



Call for participation:

International Training Course for Energy Advisors

How can youth reduce energy poverty in rural areas?

DATES: 27 AUGUST–2 SEPTEMBER 2023

LOCATION: ANCONA, ITALY

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: SWEDEN, ITALY, ALBANIA, BOSNIA
HERZEGOVINA**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE PROJECT: ENGLISH



About the project



According to the ‘‘Green Agenda for the Western Balkan document’’, the Western Balkan is one of the regions in Europe most heavily affected by the impact of climate change and this trend is projected to continue, with estimates of temperature increases of 1.7 – 4.0°C, and even exceeding 5.0°C by the end of the century, depending on the global effort in greenhouse gasses emission reduction. One the main challenges addressed by the Green Agenda for the Western Balkan is the Energy Poverty. Energy poverty is a significant problem in rural parts of the Western Balkans due to the local population's unawareness, low level of education in particular energy poor households and low incomes.

To address the above challenge the project GETA, Gaming for the Energy Transition of Rural Areas, aims to develop tools and new forms of training schemes to empower youth workers to become energy advisors and train rural youth with a purpose to make a smart energy transition of rural areas.

The main objectives of the project are:

- Empowering youth workers in becoming energy advisors with high quality expertise in the field of energy efficiency/energy audits through competencies related to energy poverty;
- Engaging rural youth in assessing the level of energy poverty and addressing recommendations for energy transition of rural areas though GETA app;
- Disseminating the results and the methodology of the project with full exploitation of the possibilities provided by the online environment as well as offline means.

About the host organization



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UNIVPM from Italy represents high education and research institution with relevant experiences in training focused on renewable energies and integration technologies for smart energy grid. UNIVPM aims to motivate and empower youth and provide with tools to work towards energy transition in their communities. UNIVPM is oriented on educating and giving youth practical experience and knowledge together with theoretical ones, to facilitate in turning those young people from all different backgrounds into active and successful members of society, through non-formal education methods while improving their attitudes and enhancing their skills.



About the Training Course

The scope of the training is to equip youth workers with practical experience on estimating the energy poverty in rural areas through the developed tool.

The main objectives of the training are to:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of energy policy and its mechanisms
- Reflect over examples from implemented initiatives in energy policy
- Get an insight into how Co Design and Behavioral Science can be used to promote a transformation of the energy system
- Stimulate cooperation and knowledge exchange between the participants and their respective organizations.
- Come together as a group and strengthen the network within the Renewable Energy Programmes

Methodology:

Non-Formal Education methods comprising Icebreakers, Team Building activities, Roundtables, Simulations, Workshops, Case-Studies, practical work, Teamwork aimed in testing the energy poverty template produced the experts of the project.

Learning outcomes:

The energy advisors would be instructed on how to deploy the situation of energy poverty in remote areas thus being able to collect data that will support making adjustments to meet upcoming demand requirements. It will also serve to channel any new support that will assist youth people to identify opportunities for apprenticeships or employment in energy sector.

In addition, the training course will facilitate and encourage the intercultural dialogue between youth people and equip them with a wide range of competencies such as interpersonal, team, organizational, intercultural awareness, co-ordination and practical problem-solving skills and self-confidence.

Preparatory meeting:

A specific preparation on the methodological dimension of the training course will be provided to the participants at a preparatory meeting that each partner will carry out online within one week before the start of the training course. The preparatory meetings will last half day, integrating the presentation of the program and methodology of the latter, the implementation of Ice Breaking activities to foster mutual knowledge within the group and a question-and-answer session to answer all requests for further information/clarification that participants may still have.

Expectation from the participants:

The young energy advisors that will participate in the Training Course in Ancona, Italy **will be the coaches** who will lead the local activities in their countries.

The energy advisors who have already acquired knowledge and skills on using the template and the energy tool to assess the energy poverty will train the rural youth in using the template in the app format. The training will engage 10 rural youth from each country and the methodology will be informal, sharing best practices and knowledge.



Participants' profile & number

- Recent graduated students in energy related fields
- Must be between 18 and 35 years old
- Above average level of English language
- Interested in becoming energy advisors through acquiring coaching competencies and creating integrated and innovative energy programmes

In total, there will be 20 participants in the training course (4 participants per partner organization).

Financial information

Each sending organization will cover the cost for their participants regarding:

- Transportation to and from Ancona
- Food (all meals)
- Accommodation.

Accommodation in Ancona

Each partners organization are responsible for the booking of accommodation for their participants.

Gastronomy in Ancona

The city offers a lot of delicious Italian food, as well as some foreign cuisines.

A **typical Italian breakfast** is sweet, usually just with coffee or tea / milk / orange juice and croissants.

Breakfast is server in bars, some restaurants, etc. approximately from **07:00 to 10:00**.

Lunch is served in restaurants, trattoria's - etc. approximately from **12:30 to 14:30**.

Dinner is served in restaurants, pizzeria's, trattoria's – etc. approximately from **19:45 to 23:00**.

Snacks like panini, tramezzini – etc. can be found in some bars – etc. throughout the day

Dietary requirements: If you have any dietary requirements or special needs that the organisers should be aware of, please notify your host (or if relevant - the accommodation you booked)

Transportation in Ancona

Link to downloadable Ancona bus information and maps: <https://www.atmaancona.it/>

If you want to use taxi services, we recommend always asking to activate the price- meter and note that they are relatively expensive.

How to reach Ancona?

Air: "Raffaello Sanzio" airport - Ancona-Falconara

Direct connections with Rome, Milan, Paris, Munich, London, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Athens and Moscow.

For more information: <http://www.aeroporto Marche.com/index.php?lang=english>

From airport to centre of Ancona city bus (Lines J and S in front to the airport), train: Castelferretti Railway Station (in front to the airport) or taxi.

Sea: Port of Ancona

Daily ferry-boat connections with ports of Croatia, Albania, Montenegro, Greece and Turkey

For more information: <http://www.doricaportservices.it/inglese/orari/orari.htm>

Train: FS Ancona's Railway Station

Railway direct connections with Milan (4 h), Rome (3 h), Bologna (2h).

For more information: http://www.ferroviedellostato.it/homepage_en.html

From Railway Station to the centre of Ancona city bus (Line 1/4 with bus stop in front to the station) or taxi.

Car: A14 motorway Bologna-Bari, way out Ancona Sud, then indications to Ancona Centro

Insurance and Visa

Issue yourself an insurance, ex. European Health Insurance Card.

If you need to get VISA in order to enter Italy, we can support the process by means of invitation letters.

Sending Partners



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- Life Foundation – Sweden
- Università Politecnica Delle Marche – Italy
- Environmental and Territorial Management Institute – Albania
- Municipality of Kavaje – Albania
- Regional education and information centre for sustainable development in South-east Europe – Bosnia Herzegovina

Contact Person

Thank you for your attention, we look forward to welcome you.

