



## CoME EAsy Newsletter #5

### Best Practice Library (BPL): Information and Inspiration for Local Authorities

The **Best Practice Library (BPL)** is a tool to enhance knowledge and share experience between local authorities and across national borders. The BPL offers CoME EAsy and eea municipalities a great way to publish and share their best practices through a device that is embedded into the eea Management Tool (EMT).

The Best Practice Library is also [publicly available](#) on the project's website and constitutes a diverse pool of information and inspiration. The BPL can help local authorities to build upon valuable experiences and proven ideas when planning energy efficiency and climate protection measures, as well as to exchange on open questions or faced challenges with knowledgeable colleagues. The Best Practice Library offers filtering options and facilitates finding measures that may have already been implemented by peer cities.



### KPI Dashboard: Now available online in the EMT

The **KPI Dashboard** is now ready for use by local authorities. The dashboard provides a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) compliant with the main initiatives the project is aligned with and the main systems in use at EU level. The design of the KPIs set follows the structure of the eea management tool (EMT) model, but takes a more inclusive perspective on



sustainable development following the smart vision and the UN SDGs. Hence, this KPI set goes beyond mere energy reference and includes additional indicators that relate to prosperity and quality of life in a more general manner.

The KPI Dashboard, embedded in the EMT and accessible free of charge [on request](#), enables local authorities to reliably assess their strengths and weaknesses, and to monitor their progress on the base of the harmonised KPIs set.

By harmonising several initiatives and approaches with each other, this benchmarking tool can be used as a gateway to enter multiple commitments.

### CoME EASY webinars: Emission Path Tool and Best Practice Library

Two pre-recorded webinars explaining the CoME EASY tools in detail are now available in German language. One webinar provides a deeper understanding on how to use the Emission Path Tool (EPT): a set of closely related tools, including the Baseline and Monitoring Emission Inventory (BEI/MEI) according to the CoM methodology and a scenario calculator. This webinar is intended primarily for municipal staff members, advisors or other interested persons with prior knowledge in the field of energy and GHG emission inventories and reduction paths.

The second webinar explains the Best Practice Library, a sharing tool linked with the publicly accessible pool of best practices on the project website (more information above).



Both webinars are part of the “**restricted area**” newly added to the CoME EASY website: This new area provides more detailed and targeted information material for municipalities and advisors and can be accessed on request [here](#).

## Statement on CoME EASY and the use of the tools package

The CoME EASY Ambassador Municipalities play a crucial role in the implementation of the project: they represent the target group of the CoME EASY tools package and are, furthermore, the testing bodies that provide important feedback on the applicability, usability and the benefit of the tools package.

During the last months, Ambassador Municipalities of seven European countries tested the tools and developed SECAPs (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans) according to CoM-requirements by using the tools. One of the CoME EASY Ambassadors is the Swiss City of Lausanne, an ambitious eea gold city that at the same time is committed to the Covenant of Mayors and therefore has a thorough understanding of the respective strengths and challenges of the two initiatives from years of first-hand experience. Georges Ohana, the City of Lausanne's Energy Delegate describes his experiences with the CoME EASY tools and shares his opinion on their relevance for cities and municipalities in this interview:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxXaAxIIrhc> (English subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTucrTsnWx0&t=177s> (French subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S05MvV7CjxM&t=1s> (German subtitles)

## EU Regions Week

The event "[The European Week of Regions and Cities](#)" was founded in 2003. Over the years, this event has become a platform, or rather a network, of experts in regional development, exchange of good practices in economic development and social inclusion, cross-border cooperation, public-private partnerships etc. In 2020 the main topics are "Green Europe", "Cohesion and Cooperation" and "Empowering Citizens".

This event has developed with great success in these 18 editions, thus becoming a key event on EU Regional Policy. More than 6,000 participants are expected every year, in 2019 this record was broken with an impressive number of 9,000 participants (local, regional, national and European decision-makers and experts).

On Tuesday October 20, there was a **Climate pact: citizens' engagement** session. Charlotte Spörndli acted as moderator and Chiara Tavella was part of the **Round table of ideas for**



**citizen engagement** with a presentation on CoME EASY Stakeholder Engagement Guidelines.

Video footage of the initiative can be accessed [here](#).

### **EIP SCC General Assembly – 2-3 September 2020 Brno (CZ) and [online](#)**

The EIP-SCC Marketplace is an EU initiative helping cities across Europe launch smart city solutions, making efficient use of digital and telecommunication technologies for the benefit of citizens and businesses. A special session was dedicated to European Energy Award for Smart and Climate-neutral Cities, where Charlotte Spörndli presented the eea association and program and Dorin Beu spoke on the situation of eea in Central and East Europe. The video of these presentations is available [here](#).

### **First certified municipality in Romania: Vama Buzăului**

Vama Buzăului is the first Romanian municipality that successfully completed the certification process of the Romanian eea – Comunitate Sustenabilă and reached the national label with two leaves at 38.5%. On October 23, the first road sign with the message ‘Comunitate Sustenabilă’ was officially revealed in the presence of the Ambassador of Switzerland in Romania, his Excellency Mr. Arthur Mattli. Vama Buzăului is also a pilot city in the CoME EASY project.



## **EC NEWS**

### **EU Renovation Wave**

On October 14, the European Commission launched the [EU Renovation Wave Strategy](#) aiming to double building renovation rates in the next ten years and make sure that renovations lead to higher energy and resource efficiency. By 2030, **35 million buildings could be renovated and up to 160,000 additional green jobs created**.

To achieve the minimum 55% emissions reduction target for 2030, as proposed by the Commission in September 2020, the EU must reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings by 60%, energy consumption by 14%, and energy consumption stemming from



heating and cooling by 18%. The review of the Renewable Energy Directive in June 2021 will consider strengthening the renewable heating and cooling target and introducing a minimum renewable energy level in buildings.

### **Quality of Life in European Cities 2020**

In October , the European Commission released the [REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN EUROPEAN CITIES, 2020](#)

Nine out of 10 citizens are satisfied with the living conditions in their city – with high levels of satisfaction for public administration, green spaces and public transport. Especially in Eastern Europe, more than 50% of the population stated that quality of life has improved compared to five years ago.

