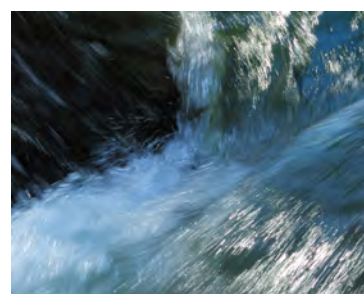
"For a greener future of rural area"

1. Introduction

The aim of the TERRE e-Newsletter is to inform the external audience, such as RES companies, public bodies, NGOs, local development agencies, local communities, farmers, breeders, wood companies and other key stakeholders about TERRE project activities, new initiatives, events and interesting case studies.

More information about the project TERRE you can find at :

<http://www.terre-project.eu>



2. About project TERRE

TERRE intends to experiment and demonstrate that a wise and integrated exploitation of endogenous resources to produce renewable energy is an effective engine for a self-generated and sustainable local development in the areas, based on PPP between public institutions, private operators, and local communities, to get revenues and employment opportunities in less developed or marginal zones, and thus to promote tailored paths of growth and development based on a proper use of local resources. TERRE project will try to determine long lasting positive effects on the local energy policies which can overcome the ideological obstacles to energy plants investments across the civil society and can convince policy maker to invest in RES by adopting models and patters, based on a multi-sectorial approach, that puts forward the environmental and landscape protection and social inputs, such as the fair redistribution and employment, in exploiting the natural resources for energy purposes, with further positive impacts on employment in depressed, underproductive or depopulating areas.



Project code:

SEE/D/0276/4.2/X

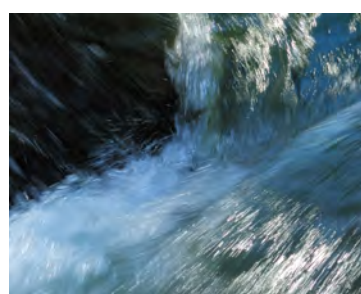
Project budget:

2.185.630,00 €

Project start date / end date:

2012-12 / 2014-12

TERRE involves 13 SEE areas having similar characteristics and hence common challenges: urban polarisation with consequent risk of depopulation of more peripheral zones (usually rural, hilly or mountainous), risk of underproductive crops and loss of territory safeguard. All these areas have high potential for a local development led by the renewable energies due to the availability of natural or derived resources, and TERRE project can facilitate the adoption of sustainable PPP models to implement RES investments by respecting the natural landscape.

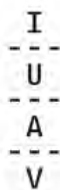




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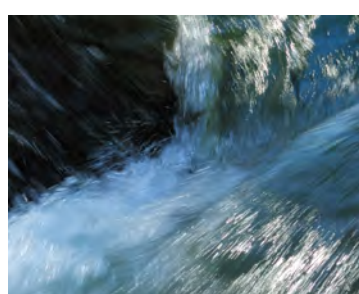
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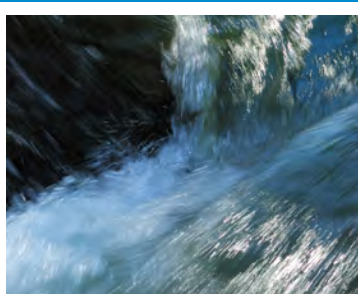


2.2 Main objectives

- to analyze the peculiar characteristics of each territory (as natural and human resources, as well as landscape, cultural and economic characters), its potential for biomasses production from woods, agricultural and breeding activities, sun irradiation and availability of surfaces where to locate photovoltaic plants, wind and water capacity as well as the local energy demand (including heating)
- to elaborate, on the basis of the estimated potential for producing renewable energies, through the implementation of a transnational decision support system, technical economic-financial plans in each area, in order to promote economically, socially and environmentally sustainable local development
- to strengthen the durability and sustainability of local development according to structured processes of capacity building and participation of local actors. The aim is to elaborate and share with public institutions, stakeholders (overall local private operators and investors in renewable energies) as well as with local communities, the above mentioned catalogue of investment opportunities
- to promote a well-targeted capacity building, considering knowledge and human resources as the strongest and durable “renewable energy”, addressed to groups of politicians and officials who should become more experienced in the integrated planning and governance of areas development, based overall on Public Private Partnership (PPP) and networking between different institutional level (regions, provinces, municipalities) and different growth areas at regional, national and transnational scale

2.3 Expected results

- the development of 12 set of scenarios on renewable energies potential and socio-economic and environmental impacts on territories based on the application of a common Decision Support system (DSS)
- the definition of one TERRE’s Transnational model related to the sustainable and balance exploitation of RES as engine for the local development to be used as driver for the preparation of the technical and financial local plans capable to bring investments
- the design of 12 local technical-economic-financial plans addressing strategies and actions for local development based on RES
- the issue of one Transnational Catalogue of Investment Opportunities on Renewable Energies for Local Development
- the realization of three pilot investments and the range of actions activated to catalyse investments and funds based on the TERRE’s patter and own local plans, concretely testing the feasibility of the approach set by the project
- the increase of knowledge of the involved administrations and their local communities through the organization of regional capacity building, as well as elaborate stakeholders preferences, aspirations and visions and the elaboration of a crossing transparent vision and emerging conflicts due to the exploitation of the RES in the concerned project areas
- the involvement, thanks to the appropriate usage of the several communication channels, of 260.000 people, out of which 15.000 directly affected by the message





TERRE will analyse RES potentials of each territory involved in project by seven different sectors:



Wind energy



Solar energy



Agricultural sector



Hidro power



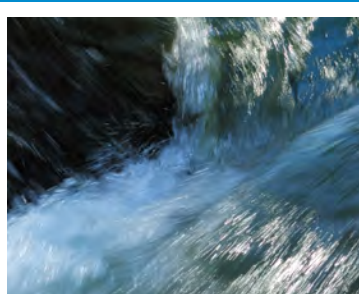
Forestry sector



Residues



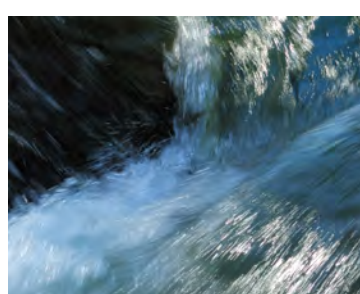
Geothermal energy





3. Kick-off meeting - Rimini

The first meeting of project partners in the project TERRE was held on Tuesday, 19 March 2013th in Rimini, Italy. At meeting has attended a total of 11 partners from 9 countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia. The meeting focused on administrative and financial activities of the project, development of guidelines, implementing media campaigns in the implementation of the project, and to conduct discussions on the next phases of the project. On Wednesday, March 20 2013th partners in the project visited the biogas-plant BIOMAX and two solar photovoltaic power plants, near Rimini. Lessons learned will be of great benefit to partners in the implementation of the project, since the project is based on the development of rural areas through the use of renewable energy sources, such as biomass and solar energy.





4. Second partners meeting - Eisenstadt

First Training Seminar – 23rd September 2013

Representatives of IUAV, coordinators of Training Seminar, presented the genesis of TERRE and its main objectives highlighting that the project is not an energy project in a stricter sense but a project that assumes the renewable energies as relevant potential sources of local development and employment. Presentations were given about:

- the next EU 2014-2010 financial instruments*
- a three level presentation about the EU 2020 energy directives, the energy tools and plans*
- the concept of Ecosystem Services and how to consider Renewable Energy Resources as Ecosystem Services*

IUAV presented the simulation game and all the participants were asked to play in the second part of the afternoon. It was highlighted how the points of the game (goals, players and method) and how it helps in the capacity building process. All participants were (partners and stakeholders) involved in the simulation-game.



2nd Transnational Meeting - 24th September 2013

Meeting gave a general overview of the main activities, time frame and deadlines for each TERRE WP. The meeting focused on administrative and financial activities of the project, development of guidelines, implementing media campaigns in the implementation of the project, and to conduct discussions on the next phases of the project. All WP coordinators (Rimini,IRENA,EEE,TOB,Iuav) gave the presentation activities, output, results and deadlines of their represented WPs.

After the meeting PPs went to study visit to “Lichtenegg”.

