



Project Title:

LIFE UNIFY: Bringing the EU together on climate action

Project Period:

September 2019 - August 2022

Countries Covered:

Associated beneficiaries: DOOR(Croatia), CDE (Czechia), D92 (Denmark), ELF (Estonia), RAC France (France), Germanwatch (Germany), Institute for Sustainable Development (Poland), ZERO (Portugal), FOCUS (Slovenia), SEO Birdlife (Spain)

CAN Europe ensures the EU level coordination as the coordinating beneficiary.

Overall Aim:

“Unify: Bringing the EU together on climate action” aims to facilitate the effective and early transition of Member States across Europe to low carbon and resilient economies by unifying three key policy opportunities: programming of EU funds, National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and national and the Long Term Strategies.

Through its targeted activities in 10 Member States and at the EU level, the Unify project showcases that if these three key EU policy processes are consistent, ambitious and in line with the Paris Agreement objectives, they could help all EU Member States to step up climate action.

Through underlining the importance of alignment between the national and the EU’s long term strategies, National energy and climate plans and the local level climate and energy action plans (SECAPs), the UNIFY project reminds the importance of consistency in climate action at different levels.

Besides, Unify project builds processes and capacity to monitor the programming of EU funds, providing targeted inputs at the regional, national, and sub-national level to ensure that Partnership Agreements and Operational Funds are coherent with National Energy and Climate Plans at the national level and Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans at the municipal level.

Unify will focus on two scopes of influence - detailed actions delivered in the 10 Focal countries; and one extending to entire EU - in order to take results from targeted actions in 10 EU Member States and replicate and transfer results to the whole of the EU.

This project comes at a crucial moment of the European climate policies; as different components of the European Green Deal will be unveiled and relevant legislative changes will be realised during the project period.

To deliver these objectives, the following actions are planned:

- Formation of 10 national and 1 pan-EU UNIFY Support Groups to facilitate regular and open dialogue between UNIFY project beneficiaries, key stakeholders, and decision-makers
- LIFE UNIFY Toolbox: user-friendly quantitative and qualitative tools to accelerate transformational change in the implementation of NECPs
- Assessment and monitoring of implementation of NECPs across 10 target MS
- Informing the programming of EU funds in 10 target MS to optimize implementation of NECPs
- Identification of transformational opportunities within transport, agriculture and energy policies to leverage progress towards 2030 goals
- Supporting municipalities to develop or improve SECAPs and strengthen links with NECPs in 6 target MS
- Replication and Transfer: Connect NSAs and decision-makers on a pan-EU level to generate higher ambition in the EU towards achieving 2030 goals
- Build capacity of NSA and LRAs within 10 EU MS to work on EU programming of funds, NECPs and Long term Strategies
- Assessment and monitoring of national Long Term Strategies, highlighting coherence with EU-level LTS, NECPs, and Paris Agreement commitments

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