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1. OPEN CALL

Open Call: Are you interested in becoming an ALPGRIDS Promoting Organisation?

Would you like to participate in a joint exchange with one of our ALPGRIDS expert partners in Microgrid solutions that can support the development of local Energy Communities in your region? Then please answer the attached questionnaire latest by April 30th 2021 and return to or contact:

energia@ireliguria.it

ALPGRIDS aims to create a favourable environment to foster the deployment of Microgrids thus supporting the creation of local Energy Communities and increasing Renewables uptake in Alpine territories. In the programme area, the project will provide better awareness and understanding of Microgrid solutions; the creation of enabling policy instruments; more resilient territories and market opportunities for Microgrids, thus contributing to increasing the level of implementation of low carbon instruments.

For more information on ALPGRIDS and the partnership please visit:

<https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/alpgrids/en/home>

How do you benefit from becoming a Promoting Organisation?

All support provided through ALPGRIDS is based on the needs and interests of your organisation as we want to offer a joint exchange that is tailor made to your specific challenges. You will benefit from:

- matching your organisation with an ALPGRIDS partner based on your requirements and ALPGRIDS partner's area of expertise,
- an onsite* visit at your ALPGRIDS partner's premises arranged for your policy makers and technical personnel. Travel costs for 2 persons x 2 days will be paid for by the ALPGRIDS project,
- onsite* technical support at your premises from an ALPGRIDS partner during 2 days,
- remote support (telephone or web based) will be available to your organisation.

** If the health emergency linked to Covid 19 should persist, alternative solutions will be identified for carrying out the planned actions (eg: online meetings, virtual tours, etc)*

What is your contribution as a Promoting Organisation?

- a written commitment to make available within the respective local /regional authority the results acquired through the joint exchanges with the aim to encourage the development of local Energy Communities and Microgrids,
- some local accommodation expenses (local transport, catering if any) for the ALPGRIDS partner for on-site coaching support at your premises,
- follow up webinar and joint evaluation of bilateral exchange,
- promotion of exchanges: social media and results presentation at final conference.

How do you qualify for becoming a Promoting Organisation?

The ALPGRIDS project offers 12 structures the opportunity to become a Promoting Organisation. The following prerequisites are essential:

- possibility of contact/dialogue with regional and local decision makers,
- familiarity with regional and local authority needs,
- motivation for implementing collaborative knowledge exchange,
- experience in the deployment of renewable energy projects and energy transition.

2. QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONNAIRE for the selection of Promoting Organisations

Thank you for your interest in participating in a joint exchange on Microgrids and local Energy Communities in the Alps.

The aim of ALPGRIDS is to **increase the uptake of Renewable Energy Sources in the Alps through Microgrid solutions** supporting in particular the development of Local Energy Communities.

ALPGRIDS focuses on creating a transnational enabling environment to foster Microgrid solutions supporting in particular the creation of local Energy Communities.

In particular, ALPGRIDS focuses on:

- developing a common understanding of Microgrids and their benefits,
- creating an enabling policy environment for Microgrids,
- replicating the Microgrid model in the AS and beyond.

To achieve these goals, the project builds on 7 existing pilot sites in 5 countries and take them to the next steps in order to develop 3 key outputs:

- an alpine Microgrid model for Energy Communities and project developers,
- a policy package for national, regional and local policy makers, for instance to improve their energy and climate plans,
- a replication programme involving organizations outside the consortium in relation with EUSALP AG9 on energy.

The ALPGRIDS project can offer vacancies for 12 Promoting Organisations who will participate in bi-lateral exchanges with ALPGRIDS partners. To make sure that the ALPGRIDS approach fits your needs and to find the best match for your organisation, we kindly ask you to answer the questionnaire below. At the end of the document, you will find more information about the bi-lateral exchange process.

Please fill-in the following questionnaire in English and return latest by May 31th 2021 to:

energia@ireliguria.it

The list of selected Promoting Organisations will be published on the project website latest by July 31th 2021.

Exchanges will take place between September 2021 and March 2022.

If the health emergency linked to Covid 19 should persist, alternative solutions will be identified for carrying out the planned actions (eg: online meetings, virtual tours, etc)

Contact details:

Name:	
Position:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Name of your organisation:	
Type of organisation:	
Address:	
Country:	

1. What is the role of your organisation in increasing RES uptake in your region? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ You are a regional or local public authority with a commitment to supporting RES projects on your territory
- ☐ You are a regional or local public authority committed to supporting the creation of Local Energy Communities on your territory
- ☐ You are a RES project developer
- ☐ You are a support organisation facilitating the deployment of RES projects
- ☐ You are a local Energy Community willing to find out the benefits of implementing Microgrid solutions
- ☐ Other, please specify

2. Do you have resources available for this joint exchange? (Please see requirements below) Please describe.

3. Which is your capability to develop or influence energy policies in your region? Please describe.

4. Do you have experience in developing or supporting Microgrids and/or Energy Community projects? Please provide examples as appropriate.

5. How many Microgrid projects have been implemented in your region that you are aware of?

6. Which is the policy framework for Energy Communities in your country? Please describe.
7. What are the main obstacles hindering the development of local Energy Communities and/or Microgrid projects in your region?
8. What is the outcome or objective that you would like to achieve from the joint exchange? Please consider SMART objectives where possible (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely)
9. Which expertise / characteristics would you like the organisation to have you would be partnered with? (size, experience in a specific area, etc.)

Practical information on joint exchanges

How does the exchange happen between regions?

- One study visit (2 persons for 2 days) from your organisation to the ALPGRIDS joint exchange partner to learn more about Microgrids and Energy Communities and to exchange experience,
- one visit of ALPGRIDS experts (2 days) to your region to provide coaching support,
- remote (phone, mail, webinar) support from ALPGRIDS experts to your organization,
- joint evaluation of the results and of the process of the exchange,
- promotion at European level through social media and results presentation at final conference.

What does the Promoting Organisation need to commit to?

- A written commitment to make available within the respective local /regional authority the results acquired through the joint exchanges with the aim to encourage the development of local Energy Communities and Microgrids,
- implementation of 2 study visits (one as host and one as visitor), see above,
- participating in evaluation of the process, giving feedback and information,
- willingness to participate in the final ALPGRIDS European conference.

Which costs are covered by the ALPGRIDS project?

- Staff costs for consultancy of ALPGRIDS expert organization,
- travel costs expenses when your region is visiting the ALPGRIDS expert organization,
- travel costs for ALPGRIDS expert organization to your region.

What costs do you as a Promoting Organisation need to cover?

- Local transport, meeting venues, meals/coffee break etc. when the ALPGRIDS expert staff is visiting your region,
- travel costs for participating in ALPGRIDS final conference (to be discussed with the joint ALPGRIDS expert organization).

What is the timeline?

- Questionnaire filled-in and returned latest by May 31th 2021,
- list of selected Promoting Organisations latest by July 30th 2021,
- bi-lateral exchanges: September 2021- March 2022.

3. SELECTION MATRIX

Beneficiary Partner	1. Level of commitment (/10)	2. Previous experience on Microgrids or Energy Communities (/10)	3. Clearly defined challenge (/10)	4. Political role (/10)	5. Clear objectives identified (/5)	6. Good transferability potential (/5)	7. Resources identified (/5)	8. Potential of the context (/5)	9. Previous working relationship with ALPGRIDS partner (/5)	TOTAL SCORE (/65)	Comments
	Assess against Questionnaire Q1	Assess against Questionnaire Q4	Assess against Questionnaire Q7	Assess against Questionnaire Q3	Assess against Questionnaire Q8	Assess against Questionnaire Q9	Assess against Questionnaire Q2	Assess against Questionnaire Q3	Have you as a ALPGRIDS partner worked with or are currently working with the organization?		
	1-2 = no answer / no evidence of commitment; 3-4 = poor level of commitment; 5-6 = average commitment; 7-8 = multi-governance level commitment demonstrated; 9-10 = full legal commitment at all levels).	Score 1-2 = no answer / no evidence of experience; 3-4 = poor level of experience; 5-6 = average experience; 7-8 = good level of experience; 9-10 =high level of experience).	1-2 = no answer; 3-5 poorly defined challenge; 5-10 well described challenge	1-2 = no answer/no capability to influence policy; 3-5 limited capability to influence policy; 6-10 high capability to influence policy;	1 = no answer/no objectives; 2-5 = objectives set with meaningful (SMART) targets)	1 = no answer; 2-5 ALPGRIDS partners have experience in the expertise needed by the partner organization	1 = no answer; 2-4 = some financial or staff resources; 5 = dedicated staff and financial resources	1=no political interest/diffusion 2-4 = small political interest/diffusion; 5 = high political interest/diffusion;	1 = no; 2 to 5 = yes and value of that experience.		