

ALPINE COUNTRIES WORK TOGETHER FOR A LOW-CARBON FUTURE

**TOTAL INVESTMENT
EUR EUR 2 146 210**

**EU CONTRIBUTION
EUR 1 580 877**

The interregional IMEAS project is providing practical guidance and collaboration opportunities to help key players in the Alpine region make the complex transition to a low-carbon economy.

A global energy transition is under way, propelled by the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to limit climate change. The EU's long-term strategy is for a climate-neutral Europe by 2050.

Alpine countries face some common challenges and opportunities in developing their low-carbon policies and sustainable energy plans. The seven countries in the interregional Alpine Space programme, which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund, are working to develop shared solutions through the IMEAS project.

IMEAS stands for 'Integrated and Multi-level Energy models for the Alpine Space'. The project team is multidisciplinary, bringing together partners with technical, sociological, and territorial expertise.

Many public and private actors, from diverse sectors, have a role to play in the energy transition. IMEAS is developing a network model for all the stakeholders involved which describes their roles, relationships and decision-making incentives. Different levels of governance – from villages to national governments – are also included. The aim is that this multidimensional understanding will foster more and better cooperation.

Practical tools

IMEAS' goal is to ensure a more consistent, integrated and participatory approach. Public authorities and others responsible for sustainable energy can use the project tools to involve key players at every stage of planning and implementation.

The practical support available via the IMEAS web platform includes roadmaps for long-term, low-carbon energy development throughout the region after 2020.

There is also comprehensive guidance on how to make low-carbon initiatives more efficient and effective. People can share innovations and experiences from the diverse approaches that are also a strength in the Alpine region.

The project will end in December 2019 and the IMEAS web platform will run for five years, until 2023. While it has not directly created any jobs, it addresses many issues related to energy and climate planning, which represents a growing research and innovation sector. ■

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