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Municipalities save the equivalent of the yearly energy consumption of 4.500 German households/year!

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European municipalities achieve savings of around 109 GWh in three years! This is the equivalent of the yearly energy consumption of 4.500 German households. Such savings are the result of a methodology developed and implemented by local organisations as part of a European project: Public Authorities Together with a Holistic network approach on the way to Low-Carbon municipalities (PATH2LC).

What is the PATH2LC project?

PATH2LC is a European funded project that ran from September 2020 until August 2023. It brought together public authorities in a holistic network approach – the so-called Learning Municipality Networks (LMNs) - with the aim of achieving low-carbon municipalities. This goal was partly reached by facilitating the implementation of so-called Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plans, or in short: SE(C)Aps, developed by the municipalities.

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How were those savings achieved?

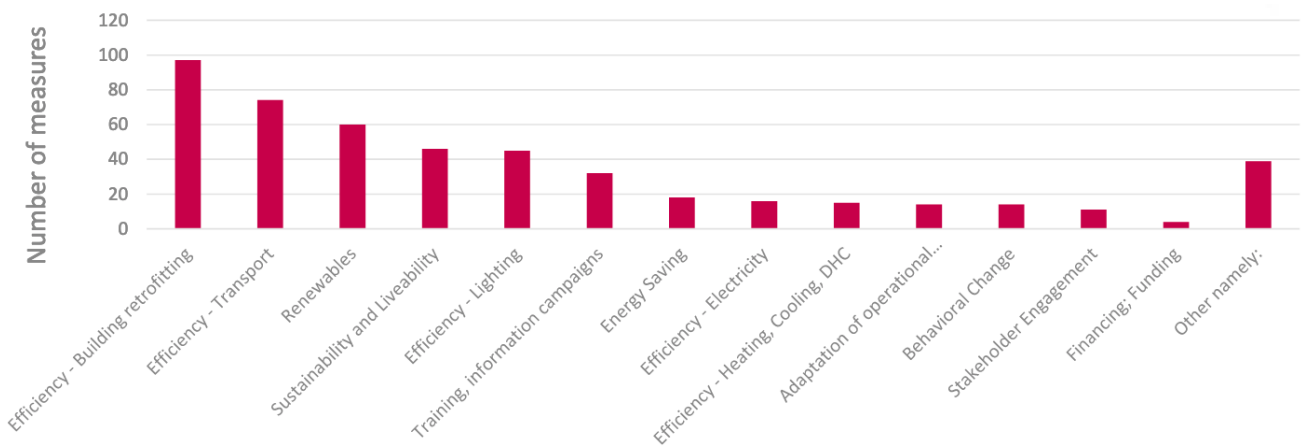
The **holistic network approach** links stakeholders in public authorities among municipalities enabling peer-to-peer learning and increasing the engagement for the energy and climate transition. Policy makers and public authorities at local level were supported with scientific analysis and expertise in order to create and implement their SE(C)AP measures. Five existing networks of municipalities in Italy, Greece, Portugal, the Netherlands and France were participating in the project.

RESULTS & LESSONS LEARNT

During the project duration, the municipalities that were part of the PATH2LC networks implemented close to 500 measures!

As the figure below shows, there is a clear focus on building retrofitting, transport and renewables, but a wide range of sustainability and liveability measures were also implemented: these include measures such as the extension of bicycle paths, the creation of new green spaces and waste management measures.





The learning network approach was perceived as useful and beneficial by the participating networks: the approach allowed regular exchange of experiences with other stakeholders to discuss challenges and how to overcome them.

Can this approach be replicated?

Yes! A special interest of the project is to invite other municipalities to replicate the learning municipality network approach.

How?

Many useful resources are available to you on the PATH2LC website. The [project's Knowledge Base](#) compiles a range of information on best practices, tools, software and trainings to support municipalities in the implementation their SE(C)APs.

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