

# Own Your SECAP



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### Bringing local and regional authorities towards owning their SECAPs

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Until now, most of the municipalities prepared their SEAPs and SECAPs with external assistance and, in the end, they do not feel like they own their plans. This highly influences the implementation of the SECAP afterwards. In the meantime, there are leading and experienced municipalities in energy and climate planning. However, their number is yet too small and higher effort needs to be put to bring the other municipalities up to their level, especially small and medium municipalities. Moreover, one of the most crucial barriers identified by all municipalities is the lack of an energy manager.

To address these issues, Own Your SECAP is building on resources developed in previous projects such as 50000&1 SEAPs, working on the topics of energy management and action plan standards, and the Compete4SECAP project that organised in particular municipal energy-saving competitions.

Indeed, Own Your SECAP aims at :

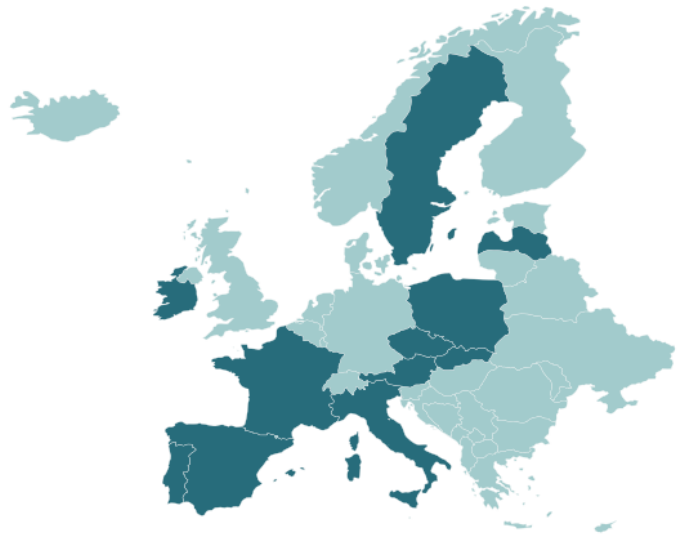
- Directly engage **44 municipalities** to develop or upgrade their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) with ambitious targets of climate neutrality in 2050 and highlighting measures that have double (mitigation and adaptation) and triple effects (mitigation, adaptation, and energy poverty),
- Gain support and resources for the implementation of **528 SECAP measures** to ensure further systematic approach in the implementation of the SECAP measures,
- Empower at least **66 replication municipalities** through dedicated peer-to-peer activities to replicate part or all the OwnYourSECAP activities, including SECAP and/or EnMS development and/ or implementation, etc.,
- Ensure specific territorial focus on innovative processes addressing climate-mainstreaming in **municipal budgets of 88 municipalities**, i.e., applying carbon budgets and earmarking and tracking resources for climate actions in the municipal budgets,
- Ensure that at least **400 stakeholders across Europe** with an intrinsic interest or mandate to capacitate local authorities are directly and qualitatively informed on the OwnYourSECAP guidance,
- Disseminate to at least **500,000 persons out of the target groups** the experiences on implementing SECAP measures, EnMS, capacity and guidance materials developed to enable European-wide replication,
- Demonstrate that quality management and certification schemes for better energy performance (energy efficiency and renewable energy) as well as integrated energy and climate planning and management can capitalise on synergies and scale in the public sector to the benefit of local authorities and its stakeholders, particular, Signatories, Supporters and Coordinators of the CoM,

- Reduce energy waste and related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, increase the share of renewable in the generation of energy for final consumption, realise cost savings as well as socio-economic and environmental benefits, including climate adaptation, thereby moving towards a coherent transformation of municipal energy systems.



The **Own Your SECAP** project counts 11 partners from 11 countries across Europe :

- Austria – e7
- Czech Republic - SEVEN
- France – MT Partenaires ingénierie
- Ireland – Tipperary Energy Agency
- Italy - Sogesca
- Latvia - Ekodoma
- Poland - PNEC
- Slovakia – Energy Centre Bratislava
- Spain – EuroVertice
- Sweden – Energy Agency of Southeast Sweden
- Portugal – ISR-UC



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