Application: Vilawatt partnership

VILAWATT is boosting the energy transition process in the Catalan city of Viladecans by setting up a public-private-citizen partnership (PPCP, taking the legal form of a Consortium) where citizens of Viladecans and its main social actors play a key role. Viladecans priority was to increase citizen commitment and sense of belonging to promote a sustainable energy transition process by improving the following aspects:

* Governance- Citizens have a say at the Consortium through the associations linked to it. These associations have been created thanks to Vilawatt’s participatory strategy, as they did not exist before.
* Energy supply– Vilawatt pools the demand for energy and provides energy to all association members (100% Certified Renewable Energy)
* Faster energy retrofitting of private buildings - Three residential buildings (in an underprivileged district) have received 1,4 M€ investment in a process that has been boosted by the city hall. The neighbours were part of the decision making process of the retrofitting works.
* Consulting services and learning communities - targeted at 10 different social actors: schools, retail sector, companies, unemployed…
* Efficiency incentives – Vilawatt local currency - The creation of a local electronic currency linked to energy savings also revitalises our retail sector (especially innovative in pandemic times).

If you are interested in joining the network, kindly complete the following questionnaire:

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| **Name of the City:** |  | |
| **Contact person:** |  | |
| **Function:** |  | |
| **Email & Phone:** |  | |
| **Number of inhabitants:** |  | |
| **Typology of region:** | | |
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| Please check map:  <http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/graph/poster2014/eu28.pdf> | | |
| According to the UIA transfer mechanism, cities can only be involved in **ONE Transfer Network** proposal. Please confirm your city is not involved in any other transfer proposal | | |
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| 1. **Brief summary of your city and relevance of the issue**   For the lead partner of the network, energy transition is one of the city’s strategic axes. What about your city? Please describe the main local challenges in this field | | |
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| 1. **Main energy transition projects (please mention all relevant projects related to energy transition as well as strategies, action plans, agreements… etc.) and how they link with your city’s priorities (referring to section 1). Please mention if they were funded by any EU programme.** | | |
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| 1. **Expectations**   What are your city expectations regarding the participation in Vilawatt transfer network mechanism?  How do you think taking part in the network will provide solutions to the challenges mentioned in section 1? | | |
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| 1. **Relevant stakeholders in the energy transition process**  * Describe the involvement of different local stakeholders in the energy transition process * Are there any local companies/businesses involved in energy transition processes? Please describe them. * Have you already undertaken any participative process aiming to boost the commitment of citizens towards energy transition or improve their energy behaviours? | | |
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| **URBACT Local Support Group**  An additional output will be the establishment of URBACT Local Groups (ULGs) in each transfer partner city. URBACT experience has demonstrated the value of a multi-stakeholder platform to support project development. In the case of these UIA Transfer Mechanism Pilot Networks, as well as thematic stakeholders, transfer cities will seek to involve managing authorities of relevant programmes (in particular from Art. 7/9 SUDs, in order to open a dialogue and build the relationship and to integrate the feasibility constraints (eligibility, timing, budget availabilities) for a financial support to the roll-out of the investment plan.   * Do you think this would be positive in your city? * Do you think this is feasible in your city and that local agents will be ready and willing to engage in such a process? * Which local stakeholders you would like to involve in the process? | | |
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| **Contribution**  How do you think you can contribute to the project? What experiences/learning you can share with the rest of the partners? | | |
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| **Political & technical support**   * Is your city committed to devote the necessary financial and human resources to participate in the project and define the investment plan aiming to implement the project? * Where will the political leadership be located within the Municipality? (i.e. Councillor/ Department) * It would be highly recommended to send some **short video** with some political representative expressing their support (simple mobile phone recording would be enough) | | |
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| * Has your city taken part in any URBACT or other international exchange and learning project before? If so, which one? | | |
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| Does your city have corporate social networks? Please describe | | |
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Please send a picture(s) you think are representative of your energy transition actions.

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