

# “Sustainable Energy Communities – From strategy and vision to practical implementation and monitoring”

## Workshop Questionnaire

Your status: **Tick off one or more of the following**

- Local politician
- Administrative staff in a municipality/local/regional government
- Technical staff in a municipality/local/regional government
- Utility, energy company
- Energy agency
- Consultant
- Provider of products and services
- University, academia
- Other (Describe in your own words)

### SESSION 1 - Local and regional energy and climate strategy

The most important critical success factors for successfully developing a medium- and long term energy- and climate strategy are: **Indicate importance from 1 (low) to 5 (high)**

- 1-2-3-4-5 A clear political vision and engaged politicians
- 1-2-3-4-5 A local champion to initiate and drive the process
- 1-2-3-4-5 A robust methodology to help structuring a continuous process for improvement
- 1-2-3-4-5 In-house energy and climate technology competence

The difficulty of putting SEAPs (Sustainable Energy Action Plans) into action:

**Indicate importance from 1 (low) to 5 (high)**

- 1-2-3-4-5 There is often little realism in the plans, both politically and economically
- 1-2-3-4-5 Implementation of measures require funding, which is difficult to raise.
- 1-2-3-4-5 Focus on long term visions, rather than real actions and clear medium term plans
- 1-2-3-4-5 Often the planning process itself becomes the objective and not the implementation
- 1-2-3-4-5 There is a lack of specific, profitable actions in te SEAPs
- 1-2-3-4-5 Local governments are not legally responsible for other sectors

How can national governments best support the local energy planning?

**Tick off one or more of the following**

- By establishing legislation that forces local governments to develop SEAPs
- By establishing voluntary schemes that stimulates local governments to develop SEAPs
- By offering financial support to the development of the SEAP
- By offering technical assistance from consultants
- By establishing binding agreements with long term financial support also for implementation
- By building competence and know-how
- Other (Describe in your own words)



**Specific questions related to the PATH-to-RES project. Tick off yes or no**

- The PATH-to-RES project and the 7-step approach is interesting and relevant Yes  No
- My municipality has signed the Covenant of Mayors Yes  No
- My municipality is already preparing a SEAP Yes  No
- My municipality is not yet in a SEAP-process and we will need external assistance Yes  No
- I would like to receive more information by e-mail: .....@..... Yes  No
- I would like to discuss possible assistance on the phone (+.....)..... Yes  No

Other comments (Describe in your own words)

**SESSION 2 – Benchmarking of municipal buildings**

**Added value from a European, bottom-up benchmarking tool for municipal buildings.**

**Indicate importance from 1 (low) to 5 (high)**

- 1-2-3-4-5 Benchmarking is relevant between municipal buildings within the municipality
- 1-2-3-4-5 Benchmarking is relevant between municipal buildings in a specific country
- 1-2-3-4-5 Benchmarking is relevant between municipal buildings between EU countries
- 1-2-3-4-5 Benchmarking of municipal buildings is a good starting point for SEAPs
- 1-2-3-4-5 Energy efficiency in Municipal buildings have a strong signal effect for other sectors
- 1-2-3-4-5 Municipal buildings is the natural starting point for implementation of SEAPs

**The difficulty of getting control over the energy performance of municipal buildings, particularly from an organisational point of view. Indicate importance from 1 (low) to 5 (high)**

- 1-2-3-4-5 The responsibility for monitoring energy performance is not well defined
- 1-2-3-4-5 The management do not request regular reporting of energy performance
- 1-2-3-4-5 There is a lack of energy monitoring systems (EMS) and routines to collect data
- 1-2-3-4-5 There is a lack of competent staff for collection and interpretation of energy data
- 1-2-3-4-5 Regular benchmarking is only possible with automatic data collection (EMS)
- 1-2-3-4-5 Establishment of EMS-Benchmarking requires external technical assistance

**How can governments or the EU best support benchmarking of municipal buildings?**

**Tick off one or more of the following**

- By establishing legislation that forces local governments to start EMS and benchmarking
- By establishing voluntary schemes that stimulates local governments to start benchmarking
- By offering financial support to the establishment of EMS and Benchmarking
- By offering technical assistance from consultants to establish EMS and Benchmarking
- By building general competence and know-how
- Other (Describe in your own words)

**Specific questions related to the SEC-BENCH project.**

- The SEC-BENCH benchmarking system is interesting and relevant Yes  No
- The establishment of EMS systems is interesting and relevant Yes  No
- We have already signed the Covenant of Mayors Yes  No
- We have already established EMS for all municipal buildings Yes  No
- We have already established an inventory of all municipal buildings Yes  No
- We would like to start benchmarking our municipal buildings Yes  No
- I would like to receive more information by e-mail: .....@..... Yes  No
- I would like to discuss possible assistance on the phone (+.....)..... Yes  No

Other comments (Describe in your own words)