

Knowledge Base

Climat Pratic

KEYWORDS:

- Building culture
- Construction
- Closed loops
- Governance
- Planning Tools
- Ecology
- Energy efficiency
- Indicators
- Mobility
- Technology transfer

TARGET GROUP:

- Architects
- Builders
- Citizens
- Craftsmen
- Home Owners
- Planners
- Politicians
- Policy Makers



Results and outcomes (use cases):

Climat Pratic is a methodology to support planners in managing energy planning on territory level (PCET = Plan Climat Energie Territoire) including several municipalities; it has been particularly targeted for territories with less 50.000 inhabitants (intermunicipal-ity communities, National Park, ...).

The tool is based on an excel table including 15 tabs which correspond to the thematic chapters of the energy strategy. 2 of them are transversal topics (e.g.: strategic axis/ communication_awareness raising) and the 13 others focus on specific filed (e.g.: building/tourism/mobility/economical development...).

On the Climat Pratic website (<http://www.climat-pratic.fr/>), the feedback of several planners which have used Climat Pratic is displayed through videos.

They point out that Climat Pratic is an easy to-use tool which does not request any

assistance. As flexible tool, it can be used at different stages of Energy Planning, for different purposes :

- Sensitization of stakeholders (politicians, socio-economic and civil society actors, people, ...) to climate and energy issues.
- The basics of a transversal management of climate and energy policy.
- An assessment of the political climate and energy measures implemented.
- The expected objectives and medium-term strategy.
- The next actions to implement.

After a pilot experimentation on 10 territories in 2011, Climat pratic tool can be downloaded at:

www.climat-pratic.fr

Description: 4 non profit organizations have collaborated to build the Climat Pratic tool: ADEME (National Agency for environment and energy, the "CLER" (private association for supporting energy efficiency practices and REN development), RAC-F (Réseau Action Climat: unites associations fighting against climate change)) and ETC (resource centre for sustainable development of territory uniting territorial collectivities). Climat Pratic is based on "Climat Compass" tool which has been developed by

the european association "Climat Alliance". After translating and adapting the european tool, partners have experimented Climat pratic in 10 pilot territories. Once improved and enriched according to the specific needs of French communities, the tool is now offered to communities, parks or lands which would like to voluntarily elaborate and implement a PCET (plan Climat Energie Territoire). This tool is not compulsory and downloadable for free.

Relevance for inter-municipal planning (AlpBC):

In France, PCET is not compulsory for communities with less 50.000 inhabitants. As Climat Practical tool is very flexible and easy to use, small communities are encouraged to initiate a strategy of energy planning. Thanks to the 13 different tabs (building, mobility, energy production, landscape...) and related guides, municipalities get a framework for managing energy topics in all these fields through a cross-sectorial approach. Apart the suggestions and best practices displayed by the User Guide, planner can define and implement a large scale of actions that they will be able to pilot and evaluate thanks to Climat pratic (for example: training of SMEs, development of eco-materials in building renovation, etc.). Through the tab "spatial planning", Climat

Pratic gives advice and examples of best practices to integrate energy topics into urbanistic documents, integrate mobility aspect in spatial projects, etc.. The 2 transversal tabs (energy climat strategy/communication_awareness raising) are helpful for a better governance with different territorial actors (citizens, economic actors, local politicians, etc.) and particularly for defining and implementing actions at intermunicipality level. Thanks to the "Evaluation" tab of the table, the impact of all actions of the 13 different fields is compiled in a synthesis. Planners can check if the planning brings environmental and energy improvements in all sectors, identify the missing fields and axis of progress.

Relevance for policy goals (Alpine Space, Europe and the region):

Whatever is the maturity of the local authority in energy planning, Climat Pratic is helpful for assessing the current situation of the

territory in relation with sustainable development and define steps for continuous improvement of territory sustainability.