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## “LOCARBO 5<sup>th</sup> call - Novel roles of regional and Local authorities in supporting energy consumers’ behaviour change towards a low CARBOn economy”

### FINAL CONFERENCE

#### AGENDA

Venue: Resilience HUB, Province of Potenza, Piazza M. Pagano, 85100 Potenza – ITALY

Date: September 9th, 2022

\* all indicated times are based on Central European Summer Time (CEST)

8:30 – 9:00 *	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>LOCARBO Final Conference: Opening and illustration of the program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alessandro ATTOLICO</b>, <i>Province of Potenza, Project Leader and MCR2030 Resilience HUB coordinator</i></li> </ul>
9:15 – 9:30	<b>INTERREG EUROPE: State of play</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative from EU Interreg Europe program Joint Secretariat (tbc)</li> </ul>
9:30 – 9:45	<b>LOCARBO and COVID19 crisis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alessandro ATTOLICO</b>, <i>Province of Potenza, Project Leader and MCR2030 Resilience HUB coordinator</i></li> </ul>
9:45 – 10:45	<b>Partners’ experience in LOCARBO initiative. Lesson learnt and policy instruments improvement. A general overview (5 min/presenter)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rosalia SMALDONE</b>, <i>Province of Potenza, Italy</i></li> <li>• <b>Carla PIRES</b>, <i>Municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal</i></li> <li>• <b>Dorothy Gibson</b>, <i>Durham County Council, UK</i></li> <li>• <b>Jolanta DVARIONIENĖ</b>, <i>Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</i></li> <li>• <b>Zsofia LUKIN</b>, <i>Hungarian Innovation and Efficiency Non-profit Ltd., Hungary</i></li> <li>• <b>Alexandra CIRSTOIU</b>, <i>Alba Iulia Municipality, Romania</i></li> </ul> <b>Q/A from audience (10 min)</b>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Round Table to share knowledge: Perspectives, challenges and opportunities of regional authorities in the light of the new energy challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expert from national/local context (tbc)</b></li> <li>• <b>Experts from international platforms (tbc)</b></li> </ul> <b>Q/A from audience (10-15 min)</b>
<b>Kick-off of the Province of Potenza’s UNDRR MCR2030 Resilience HUB</b>	
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Kick off of the UNDRR MCR 2030 Resilience HUB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rocco Pappalardo</b>, <i>Province of Potenza, MCR2030 Resilience HUB, President</i></li> <li>• <b>Province of Potenza Councilors</b></li> <li>• <b>Province of Potenza’s Mayors</b></li> <li>• <b>Italian National Municipalities’ Association (ANCI) and Italian Provinces’ Association (UPI) Representatives</b></li> <li>• <b>UNDRR Representatives</b></li> </ul> <b>Coordination: Alessandro ATTOLICO</b> , <i>Province of Potenza, MCR2030 Resilience HUB coordinator</i>
12:50 - 13:00	<b>Next steps and closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alessandro ATTOLICO</b>, <i>Province of Potenza, MCR2030 Resilience HUB coordinator</i></li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Light lunch</b>



**Moderator:**

- **Alessandro ATTOLICO**, Province of Potenza, Project Leader and MCR2030 Resilience HUB coordinator

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**LOCARBO** is an interregional cooperation project for improving low-carbon economy policies. It aims to improve policy instruments targeting demand-driven initiatives to increase energy efficiency and the use of renewables in buildings, through innovative ways of supporting energy consumers' behaviour change and combat climate change.

The COVID crisis heavily affected the European energy market and consumption habits, as well as the methods how regional/local authorities involve energy consumers in this changing atmosphere and formulate their related policies. These substantial changes are directly affecting LOCARBO's aims, i.e. to find innovative ways for authorities to support energy consumers' behaviour change and reach EE via demand-driven initiatives and policies. This direct connection between the crisis and the focus of the project called partners to continue their knowledge sharing and cooperation for one more year in 2021-2022 in the frame of the 5<sup>th</sup> call of the INTERREG EUROPE Programme. The present conference aims to draw the conclusions of this year's work.

**Partnership:**

Province of Potenza (Lead Partner)  
City of Vila Nova de Gaia (Portugal)  
Durham County Council (Great Britain)  
Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania)  
Hungarian Innovation and Efficiency Not-for-profit Ltd. /MI6 (Hungary)  
City of di Alba Iulia (Romania)

**Connection with the Province of Potenza's #weResilient Strategy (2013)**

The policies and actions put in place are based on the so called **#weResilient** strategy that has been specifically outlined and defined for pursuing regional socio-economic development through a structural combination of environmental sustainability, territorial security and climate change contrasting policies to be implemented through specific actions at urban and local level. The main objective of the #weResilient strategy consists in coordinating urban policies and planning and in assisting the local territory through a subsidiary engagement process mainly addressed to municipalities, communities, social groups and citizens, for pursuing an improved territorial governance and appropriate land use policies/actions with wide area (regional) outlook.

A fundamental element of the strategy is the active engagement of communities in local decision-making processes in the field of territorial policies (sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate changes adaptation/mitigation) and the coordinating/driving action directed to the Municipalities in this inclusion process. Hence the establishment of 'permanent platforms' focused on the implementation of a Resilience of communities that is inclusive of the different categories/social groups. This process of institutional "involvement" has the objective of strengthening the capacity of individuals and communities to reduce risks of catastrophes and to pursue sustainable development by spreading knowledge and raising awareness about the importance of prevention and risk mitigation and through their involvement in relevant decision-making processes related to territorial policies. The involvement of relevant "institutional" stakeholders completes and integrates all the participation process. In January 2015, the Province of Potenza was acknowledged by the UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) as a world ROLE MODEL for Inclusive Resilience and Territorial Safety thanks to the unique coordination action of its 100 Municipalities that have all signed up to the "Making Cities Resilient" Campaign. The Province of Potenza has been also acknowledged as Community Champion "Knowledge For Life" - IDDR2015, EU Covenant Of Mayors For Climate And Energy Coordinator (2016), City Alliance Best Practice "Beyond SDG11" (2018). Currently, as coordinating entity of its Local Municipalities and Communities Network for Resilience, the Province of Potenza is engaged in the UNDRR MCR2030 initiative. Due to its relevant experience in territorial governance, in 2021 it has been appointed as official member of the UNDRR MCR2030 Regional Coordination Committee for Europe and Central Asia (RCC-ROECA). In 2022 the Province of Potenza has been acknowledged as UNDRR Resilience HUB of MCR 2030 global initiative and as official member of the UNDRR MCR2030 Regional Coordination Committee for Europe and Central Asia. In 2022 it has been also appointed as Climate Adaptation EU Mission Signatory.

In Locarbo, the Province of Potenza is engaged also in enlarging the territorial coverage of the capitalization action by involving relevant stakeholder and governmental organizations. UNDRR has been one of the relevant capitalization key-actor with the main function to provide knowledge and to capitalize from our experience to improve the administrative capacity of global governments at all levels in implementing effective strategies in sustainable and resilient territorial development as the #weResilient strategy. In LOCARBO context UNDRR has been a major player of community involvement and trust building process: by informing local communities/ administrations on the content and related funding opportunities of the strategy adopted, disseminating results of interregional learning, providing "field" feedback towards policy implementation.

**More information about Locarbo project and partners:**

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/locarbo/>