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# Climate Active Neighbourhoods

## Newsletter N°10

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# Final conference in Liège: Supporting sustainable local economy in North-West Europe

The current CAN partnership is planning its final conference in the City of Liège in the beginning of March. Together with local actors, the CAN partners will showcase testimonies and experiences of how public authorities can support small and medium enterprises in their just transition and how to promote carbon mitigation. From strategies to fight fuel poverty to planning of professional energy audits, this day of conference will be full of inspiring examples from Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. The programme addresses political decision-makers, public officials and representatives of the economic sector and their federations.

**Day 1** | Final conference: Supporting sustainable local economy in North-West Europe

**Day 2** | Working Group meeting

**When?** 1 - 2 March 2023

**Where?** Liège, Belgium

For more information, click [here](#). For registration, click [here](#).



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## Events & energy audits for SMEs: What has happened so far?

In the last months, the partners were busy running events and delivering energy audits to SMEs. Brest Métropole opened its “**Maison des Sens**” (litt. “House of Senses”) to visitors like businesses owners and employees. The aim of this event was to spread information about the consequences of fuel poverty on health in a sensory and concrete way. Following the launch of its new web platform “**Entreprendre durable**”, the City of Liège organised after-work

information events for small business owners. The events should inform the participants about solutions to the current increase in energy bills and presented local options towards a more sustainable economy.

In Worms, associations and SMEs are receiving three-step energy consultations, thermography screenings of the buildings, and reimbursement for immediate small retrofit installations.



The municipality also organised networking events, so called “Energy-Efficiency-Table”, to enable an exchange of experiences and best-practices between the SMEs. So far, the South East Energy Agency (previous “3CEA”) audited and provided energy consultations onsite and virtual to 67 SMEs across the South East region in Ireland. Further applications are currently



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being processed. How does an energy audit work there and how do SMEs benefit from it? In a promotional video, South East Energy Agency explained the audits process and interviewed an audited tomato grower in Waterford (Grantstown Nurseries). The video is available [here](#).

## 4th project meeting in Kilkenny

On 14 and 15 September 2022 took place the 4th CAN SME project meeting in Kilkenny. The CAN partnership had the chance to meet several Irish local partners such as from the Carlow County Council and the South East Energy Agency (host of the meeting). In addition, representatives from the city of Arnhem shared their current work to bring more sustainability in business

parks. Overall, it was a great opportunity to better understand the regional context and discover local carbon mitigation practices implemented by the energy agency.

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# Updates from old CANies: Liège-Energie

The energy agency Liège-Energie celebrates 5-years anniversary of aerial thermography! Together with the municipality of Liège, the agency organised 2 days of events in January to inform the citizens about the state of their roofs' insulation, financial solutions, and energy savings in general. During the first years of the CAN project, aerial thermography have been developed to assess the insulation condition of buildings' roofs thanks a plane equipped with an infrared camera. Back then, more than

500 citizens made use of this offer! Since 2022, Liège-Energie works as a local platform for energy retrofitting.

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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**

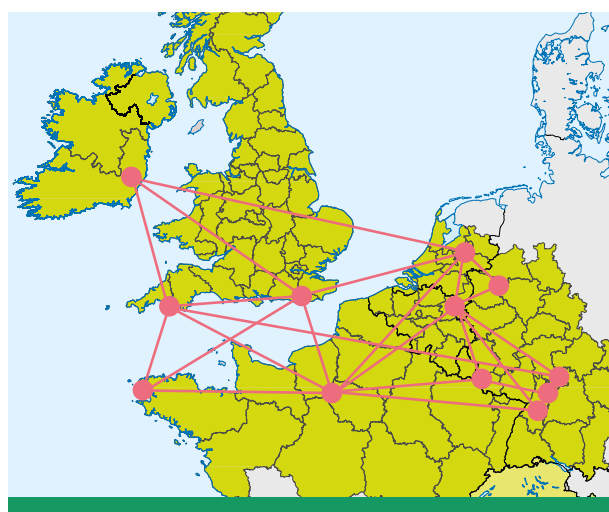
**Bold:** Current consortium and associated partners

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