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# Climate Active Neighbourhoods

## Newsletter N°9

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# From CAN to CAN SME

After a successful implementation of low carbon methods and solutions at the local scale, the CAN project took a new direction last year. The innovative activation approaches for energy retrofits in Northwest European neighbourhoods inspired the partnership to continue on this pathway. In fact, further needs and opportunities were identified in the economic sector and that is why the project idea was expanded to include a new target group: small and medium-sized enterprises (SME). Since the beginning of the capitalisation initiative of CAN in March 2021, the partners are working hard to reach and motivate SMEs to take energy saving measures, based on the lessons and experiences of the past years.

The activation of the new target group presents a lot of challenges, especially in times of the Covid-19 pandemic and that is why the transnational exchange is crucial!

The current consortium is composed by Climate Alliance, Liège, Brest metropole and Worms, supported by Arnhem and the Energieagentur RLP. Also a brand new partner joined the team, the 3 Counties Energy Agency (IR).



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## Newcomer: 3 Counties Energy Agency

3 Counties Energy Agency joined the CAN project as a new partner in 2021. The non-profit independent energy agency supports the counties of Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford, Waterford, and beyond to reduce its CO2 emissions by stimulating, driving, and contributing to the implementation of best practices in the field of energy efficiency. Using its network and expertise, 3cea launched an application for SMEs from different sectors

to get a tailored energy audit. Around 30 SMEs already applied for the audits.

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## 3rd project meeting in Brest

On 16 and 17 May the 3rd CAN SME project meeting took place in sunny Brest. After one year of digital meetings, the CAN partnership finally met for two days of intense exchange. Beside internal project discussions, the group had the chance to visit retrofitting works of Brest metropole, where living conditions and



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energy standards had been improved. Inspiring und playful communications tools of Brest metropole team were tried out by the partners and a local SME shared its experiences on participating in awareness-raising activities on energy saving.

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## Updates from old CANies: Energise Sussex Coast

Energise Sussex Coast (ESC) was part of the CAN consortium during the first four years of the project. Thanks to the ESC activities in CAN, 3,544 residents were reached and get precious



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advices on energy saving measures, e.g. via pop up energy advice desks and events. Ever since, ESC continues to run energy desks and pays more attention to specific sites in order to better reach vulnerable people. In response to the COVID pandemic, ESC adapted its services and launched a telephone energy advice as well as a home delivery of energy saving measures.

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# Project Facts

## The Partners

- **Climate Alliance (Lead Partner)**
- Optivo with Hastings Borough Council and Energise Sussex Coast
- **City of Arnhem**
- **Brest métropole** with Brest Ener'gence
- **Energieagentur Rheinland-Pfalz**
- City of Essen
- Liège Energie
- **City of Liège**
- Plymouth City Council
- EPAM Seine-Aval with Mantes-la-Jolie
- **City of Worms**
- **3 Counties Energy Agency**

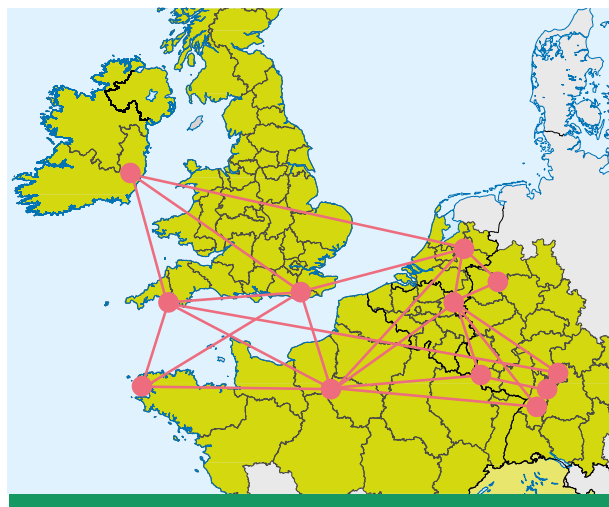
**Bold:** Current consortium and associated partners

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