

NWE making an impact!

Pushing results one step further

DAY 1

9.00 - 10.00	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING COFFEE
10.00 - 10.15	WELCOME SPEECH Introduction to the day by the Hauts-de-France region, managing authority of the NWE Programme.
10.15 - 11.00	OPENING PANEL DISCUSSION – PUSHING RESULTS ONE STEP FURTHER Representatives from the European Commission (DG Regio), the NWE programme and approved projects will discuss the result-orientation and capitalisation objectives of the NWE programme, and what it represents in the broader framework of cohesion policy. After the panel discussion, the floor will be open for questions from the audience.
11.00 - 13.00	NWE PROJECT EXHIBITION AND FORUM Learn more about the 83 NWE projects funded so far, what results they have reached and their expectations in the long term. A time to exchange and network with peers. In the forum area, short and catchy presentations from projects will give an insight on their main achievements.
13.00 - 14.00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14.00 - 18.00	SITE VISITS – NWE IMPACT ON THE GROUND Your chance to see live what some NWE projects have achieved, in a wide variety of domains. Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E=0: Desirable, warm, affordable homes thanks to energy retrofitting (Hem, FR) <i>Visit one of ten renovated houses provided with net zero energy level, meet its tenants and exchange with the project managers on the benefits of holistic retrofits and low-carbon buildings.</i> • SHICC: Community Land Trusts: a solution to the housing crisis (Lille, FR) <i>Discuss how the social impact of CLTs is measured with elected representatives from Lille (FR) and Ghent (BE) before going to a construction site and see for yourself CLTs' contribution to more cohesive cities.</i> • HeatNet: Achieving energy neutrality with district heating (Kortrijk, BE) <i>With elected representatives from the city of Kortrijk and the urban designer in charge, find out about the transition strategies the city has put in place to deliver low carbon district heat. Visit the local district heating and cooling network.</i>

- **CEDaCI: Developing circular economy in the data centre industry** (Quesnoy-sur-Deûle, FR)
With R&D engineers, explore how strategic metals from waste are identified, extracted and recycled, and examine how circular economy can apply to data centres.
- **RIVER: Green chemistry: from CO2 to cosmetic gel** (Lille, FR)
Discover how CO2 can be transformed into high-value products in the Lille Catholic University laboratory and exchange with experts on the key role of carbon capture in relation to emission reduction.
- **EYES: Empowering youth through employment and entrepreneurship** (Wattrelos, FR)
Hear from several NWE projects working on youth employment and entrepreneurship in a community centre and discuss the different social innovation approaches to these topics.

A bus (30-minute ride maximum) will take you onsite and then back to the venue.

DAY 2

8.30 - 9:30	<p>SIGN-IN AND NETWORKING COFFEE</p> <p>Sign in and visit the project stands and exhibition.</p>
9.30 - 11.30	<p>PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS – EXPLORING NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR COOPERATION</p> <p>In round tables, projects will discuss their results, the barriers they still face in their sector, as well as their needs and opportunities for the future. A unique occasion for participants to find synergies and elaborate ideas for further collaboration.</p> <p>Your choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unlocking the potential of marine energy - Modernising health services - The pathway to high-performance buildings - Developing more sustainable practices in the construction industry - Sustainability in agrofood production - Innovating in waste water treatment - Supporting the development of new hydrogen solutions
11.30 - 12.15	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Wrap-up of the event including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the main findings of the thematic workshops, • leads on the future of the programme, • and the NWE award ceremony!
12.15 - 13.30	<p>LUNCH</p>