



A motivated group of towns in the Province of Girona want to implement a One-stop-shop model to multiply the refurbishment rate in residential buildings.



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“Accelerating the refurbishment rate of residential buildings in the Girona Province”

Beneficiaries success story

BACKGROUND

This successful application is a group effort between five town councils in the province of Girona (Catalonia, Spain). The City Council of Olot wanted to build on their existing experience which helped them increase by five their energy refurbishment rate in the private residential sector. The Council knew that the time was ripe to take the lessons learned and expand the project to five neighboring municipalities. The original project reunited 15 municipalities in Catalonia, and it essentially provided an advice service consisting of technical advice, a pool of energy experts as well as tailored financial advice. The project also considered the social aspect specially withing the UN established "Right to Adequate housing".

THE PROJECT

The project aims to multiply the number of energy renovations of residential buildings, developing a single of One-stop-shop per municipality. This service will promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in homes, give advice on optimisation of energy bills and reduce of household energy consumption. GiDomus, as the project has been titled, is a joint application by five town councils (Olot, Ripoll, Banyoles, Salt, La Bisbal d’Empordà and Santa Coloma de Farners). The daily coordination and management is outsourced to the EuroPACE Foundation (FEP). The goal of the project is to prove its widespread applicability and establish a clear model that can be widely adopted elsewhere in Catalonia. iDomus aims to produce an approximate 2,4 GWh/year of renewable energy and reduce GHG emissions by 8.900tn/ year.

EXPECTED SIZE OF TOTAL INVESTMENT

106,230,000 (EUR)

EXPECTED ENERGY SAVINGS GENERATED FROM THE INVESTMENT PROJECT

30 GWh/YEAR



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TIPS FROM THE PROJECT LEADERS

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“At the beginning, we had some doubts because we applied as a grouping together with five other municipalities from the region. But it turned out that this decision provided greater chances of replication and scaling, which allowed us to receive the grant. Therefore, consider applying together with others to reach even higher goals.”

APPLICATION SUCCESS FACTORS



The **expected investment size and energy savings** are highly ambitious in relation to the other submitted applications in the regional call and the local context.



The application outlines a **clearly defined governance structure** and details decision-making processes and responsible actors. Periodic meetings and the preparation of progress reports, as well as the planning of conflict resolution mechanisms, risk assessments and contingency plans are foreseen. The applicant mentions the sufficiency of internal capacities and the need to involve external experts in the project.



Of particular interest is the **replication and upscaling potential of the investment project and additional impacts that are presented**, such as job creation. A holistic approach that takes into account several impacts is considered in the evaluation.



It becomes clear that a **bold and ambitious** grouping is working not only to reduce emissions within their borders but beyond. The idea to spread the project through the entire region of Catalonia is considered as highly ambitious.

The applicant clearly explains the **relations and responsibilities of the different bodies of the grouping**. The establishment of a project management board, a democratic decision-making process, monthly coordination meetings for progress control and an advisory board that consists of representatives of all key stakeholders to identify and nurture synergies with private and public interests are clearly outlined.