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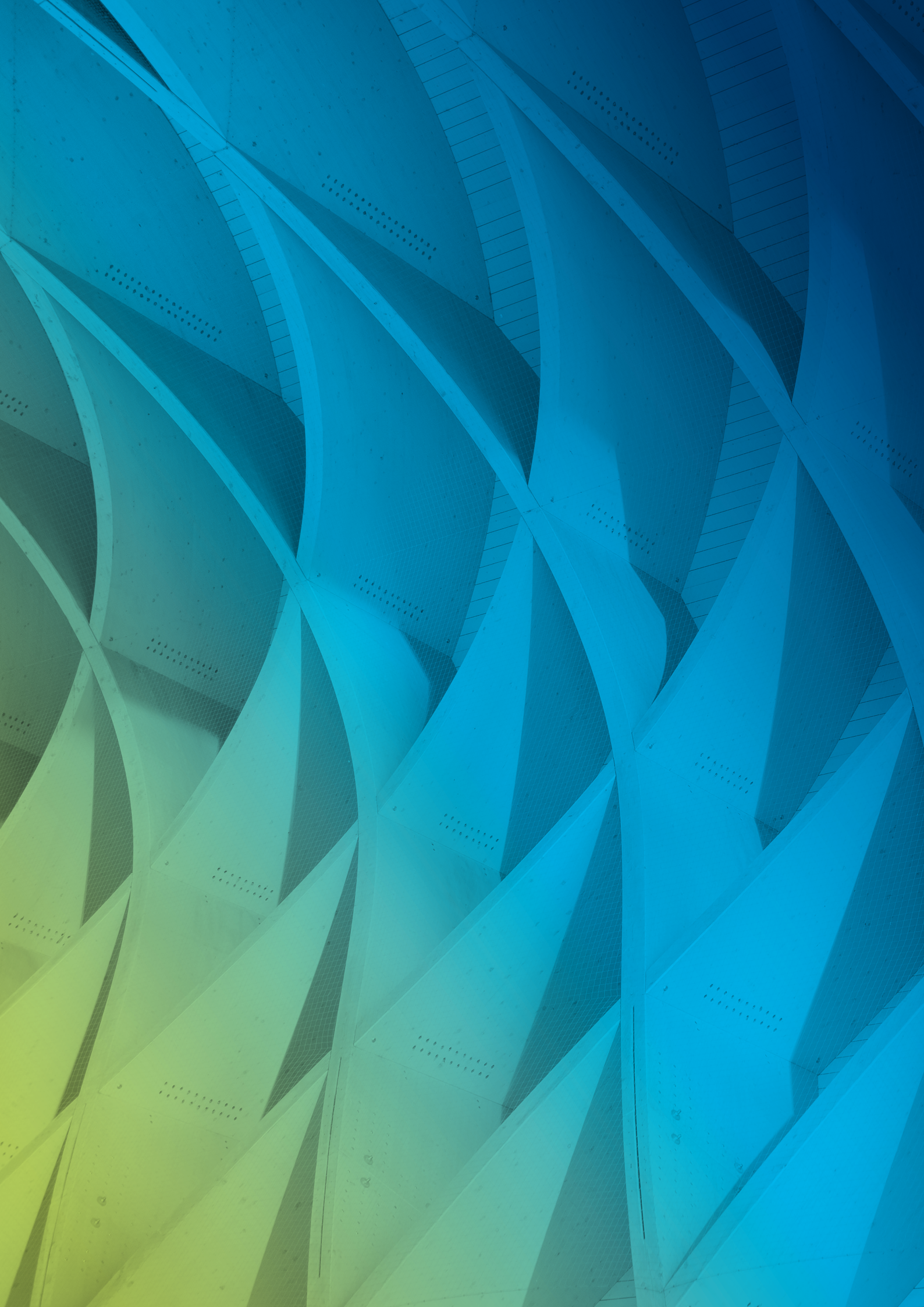
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Description of FVMP

Set up on the 24th of July, 1982, Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FVMP) is the unique association that represents the local interests and authorities from Valencia Region. Their main goals are the following:

- Boost and defend the autonomy of local entities, as well as represent their interests.
- Develop and consolidate the European and democratic spirit at local level.
- Promote and carry out studies to know better the problems and circumstances of local life.
- Cooperate and provide technical support for the development of local interests.
- Enhance and carry out training programmes and activities aimed to local decision makers and civil servants.
- Expand initiatives to contribute to local economic development, job creation and environment protection, and in this way to improve the life quality of citizens.
- Encourage the citizen participation in the local entities.



FVMP has **581 local entities** as members, from the three **provinces** of Comunitat Valenciana: **Castellón, Valencia** and **Alicante**.

Comunitat Valenciana is a Spanish autonomous community located in the **east and south-east of the Iberian Peninsula**, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, with a surface of **23.255 km²** and a population of **5.003.769 inhabitants**. Its GDP (2019) is 115,456M.€, being the 4th economy of Spain. The services sector represents a high percentage of regional GDP, highlighting tourism as main economic activity.

Comunitat Valenciana in Europe



Experience of FVMP

FVMP works daily with the municipalities knowing closely the problems and circumstances of local entities. In this sense, FVMP has great experience **providing local entities a technical support service** on local matters:

- Legal and economic issues
- Employment promotion
- Commerce
- Education and training
- Tourism and culture
- Health and consumption
- Social issues

This support service is developed through **different departments of FVMP**, but for this European profile one department has to be highlighted: **The European Projects Department**.

European projects department

FVMP has been working for a long time to get closer European Union to local entities through their European Projects Department, with the following lines of action:

- **Information and advice** about European Union aids and grants. In function of the needs of local entities, FVMP informs about European programmes in different issues like regional development, interregional cooperation, climate change, training and employment, and other topics of local interest.
- **Training** about European programmes. FVMP organizes seminars and training sessions about European programmes affecting local entities, to know their priorities, lines of action, calls for proposals, application requirements and deadlines.
- **Networking** with European Projects experts. FVMP organizes meetings and workshops with representatives of European Projects in the municipalities, with the objective to create a forum for meeting and exchanging experiences.
- **Lobby** for municipalities of Comunitat Valenciana. FVMP is member of Foundation Comunitat Valenciana European Region, counting with a delegation in Brussels to know first-hand what is happening in the European institutions to inform local entities and represent their interests.
- **Participation in European Projects.** FVMP has participated and participates actively in different European Projects related to topics of interest for municipalities like renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, rural and urban development. FVMP has taken part in the European partnerships like project coordinator and project partner, always trying to reach the engagement of local authorities in the pilot activities of the projects.

FVMP has the ideal profile to participate in European projects as it is composed by the most Local Entities of Comunitat Valenciana. In this sense, FVMP can perform the task to disseminate the results achieved in the European projects to Local Authorities, reaching the transferring and capitalization objectives contemplated in many European programmes.

Moreover, FVMP has **great experience in the participation in European projects**, counting with a wide contacts network in public and private entities from different countries.

In next section, information is detailed about the last European Projects of FVMP, two already finished and one ongoing.

European projects

LOCAL4GREEN | Local Policies for Green Energy

European Programme: Interreg MED.

Role FVMP: Lead Partner.

Objective: Support Local Authorities to design and implement innovative local fiscal policies, intended to promote renewable energy sources (RES) both in the public and private sector, mainly in the framework of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans adopted by the signatory Local Authorities to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Target group: Local Authorities located in rural areas and islands from Mediterranean countries.

Duration: 2016 – 2019.

Main actions and tools:

78 pilot municipalities from Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Portugal and Spain, have been involved in the Project, designing and implementing innovative local fiscal policies to promote RES. In these municipalities located in rural areas and islands, with specific economical and technical constraints, the green fiscal policies have had a key role in increasing RES, being proper tools to engage both public and private actors.

173 green fiscal policies have been designed. Most of the policies entail a reduction on: the property tax, the fee for construction of new buildings/refurbishment,

the fees for use or occupation of public land, the tax on economic activities, the municipal buildings leasing/renting revenues and the waste collection and lighting fees.

79 fiscal policies have been approved by 34 pilot municipalities for RES promotion. Although the Project has faced two important challenges: the limited legal capacity of Local Authorities to create or modify fiscal policies and their long decision-making, the support and lobby task done by the Partners has enabled that 79 policies were approved.

As main Project tools, to be transferred and used by other Local Authorities and stakeholders, it can be highlighted the Handbook on green fiscal policy formulation, where a participatory methodology to formulate the policies is described, as well as the International and National Handbooks on green local fiscal policy models, where the best practices from the 9 Partners' countries are collected. Furthermore, in the International Handbook, recommendations are included to encourage the development of improved green fiscal policies and to enable Local Authorities for implementing this kind of policies.

Moreover, the Project has developed, in addition to the official website, the Web Impact of tested fiscal policies to promote RES, where the impacts of the Project in terms of increasing RES and reducing CO2 emissions are collected, and the Online training platform, where several courses about the knowledge acquired by LOCAL4GREEN are available.

[Project website](#)

[Web Impact of tested fiscal policies to promote RES](#)

[Online training platform](#)

TEESCHOOLS | Transferring Energy Efficiency in Mediterranean Schools

European Programme: Interreg MED.

Role FVMP: Partner.

Objective: Provide new solutions to Local Authorities both in technical and financial terms to implement Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) renovation activities in Mediterranean Schools.

Target group: Local and Regional Authorities, staff of schools, professionals, students.

Duration: 2017 – 2020.

Main actions and tools:

47 energy audits in schools from Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Bosnia Herzegovina and Spain have been developed. 7 Renovations plans for tested buildings, one for each county, integrate results and findings of the audits including intervention proposal and recommendations.

A carbon footprint calculator, a user-friendly web tool for analysing the energy efficiency in schools and a database including best practices are the main tools of TEESCHOOLS Project.

500 professionals and technicians of municipalities have been involved in the e-course on the FVMP platform. A green paper document with TEESCHOOLS methodology and technical and financial solutions is available for these professionals.

The Project has produced a Policy recommendation document, which synthesizes the main problems, barriers and some best practices for the full exploitation of energy efficiency potential of public building in each partner country.

25 Memorandum of Understanding have been signed by municipalities of 7 different partner countries for the further use of TEESCHOOLS results and knowledge base.

More than 70 open lessons have been organized in 7 MED countries, involving approximately 2,600 pupils, to encourage a behavioural change on energy saving in the school buildings. The participants have been introduced to the most important issues related to energy, emissions, energy efficiency and NZEB with theoretical and practical sessions, such as testing of measurement tools with the involvement of pupils.

[Project website](#)

ROBUST | Rural-Urban Europe

European Programme: Horizon 2020.

Role FVMP: Partner.

Objective: Advance our understanding of the interactions and dependencies between rural, peri-urban and urban areas and identify and promote policies, governance models and practices that foster mutually-beneficial relations.

Target group: Decision makers, researchers, businesses, citizens.

Duration: 2017 – 2021.

Main actions and tools:

To achieve their goals, ROBUST works with 11 Living Labs and 5 Communities of Practice.

A ROBUST Living Lab is a placed-based form of experimental collaboration that emphasizes co-creation in a real-world setting. Policymakers, researchers,

businesses, service providers, citizens and other stakeholders work together to develop and test new ways to solve problems in a specific geographic region. The ROBUST project includes 11 Living Labs that represent typical rural-urban settings throughout Europe.

A Community of Practice is a community of people who share a common interest or problem, who share information and experiences with one another to better learn about that method. The Communities of Practice in ROBUST are organised around five rural-urban themes that provide a structured forum for sharing experiences and findings from the various ROBUST Living Labs. The 5 Communities of Practice are: New Business Models and Labour Markets, Public Infrastructure and Social Services, Sustainable Food Systems, Cultural Connections, and Ecosystem Services.

[Project website](#)

