

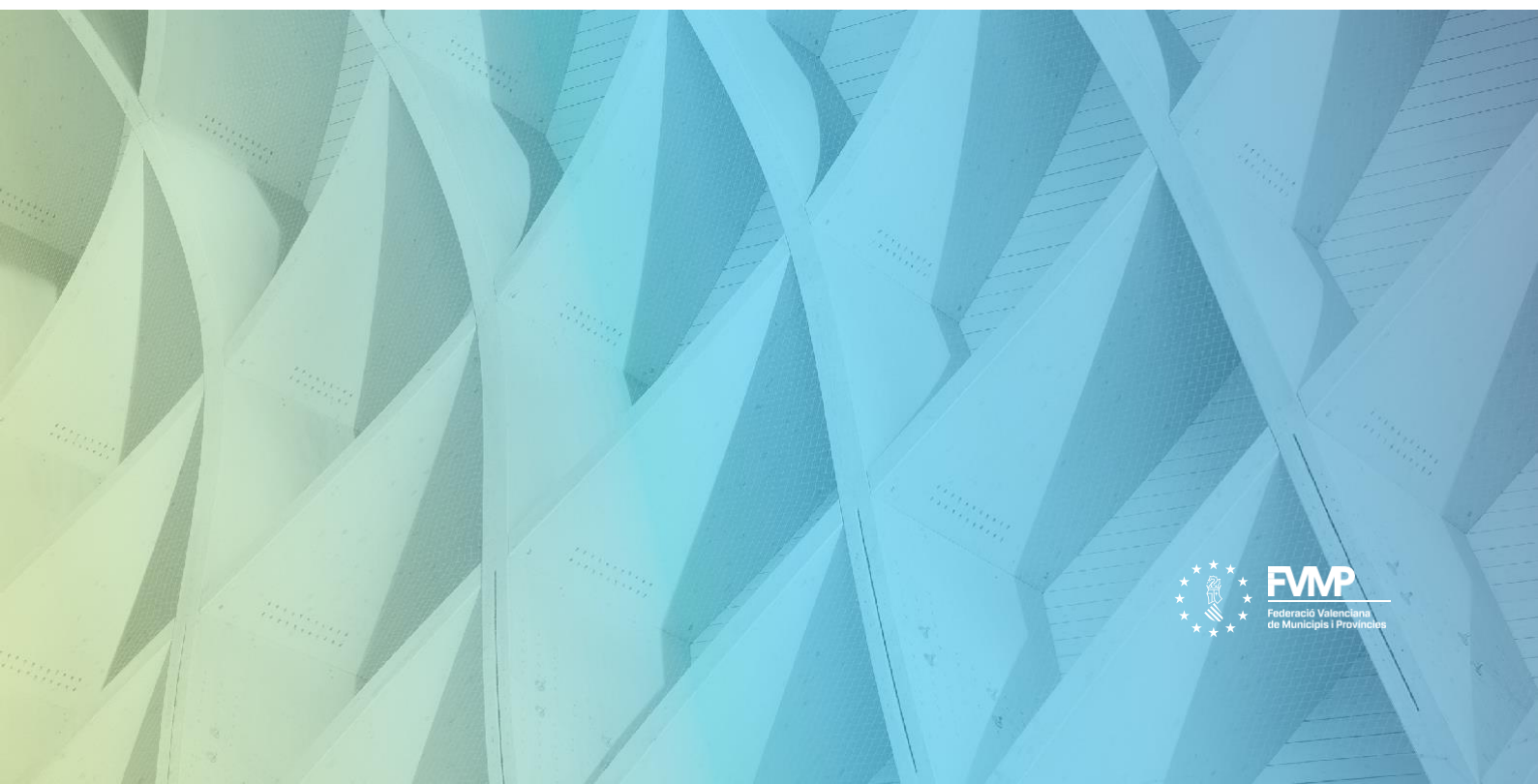


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FEDERACIÓN VALENCIANA DE MUNICIPIOS Y PROVINCIAS



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Description of FVMP

Set up on the 24th of July 1982, the Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FVMP) is the association that represents the local interests and authorities from Valencia Region. Its 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 at 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 life quality of citizens.
- Encourage citizen participation in local entities.



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

Comunitat Valenciana is a Spanish autonomous region located in the **east of the Iberian Peninsula**, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, with a surface of **23.255 km²** and a population of **5.316.478 inhabitants**. Its GDP (2023) is **12.405 M.**, 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 local entities. In this sense, FVMP has great experience **providing them technical support services** on local matters, such as:

- 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 FVMP departments**, but for this European profile one department should 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. Depending on the needs of local entities, the FVMP advises 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. The 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. The FVMP organises meetings and workshops with representatives of European Projects in the municipalities, with the objective to create a forum plus and exchange of experiences.
- **Lobby** for Comunitat Valenciana municipalities. The FVMP is member of Fundacion Comunitat Valenciana Region Europea, which has a delegation in Brussels to know first-hand what is going on in the European institutions, transferring that knowledge to local entities and represent their interests.
- **Participation in European Projects.** The FVMP has a large background in European Projects, and currently participates actively in different ones related to topics of interest for municipalities like renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, rural and urban development. The FVMP has taken part in European partnerships as project coordinator or partner, always trying to reach the engagement of local authorities in projects pilot activities.

The FVMP has the required profile to participate in European projects and can take the lead of dissemination tasks oriented to Local Authorities, transferring and capitalizing European programme results.

Moreover, the FVMP has **great experience participating in European projects**, enjoying a wide network composed of public and private agents from different EU countries.

In the next section, detailed information about the last FVMP European Projects is provided.

European projects

LOGREENER | Composing Local Green Energy Transition

European Programme: Interreg Euro-MED

Role FVMP: Coordinator

Objective: Improve the capacities of local authorities to plan and deploy sustainable energy transition local plans, creating an optimized and comprehensive toolkit, based in the results of 3 Interreg MED projects: COMPOSE, PRISMI and LOCAL4GREEN.

Target group: Local Authorities and key multiplier stakeholders.

Duration: 2024 – 2026.

Main actions and tools:

Upscale the results of COMPOSE, PRISMI and LOCAL4GREEN projects (Interreg MED 2014-20) to deliver an enhanced holistic approach plus an integrated toolkit for local authorities to improve their capacities to efficiently plan and deploy the local sustainable energy transition.

The toolkit will be transferred to key multiplier stakeholders and concretely to local authorities, in order to ensure a wider application of the outputs for the local energy transition planning processes.

The impact amplification of the project joint transferable solutions will be granted thanks to the collaboration with TCP and IDP, enabling further exploitation of the project's tools and their integration in multi-level policy making.

RETTURN | Network of Tourism Experiences based on Rural Tradition

European Programme: Spanish Tourism Experience – Next Generation EU

Role FVMP: Partner

Objective: The key objective of the project is to stimulate rural tourism by enhancing the value of its traditions, reinforcing activities and customs, empowering communities, raising awareness of the value of heritage and preventing its loss. The RETTURN project also seeks to recognize tourism as a multi-stakeholder space where private and public actors intervene.

Target group: Public and private actors from tourism sector in municipalities up to 5,000 inhabitants.

Duration: 2023 – 2024.

Main actions and tools:

For the first time Federations of Municipalities of Andalusia, the Canary Islands, Valencia, Aragon, Extremadura and Galicia will collaborate together in a common project, which adds a differentiating character. Since its focus is limited to municipalities with less than 5,000 inhabitants, it will have a far-reaching impact on the municipalities or territorial groups identified to develop up to 18 pilot tourism experiences, for which each of the federations will select 3 traditions of the autonomous community on which to work.

The result of RETTURN will be the development of products and destinations based on the traditions of each territory, creating not only a story but specific tourism packages for each territory and thus promoting rural tourism in the selected areas.

The methodology created for these types of initiatives will allow easy duplication plus scalability of project results throughout the national territory (both for municipalities with less than 5,000 inhabitants and municipalities with larger populations).

By focusing on municipalities of up to 5,000 inhabitants, this action will also contribute to a fundamental objective, the demographic challenge and territorial cohesion, in addition to promoting sustainability with the actions carried out, thus complying with Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, fundamental requirements for EU funding.

The project is based on four distinct objectives:

1. To build and articulate stories that are the basis of inspiring experiences to be enjoyed in different parts of the country, but with a common thread: the enhancement and visibility of traditions and customs in danger of extinction.
2. Proposal of pilot programs for the generation of coherent tourism experiences adapted to the different territorial realities.
3. Proposal of actions to be developed in each territory to involve local agents and disadvantaged groups, thus guaranteeing the positive impact of tourism experiences on local rural communities.
4. Implementation of a technological solution for the communication and commercialization of the Experiences Tourism Tradition of Rural Spain.

[Project website](#)

ACCESS | Inclusion in the labour market and reduction of disadvantages of the most vulnerable young people

European Programme: Erasmus+

Role FVMP: Partner

Objective: The key objective of the project is to promote the participation, encounter and empowerment of vulnerable young people not reached by mainstream youth policies and to contribute to the design of effective tailored and attractive intervention models to this group.

Target group: Young people at risk of exclusion and local, regional and central authorities.

Duration: 2022 – 2024.

Main actions and tools:

The restrictions caused by the pandemic show how social crisis situations are followed by individual crisis; disorientation, loss of confidence, isolation, fear of the future and doubts make young people prone to frustration, fear, hatred and violence. All this makes more difficult for the most disadvantaged young people to integrate and find decent work. Moreover, this group is underrepresented in all areas causing socioeconomic and democratic exclusion.

Through the 3 central themes of the EU Youth Strategy (Participation, Encounter and Empowerment), the ACCESS project focuses on the development, testing and anchoring of educational, work and participation offers tailored to disadvantaged youth groups. This strategy will be implemented in local working groups in Berlin, Vienna and Valencia.

In the case of Valencia, tasks will be developed in tandem with the MUSOL Foundation in the field of youth work in the digital dimension, specifically in video games. The world of video games is popular in today's society, fostering young people participation, regardless of their origin and financial capacity. Therefore, it is a tool to strengthen its participation.

The project aims to trigger a series of improvements at individual, institutional and systemic level, alongside other objectives of the EU Youth Strategy, such as:

Youth: developing competences and strengthening the participation of vulnerable young people through measures tailored to their situations.

Stakeholders: acquisition of competences on the specific needs of the target group on inclusion, sustainability and digitalization.

Institutions: capacity building such as offering increased services for young people in participating institutions and cooperating with other social and transnational actors.

System: focusing the political discourse on the special needs of these young people by instituting inclusive policies.

[Project website](#)

SEACAP 4 SDG | Energy refurbishment of public buildings, mainly educational and health buildings in the Mediterranean area.

European Programme: ENI CBC MED

Role FVMP: Territorial agent.

Objective: The main objective of SEACAP 4 SDG is to reduce energy consumption in public buildings through energy rehabilitation using Climate Action and Sustainable Energy Access Plans and innovative financial mechanisms.

Target group: Local authorities located in Mediterranean countries.

Duration: 2021 – 2023.

Main actions and tools:

The territories surrounding the Mediterranean Sea face similar specific problems related to climate change mitigation or adaptation measures, specifically with energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Therefore, this Action fosters collaboration through a common strategy to capitalize on the results of the Program's reference projects.

SEACAP 4 SDG will acknowledge the background of the Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plans (SE(A)CAP), under an evaluative vision, to achieve the integration of Med SE(A)CAP through uniform and adapted evaluation and financing methods, for the objectives of sustainable development in a smart society (SEACAP 4 SDG).

The SEACAP 4 SDG project will capitalize 10 previous projects, identifying the features the common threads and adapting the acquired knowledge to local Mediterranean specifications, thus maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of energy retrofit strategies.

These products will be implemented in 9 Mediterranean cities, selected through a variant of the European City Facility initiative. Among them, 4 specific buildings in the southern cities will host more advanced demonstrators, with an updated customized roadmap, setting out the priorities and measures to be implemented. Considering the Covid-19 pandemic and the global economic recession, the project will focus on public educational and sanitary buildings.

Project website

COASTINGPLUS | Transferring Energy Efficiency in Mediterranean Schools

European Programme: Interreg MED.

Role FVMP: Partner.

Objective: COASTING PLUS is based on the work developed by the COASTING project (Interreg Med 2014-2020) to implement an integrate governance tools for sustainable and responsible coastal tourism in the Mediterranean area.

Target group: Local authorities located in coastal areas of Mediterranean countries.

Duration: 2021 – 2022.

Main actions and tools:

The main objective of COASTING PLUS is to transfer to five new territories a multilevel and multi-stakeholder participatory governance tool, to foster the coordination of a more sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism development in the Mediterranean area.

The methodology will implement participatory processes at the local level involving a wide range of public and private stakeholders that have an impact on the coast: public administrations at local and regional level, sectorial public agencies in the field of tourism and the environment, infrastructure and public service providers, business support organizations, SMEs, operators and other businesses, research and higher education centers, NGOs, etc.

Thanks to this participatory process, the responsibility and commitment of the parties involved will be strengthened to achieve an improvement in the sustainable use of natural resources, cultural heritage and landscape.

COASTING PLUS will not only work at the local level in the selected territories but also at the transnational Mediterranean level, reinforcing synergies, cooperation and exchange of good practices among them in favor of an integrated governance of sustainable tourism.

Project website

LOCAL4GREEN PLUS | Integration of LOCAL Fiscal Policies for GREEN Energy

European Programme: Interreg MED.

Role FVMP: Partner.

Objective: LOCAL4GREEN PLUS is based on the experience of the project "LOCAL4GREEN - Local Policies for Green Energy" which was carried out from November 2016 to October 2019, with the aim of supporting local authorities in the design and implementation of local fiscal policies aimed at promoting renewable energy sources, both in the public and private sectors and households, mainly in the framework of the Climate and Sustainable Energy Action Plans (PACES) adopted by local authorities adhering to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Target group: Local authorities in rural areas and islands in Mediterranean countries.

Duration: 2021 – 2022.

Main actions and tools:

The objective of LOCAL4GREEN PLUS is to promote green fiscal policies to increase the share of renewable energy in rural areas and islands in the Mediterranean.

The Project will support local authorities to implement innovative local fiscal policies, aimed at promoting renewable energy sources, through the adaptation of the green fiscal policy models described in the "International Handbook on Green Local Fiscal Policies" generated by LOCAL4GREEN.

Priority was given to local entities adhered to the Covenant of Mayors to contribute to meet their climate change mitigation objectives included in their PACES. The pilot municipalities of the Valencian Community were: Altea, Quart de Poblet, Pedreguer, Albalat dels Sorells, Burjassot, Denia, Meliana, Monforte del Cid, Elda and Rafelguaraf.

Green tax policies will motivate private sector involvement in renewable energies and will be a lever to modify taxpayers' investment behaviour and preferences, increasing the share of local renewable energy sources.

Project website

LOCAL4GREEN | Local Policies for Green Energy

European Programme: Interreg MED.

Role FVMP: Lead Partner.

Objective: LOCAL4GREEN supported local authorities in 9 Mediterranean countries to design and implement local innovative tax policies. These were oriented to foster renewable energies (RES), both in the public and private sector, including households, mainly in the framework of the Climate and Sustainable Energy Action Plans (PACES) adopted by local authorities adhering to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Target group: Local authorities in rural areas and islands in 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 economic and technical constraints, the green fiscal policies 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 plus lighting fees.

79 fiscal policies have been approved by 34 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.

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 them.

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](#)

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 along with 7 Renovations plans for tested buildings, one for each country, integrating 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 via e-course through the FVMP platform. A green paper document with TEESCHOOLS methodology and technical and financial solutions is available for these professionals.

Moreover, the Project generated a Policy recommendation document, which synthesizes the main problems, barriers and some best practices for the full exploitation of energy efficiency potential of public buildings 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 the aforementioned 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 measurement tools.

[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 worked 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 included 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. They also 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](#)

