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D5.8: Summary report of dissemination events and results

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	Energy Cities (ENC)	France	Scientific
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	Joint Office for Environmental Sustainability (UCSA) Ufficio Comune per la Sostenibilità Ambientale	Italy	Local network
	Sustainable City Network (SCN)	Greece	Local network
	Agência Regional de Energia e Ambiente do Oeste – OesteSustentavel (Oeste)	Portugal	Local network
	City Northern Netherlands represented by City of Leeuwarden (CNNL)	Netherlands	Local network
	Agence Locale de la Transition Énergétique du Rhône (ALTE69)	France	Local network



THE PATH2LC PROJECT

In the PATH2LC project local authorities worked together in a holistic network approach (so-called learning municipality networks) with the aim to achieve low-carbon municipalities.

The core of the project activities were the SE(C)APs (Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plans) or similar climate protection plans developed by the municipalities. The PATH2LC project has facilitated the exchange of existing knowledge and experiences between municipalities, improved cooperation with local stakeholders and civil society and it has equipped public authorities with the necessary planning and monitoring tools to develop and implement transition roadmaps and achieve the targets set in their SE(C)APs.

The holistic network approach has connected stakeholders from different municipalities enabling peer-to-peer learning and increasing the overall commitment to energy and climate transition. Policy makers and local public authorities have been supported with scientific analysis and expertise in order to understand and implement their SE(C)AP measures. Five existing networks of municipalities in Italy, Greece, Portugal, the Netherlands and France have participated in the project.

A particular interest of the project is to invite other municipalities to replicate the learning municipality network approach and benefit from the knowledge base gathered throughout the project.

Further information on www.path2lc.eu

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AIM OF DELIVERABLE 5.8

The communication strategy delivered end of December 2020 gave a comprehensive overview of all communication objectives and activities planned during the project's lifecycle. Part of this communication strategy was based on the planning and holding of events, conferences, webinars and training sessions. These dissemination activities aimed to increase awareness about the project, its results and to encourage other municipalities to replicate the holistic network approach.

The aim of the present deliverable (D5.8) is to report on such events. All deliverables classified as 'public' in the Grant Agreement can be found on our dedicated PATH2LC website, which is linked [here](#).

DISSEMINATION EVENTS AND RESULTS

Events/Conferences

Partners have hosted and/or participated in conferences and events as part of the PATH2LC project. These have been opportunities to present the project and its results. Depending on the event, we reached public authorities and/or the academic and scientific community. Over 3,000 people were reached through these events. A full report on all conferences can be found in the annexes.

Zoom in: Energy Cities' annual conference

The 2023 Energy Cities annual conference will take place in Modena, Italy, on 18-19-20 October. This year, Energy Cities is collaborating with the City of Modena, the Energy and Sustainable Development Agency (AESS) and Climate Alliance. Participants will delve into tangible examples of local transformation, exploring how to achieve our climate goals. Municipal representatives from across Europe will come together for high-level plenaries, interactive workshops, informal open space formats and valuable networking opportunities. Each year, Energy Cities' annual conference welcomes around 200 participants from municipalities. This is a unique opportunity to share some of the results of the PATH2LC project. PATH2LC materials will be available to all participants and displayed during the conference. Further information is available [here](#).

Webinars/training sessions

In order to equip local authorities and partners with the right tools to successfully implement their SECAPs, webinars have been organized throughout the project. Approximately 732 people were reached through this medium. A list of the webinars can also be found in the annexes.

Energy Cities' webinars series

As part of the PATH2LC project, Energy Cities organized a series of seven webinars on the topic of "Frugal and (self) sufficient cities, by will or by force. These exploratory discussions focused on the notion of sufficiency: a circular production-consumption principle that acknowledges the boundaries of our planet, in favor of lifestyles that set the standard for adequate well-being, without precluding it to other communities or exacerbating climate change. These webinars sought to answer the following question: How can local authorities avoid emissions, support only climate-compatible activities and shift local activities so that they respect the environmental and social boundaries of their territory?

A total of 250 participants took part in one or more of the webinars organized by Energy Cities. A survey was shared at the end of the webinars series to collect feedback, in which seven responses were collected. The general feeling about the webinars have been “good”, “very interesting and useful”, “positive” or “very clear and enlightening sessions”. Participants found the presentation of case studies with concrete examples and figures very useful, even though some of the webinars that had a bit more of a theoretical focus were also appreciated.

As stated in D3.2, the feedback we received from participants (via the Mentimeter tool or from local partners in our monthly calls) for all of the trainings was overall positive. At the same time, we noticed that interaction in the discussions of the respective training was mostly limited to a few engaged participants, while the majority of participants did not directly interact with the trainers, although interpretation to all languages (Greek, French, Portuguese, Italian) was provided. Interaction in the chat was used more than direct questions to the respective trainer. We attribute this rather unused opportunity of direct interaction to both the potential language barrier and the overall setting of the training: albeit online, some people may feel uncomfortable speaking in front of dozens of other participants.

The participants found the training on Financing very helpful, especially the specific part on the ELENA facility. Some municipalities had already identified specific measures in their SE(C)APs and were at the point of looking for funding to implement these measures. The ELENA facility can provide support as a funding mechanism and the introduction to the facility’s framework conditions as well as the possibility to ask questions to an external expert was very helpful for the participants. This enabled some uncertainties to be clarified and the participants also had the opportunity to contact the external expert afterwards to get further support and further questions could be clarified bilaterally.

The feedback received from participants for all P2P was very positive. According to participants, the sessions were “very interesting and useful”, “clear and enlightening” and “positive”. P2P sessions were able to give practical and concrete examples from other cities. In terms of format, the first two P2P sessions were held online.

The list of participants and recordings of webinars are available in deliverable 3.3.

Final event

The final PATH2LC project meeting was the occasion to invite all partners and network stakeholders to come together one last time to reflect on the learning municipality networks approach: results and lessons learnt. The agenda is available [here](#).

ANNEX – OVERVIEW OF EVENTS AND WEBINARS

The following pages provide an overview of the events, webinars and online trainings organized during the course of the PATH2LC project.

PATH2LC - List of events

Most of the events were held using PowerPoint presentations, some of which used PATH2LC roll-ups. Pictures and in some cases videos of these events are available upon request. Over 3.000 people have been reached during these events. *This list of events does not include local network meetings. These can be found in Deliverable 2.4*

Partner	Date	Place of event	Title of event	Type of event (conference, workshop, fair, congress)	Public (public authorities, policy makers, regional council, media, EU projects, research institutes, NGOs, companies)	Number of people reached	Description, Comments, Results
Oeste Sustentável	4-Oct-2022	Alcântara	Caminho da Inovação 2022 – Expo & Networking	Forum			https://www.aguasdotejoatlantico.adp.pt/noticias/caminho-da-inovacao-2022-expo-networking
SCN	3-Jul-2021	Corinth	2nd Annual Meeting of Local Government Secretaries General	Scientific Conference	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Technocrats, Executives of Municipalities' Financial Administration, Civil servants, Policy makers, Local Authorities, Stakeholders	> 1.000	https://www.sustainable-city.gr/latest-news-gr/synedrio-gg-korinthos-2021
SCN	23-Nov-2021	Athens (online)	"Industry 4.0 & Smart Cities" Course (MBA Techno- Economics) of the National Technical University of Athens	Course	Undergraduate Students, Experienced executives from private and public organizations	50	https://academics.epu.ntua.gr/en/courses/industry
SCN	16-Dec-2021	Athens (and online)	5th SCN Annual Conference and General Assembly	Conference / Livestreaming	Public Authorities (Mayors, Vice Mayors), policy makers, Technocrats, Civil servants	107	https://www.sustainable-city.gr/sust-city-5th-conference-gr.html https://youtu.be/DnHYIfkMHYA?t=412

SCN	11-Mar-2022	Athens (online)	Webinar of HellaBiom - Renewable Heating and Cooling in Greek Municipalities	National Roundtable	Public Authorities (Mayors, Vice Mayors), policy makers, Relevant Stakeholders, Citizens	50	https://youtu.be/-5lInnDkQnRI https://youtu.be/OJLnK6geZHE
SCN	11-Apr-2022	Athens	NTUA's Inter-Departmental Postgraduate Course "Energy Production and Management"	Course	Students	25	
SCN	17-May-2022	Paramythia (Souli)	POWERPOOR Info Day in the Municipality of Souli	Info Day	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Citizens, civil servants, Policy Makers	80	
SCN	20-Jul-2022	Athens	Green Investment Day	Conference	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Citizens, civil servants, Policy Makers, relevant stakeholders, companies	100	https://www.sustainable-city.gr/latest-news-gr/imera-prasinon-ependyseon https://youtu.be/qVlPJ9gfyA?t=429
SCN	29-Nov-2022	Athens	"Industry 4.0 & Smart Cities" Course (MBA Techno-Economics) of the National Technical University of Athens	Course	Undergraduate Students, Experienced executives from private and public organizations	25	
SCN	8-Dec-2022	Almyros	POWERPOOR Info Day in the Municipality of Almyros	Info Day	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Citizens, civil servants, Policy Makers	29	
SCN	14-Dec-2022	Athens	6th SCN Annual Conference and General Assembly	Conference	Public Authorities (Mayors, Vice Mayors), policy makers, Technocrats, Civil servants	126	https://www.sustainable-city.gr/sust-city-6th-conference-gr.html https://youtu.be/HYfiZKR5bOE?t=436
SCN	21-Feb-2023	Tripolis	POWERPOOR Info Day in the Municipality of Tripolis	Info Day	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Citizens, civil servants, Policy Makers	55	

SCN	7-Mar-2023	Aspropyrgos (Athens)	POWERPOOR Info Day in the Municipality of Aspropyrgos	Info Day	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Citizens, civil servants, Policy Makers, students	117	
SCN	3-Apr-2023	Athens	Course "Energy Efficiency & Project Management" of the Interdepartmental Programme of Postgraduate Studies "Energy Production and Management" of the National Technical University of Athens	Course	Postgraduate Students	35	
SCN	26-May-2023	Faliro (Athens)	4th Annual Meeting of Local Government Secretaries General - Scientific Conference "Green Transition & Circular Economy in Local Government" and the 2nd Attica Green Expo	Scientific Conference	Elected representatives of Local Authorities, Technocrats, Executives of Municipalities' Financial Administration, Civil servants, Policy makers, Local Authorities, Stakeholders	> 1.000	
Oeste Sustentável	21-Oct-2022	Caldas da Rainha	A Elaboração de SECAP's no âmbito do Pacto de Autarcas	Workshop	Local Authorities, Stakeholders		SECAP elaboration support for municipalities
Fraunhofer ISI	30-Sept-2022	Dresden	Enerday 2022 - 16th international conference on energy economics and technology	Conference		50	Burghard, Uta; Fritz, Markus (2022): Municipal networks for mutual support. How can this contribute to the implementation of energy efficiency measures? Presentation hold at Enerday 2022, Dresden.
Fraunhofer ISI	24-27 July, 2023	Milan	18th IAEE European Conference	Conference	Researchers	15	Alsheimer, S.; Burghard, U.; Fritz, M. (in press): Lessons from municipal networks for mutual support: Empowering municipalities to lead the transition towards a low-carbon society. IAEE Conference proceedings 2023.
ALTE69	2 December 2021	Villeurbanne	ALTE69's session, with external experts' intervention, entitled: Methanisation projects, a transition tool at	Training interactive session	Public Authorities/ SECAP civil servants & experts	20	https://seafiler.alte69.org/f/186dd576b3d04ac1a0cc/?dl=1

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ALTE69	24 April 2023	Belleville-en-Beaujolais	The first Biennial of Rhône Local Authorities in transitions	Fair/Conference	Local elected officials, senior and technical civil servants, some key institutional partners	200	https://www.alte69.org/fr/biennale-des-territoires-en-transitions-du-rhone-et-au-lancement/
CNNL	16 May 2023	The Hague	Network day of Northern governmental institutes	Network day/conference	Regional and national elected officials, civil servants, commercial parties	+ - 150	Pictures/ PowerPoint presentation
CNNL	15 November 2022	Leeuwarden	Sustainable market	Fair	Local/regional elected officials, civil servants, inhabitants, commercial parties	+ -250	Poster
CNNL	11 February 2023					+ -300	
IREES	13 October 2021	Karlsruhe	“Enhancing the implementation of energy efficiency projects”	Workshop/study visit	University researchers and professors	20	PowerPoint Presentations
IREES	21 st - 22 nd October 2020	online	Kick-off project meeting	Project meeting	PATH2LC partners	All partners	PowerPoint Presentations
IREES	7 th – 9 th June 2021		2 nd project meeting				
IREES	22 nd - 23 rd November 2021		3 rd project meeting				
IREES	31 st May - 1 st June 2022		Hybrid online and in Karlsruhe				
IREES	22 nd - 23 rd November 2022	Hybrid online and in Vienna	5 th project meeting				
IREES	21 st June 2023	Hybrid online and in Brussels	Last project meeting and final conference				

PATH2LC - List of webinars

Approximately 732 people were reached through the webinars held as part of the PATH2LC project.

Partner	Date	Audience (public authorities, policy makers, regional council, media, EU projects, research institutes, NGOs, companies)	Number of people reached	Description, Comments, Results
SCN	7-Jan-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	6	Online meeting with personnel from the Municipality of Oichalia
SCN	8-Jan-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	6	Online meeting with personnel from the Municipality of Messini
SCN	14-Jan-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	8	Online meeting with personnel from the Municipality of Corinth
SCN	5-Mar-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	13	Introductory Meeting
SCN	1-Apr-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	32	National Meeting
SCN	24-Jun-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	4	Online meeting with personnel from the Municipality of Messini
SCN	06/2021 - 09/2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	32	Municipality Workshops
SCN	17-Dec-2021	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	16	National Meeting
SCN	26-May-2022	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	22	National Meeting - Day 1
SCN	27-May-2022	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	22	National Meeting - Day 2
SCN	18-Nov-2022	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	21	National Meeting
SCN	26-Apr-2023	Public authorities, policy makers, technical personnel	17	National Meeting
e-think	23-Nov-2021	Why is strategic building stock and H&C planning essential for carbon neutrality?	44	online
e-think	19-Jan-2022	How to derive a local Renovation Strategy	52	online

e-think	26-Jan-2022	Strategic Heating and Cooling Planning	43	online
e-think	26-Apr-2022	Hotmaps: The open-source mapping and planning tool for heating and cooling	18	online
e-think	21-Jun-2022	Stakeholder Engagement	35	online
e-think	10-Jan-2023	Financing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	30	online
e-think	8-Mar-2023	Data Collection and Inventory for H&C planning	17	online
e-think	13-Mar-2023	Draft and use a Waste Heat Cadastre	16	online
e-think	28-Mar-2023	Replicable Solutions for Selected Building Archetypes	19	online
Energy Cities	28/09/2021	Making the EU climate neutral by 2050: how to translate climate neutrality into local strategies?	259	online
Energy Cities	12/10/2021	Cities going circular: the role of local authorities in avoiding, preventing and reducing the consumption of resources?	259	online
Energy Cities	26/10/2021	Local Climate Pact: how local authorities create their own COP 21?	259	online
Energy Cities	30/03/2022	Teaming up: how collaboration unlocks cities' climate action?	259	online
Energy Cities	15/06/2022	What emergency energy saving measures should my city take?	259	online
Energy Cities	4/10/2022	How do we make sufficiency desirable: changing cultures and organizations	259	online
Energy Cities	8/11/2022	Local ecological transition and jobs: accelerating green local economies	259	online
Energy Cities	1/12/2022	From vacant spaces to meanwhile spaces	259	online
Energy Cities	27/02/2023	New local compasses for territorial policies	259	online
Energy Cities	20/03/2023	Degrowth and the ecological limits of cities	259	online