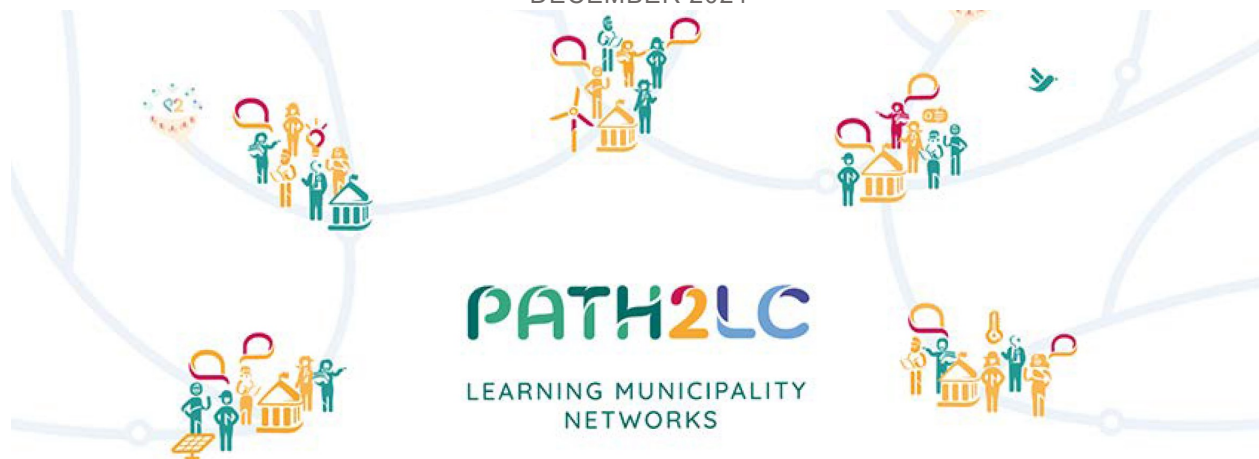


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CONSOLIDATING THE NETWORKS

5 networks from 5 EU countries
accompanied by scientific and dissemination partners

As the year is coming to a close, we reflect in this newsletter on all the successes we have had in our collaboration, as well as on the coming tasks and exciting challenges.

Please receive our best of wishes for the Holiday season and the New Year. May the year ahead bring us closer together again, offer us new insights, and above all good health!



PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- September-October: Webinar Series -

The first webinars series organised by Energy Cities addressed the governing & planning of climate transition at local level. Inspiring presentations from mayors, energy agencies and researchers about:

- "Local Climate Pact: how local authorities create their own COP21? " (26/10/2021)
- "Cities going circular: the role of local authorities in avoiding, preventing and reducing the consumption of local resources". (12/10/2021)
- "Governing & Planning the local transition to climate-neutrality" (28/09/2021)

[Read Energy Cities' article here](#)

- September-December: Network Meetings -

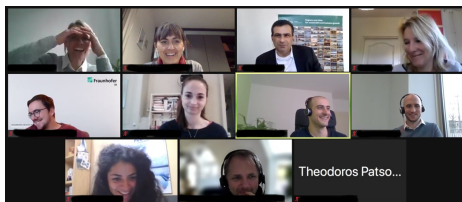


After the Network approach kicked-off in early summer, the second round of network meetings are taking place in the fourth quarter of the year. A main agenda point is the target setting! Find out more on our [website](#).

- October: P2P Learning Session -

A peer-to-peer learning session was organized by [Energy Cities](#) on the topic "Organising & facilitating the local transition through multi-actor engagement processes in cities". It aimed to discuss necessary elements to organize such a process, particularly with regard to local governance and to the diversity of stakeholders involved in the reflections and decision-making processes.

- November: Project Meeting -



After 15 months of working together remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the project meeting -although held virtually- was a very special time. We experienced great team spirit and got inspired and motivated to keep up the good work!

The second day of the meeting was open to all active members of the PATH2LC networks and was supplemented by a virtual site visit.

- January 2022: Training on Tools -

Project activities have revealed a strong need for municipal stakeholders to understand the basics of heating and cooling planning. This lack of knowledge was identified as one of the reasons why high impact measures, like the energy-efficient refurbishment of buildings, have still not been planned. Therefore, a training on tools and methods for heating and cooling planning will be offered for municipal stakeholders in January 2022. Municipal stakeholders will learn about the saving potential held by heating and cooling planning, the basic calculations and data used in the process. They will also learn about some success stories of municipalities that have engaged in heating and cooling planning.



GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE NETWORKS

Scientific & Dissemination Partners



Local Partners / Networks



The first year of the project provided an opportunity to promote mutual understanding. We as a project team wanted to understand how we could support the municipalities in the implementation of their SECAP measures. The municipalities wanted to understand what our project is about and how they could benefit from the “Learning Municipality Network” approach.

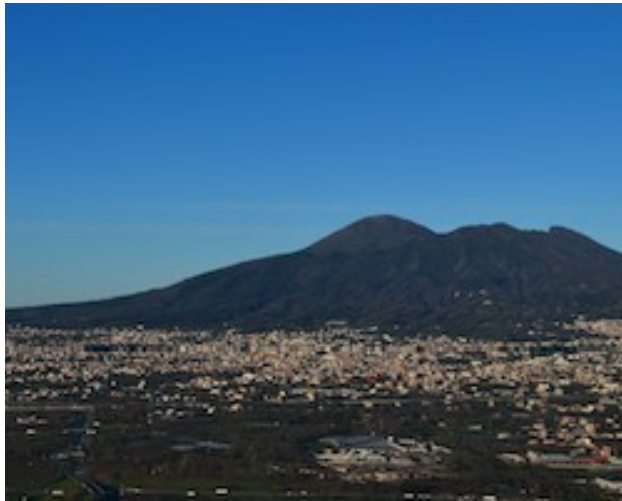
1st step: analysis and assessment of existing SEAPs and SECAPs in the municipalities.

2nd step: data collection to have a starting point for the monitoring within the PATH2LC project.

3rd step: interviews with the network operators and decision-makers of each participating municipality to find out about their needs. Find out more in the [published paper](#).

Meanwhile several discussions and activities took place at local level to grow together.

As a result of these activities we named the networks as follows:



Italian network 'Better together'



Greek network 'Blue Promising Sea'



Portuguese network 'Big Dreams'



French network 'Arms wide open'



Dutch network 'Forerunners'





SHARING RESOURCES



- Knowledge base and PATH2LC community -

A knowledge base is set up to support the development and implementation of energy transition policies and to transfer this knowledge to and between the network members. The knowledge base consists of materials and tools developed in previous projects as well as know-how from internal and external experts. The platform is integrated into the [project website](#).

The Knowledge base will remain open to integrate new sources, feel free to contact [e-think](#) for suggestions!



- Publications -

The first working paper of the PATH2LC project is now public: "SE(C)APs: From municipal planning to concrete action. Barriers, success factors and decision processes." You can find it on the [website](#) and share it with your network.



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