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Municipality of Legrad develops a municipal micro-finance scheme for energy upgrades and renewables

WatThe Municipality of Legrad is developing a local micro-finance approach to help residents invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy measures as part of the Green and Just Transition.

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VIREAS: a virtual energy assistant helping citizens navigate the Green and Just Transition

The pilot has already demonstrated strong uptake: users have accessed VIREAS from 11 out of 20 Croatian counties, generating 1,103 user chats/questions, with the majority coming from northern Croatian counties (including Koprivnica-Križevci, Međimurje and Osijek-Baranja).

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Dajti National Park pilot: protected areas as drivers of a Green and Just Transition

A pilot action in Tirana and Dajti National Park explores how protected areas can become practical drivers of a Green and Just Transition; by combining biodiversity protection with sustainable mobility, energy efficiency and visitor education.

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The Third BauNOW Hackathon in Bologna explored how finance can drive the Green and Just Transition

On 4 December 2025, the Third BauNOW Hackathon took place at Auditorium Filla in Bologna, bringing together 51 participants onsite and 692 viewers via Facebook livestream. The event concluded the BauNOW hackathon cycle (following the sessions on 26 June and 2 October 2025), designed to strengthen capacity-building and stakeholder engagement within the Interreg Euro-MED project "BauNOW – New Business as Usual".

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Cazin pilot accelerates solar installations on public buildings and prepares an Energy Cooperative

To support smoother implementation, Cazin has established communication with the Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning, and Environmental Protection of the Una-Sana Canton and received information about a prepared legal amendment proposal that would remove the 23 kW limit and further simplify the construction of PV power plants on rooftops, auxiliary structures, near buildings, and solar canopies on the same plot.

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Towards “Carbone 13”: a community carbon scheme for Aix-Marseille Provence

The pilot explores whether a locally anchored mechanism can better connect potential carbon credit financiers with high-integrity local projects that reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions, while also ensuring transparency and credible governance.

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Kočevje strengthens green mobility with two new electric vehicles for community rides

As part of the project activities, two new electric vehicles were purchased and handed over for use to the Municipality of Kočevje to support greener and more inclusive local mobility. The vehicles will be operated through the Sopotniki association, providing shared rides for older people, persons with disabilities, and other residents who face mobility barriers—helping them reach essential services and everyday activities more easily.

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