

NEWSLETTER

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Discover the latest updates, upcoming events, and the meaningful progress we're achieving together!

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Where are we today? – The latest progress from EnerCmed

From pilot actions to Mediterranean impact

The EnerCmed project has entered the phase dedicated to transfer and replication of the solutions developed in the pilot cities, while the implementation of the interventions continues in the partner territories.

Alongside the pilot activities, the project is expanding its work with external municipalities through the **Follower Cities Network, which has already reached 16 cities across the Mediterranean.**

This network represents a **key step in the exchange and replication phase, allowing other territories to follow the progress of the project and explore how the tested solutions can be adapted to their local context.**

Through this phase, the project aims to support other cities interested in renewable energy communities, nature-based solutions and integrated strategies for climate resilience, by sharing the experience gained in the pilot sites and providing webinars, operational tools, technical materials and training activities that will prepare the ground for the replication of the EnerCmed approach in other urban contexts.

In the coming months, the project will continue to advance the pilot actions while strengthening the replication programme, with the objective of extending the impact of EnerCmed beyond the initial pilot cities and contributing to the transition towards more sustainable and resilient Mediterranean territories.

Stay tuned!

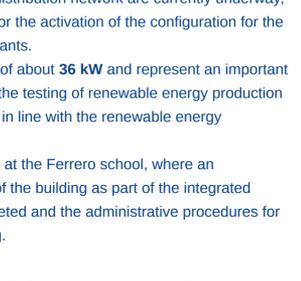
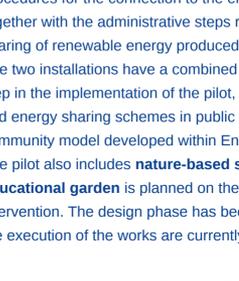
Updates from the pilot sites

Progress at the Patras pilot site

In Patras, the first pilot intervention consists of the installation of a photovoltaic system on the roof of the **6th EPAL School Complex**, one of the largest school facilities in the city. The system has a capacity of approximately 50 kW and includes **90 photovoltaic panels**.

The intervention is part of the activities aimed at testing renewable energy solutions in public buildings and supporting the development of local energy community models.

The pilot also includes the implementation of **nature-based solutions**, in particular a **green roof and a green wall** designed as demonstration interventions within the school environment. **The photovoltaic installation has been completed** and the procedures for the connection to the electricity provider are currently in progress, while the intervention related to nature-based solutions is ongoing.



Progress at the Genoa pilot site

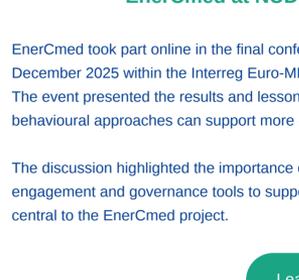
In Genoa, pilot activities are taking place in the Cornigliano district, where the project foresees the installation of **photovoltaic systems on municipal school buildings**.

The works related to the photovoltaic installation at the **Ferrero primary school**, together with the adaptation of the system at the **Volta middle school, were completed** in December 2025, and the **testing of the systems was finalised** in February 2026.

The procedures for the connection to the electricity distribution network are currently underway, together with the administrative steps required for the activation of the configuration for the sharing of renewable energy produced by the plants.

The two installations have a combined capacity of about **36 kW** and represent an important step in the implementation of the pilot, allowing the testing of renewable energy production and energy sharing schemes in public buildings in line with the renewable energy community model developed within EnerCmed.

The pilot also includes **nature-based solutions** at the Ferrero school, where an **educational garden** is planned on the terrace of the building as part of the integrated intervention. The design phase has been completed and the administrative procedures for the execution of the works are currently ongoing.



Recent EnerCmed Events

EnerCmed continues to strengthen its visibility at Mediterranean and European level through participation in conferences, workshops and scientific events dedicated to the energy transition, climate adaptation and sustainable urban development. These occasions provide an opportunity to present the project's integrated approach, exchange experiences with other initiatives and reinforce cooperation between research institutions, public authorities and local stakeholders.

EnerCmed at NUDGES Final Conference

EnerCmed took part online in the final conference of the NUDGES project, held on 2–3 December 2025 within the Interreg Euro-MED Programme.

The event presented the results and lessons learned from the project, with a focus on how behavioural approaches can support more effective and inclusive energy policies.

The discussion highlighted the importance of combining technological solutions with social engagement and governance tools to support the energy transition, topics that are also central to the EnerCmed project.

[Learn more](#)

EnerCmed at Study Day on Renewable Energy Communities and Regional Development

16 February 2026 – Oristano, Italy

The EnerCmed project was presented in Milis (Oristano, Italy) during the study day **"Comunità Energetiche Rinnovabili per lo sviluppo dei territori"**, dedicated to the role of Renewable Energy Communities in supporting the energy transition and sustainable development of local territories. As lead partner of the project, **Prof. Corrado Schenone (University of Genoa)** delivered a keynote entitled **"Energy communities in ports and port hinterlands: a new paradigm for the environmental sustainability of ports"**, presenting the work carried out within EnerCmed and the solutions being tested in the pilot areas.

The intervention highlighted the importance of integrated approaches combining renewable energy, nature-based solutions and local governance models, with particular attention to urban districts located close to port environments, which represent the core focus of the project.

The event provided an opportunity to present the EnerCmed initiative in a broader discussion involving universities, institutions and local stakeholders working on **the development of Renewable Energy Communities and on the transition towards more sustainable Mediterranean territories.**



[Download the agenda](#)

EnerCmed Workshop on Integrated Urban Climate Strategies

6 March 2026 – Genoa, Italy

The **University of Genoa** hosted the interactive workshop **"Integrated Urban Climate Strategies under Climate Change"**, organised in the framework of the EnerCmed project on 6 March 2026.

The session, delivered by **Petros Mouzourides (University of Cyprus)**, focused on the analysis of **urban climate challenges and on the design of Nature-Based Solutions for next-to-port urban areas.**

The workshop combined scientific input and interactive activities, involving students, researchers, and project partners in the identification of climate risks and possible adaptation strategies for pilot districts.

Transnational scientific exchange represents a key element of the EnerCmed approach, supporting the development of **shared technical knowledge and strengthening cooperation between Mediterranean institutions** working on renewable energy communities and climate adaptation in port cities.



News from the partners

EnerCmed workshop in Labin on Just Energy Transition and Renewable Energy Communities

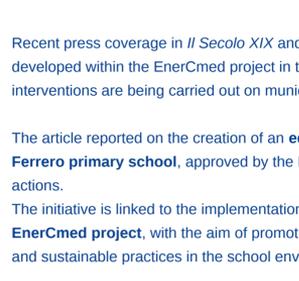
11 March 2026 – Labin, Croatia

The final conference of the **JETforCE** project and a **SUMMA project workshop** titled **"From European Projects to Local Solutions: Just Transition in Practice"** were held in Labin, bringing together public authorities, experts and local stakeholders to discuss inclusive approaches to the energy transition.

Within the event, an additional workshop and study visit were organised in the framework of the EnerCmed project, including a visit to a local accommodation facility dedicated to vulnerable groups.

During the workshop, the EnerCmed project was presented with a focus on Renewable Energy Community (REC) models as practical tools to address energy poverty, highlighting the importance of integrated solutions combining community energy approaches and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS).

The activity strengthened the exchange of knowledge between projects and demonstrated how European cooperation can support **concrete local actions for a just and inclusive energy transition.**



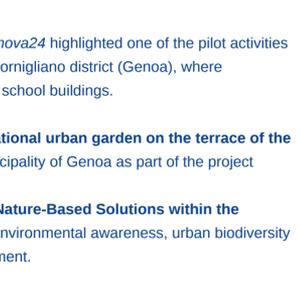
EnerCmed at Interreg regional dissemination event in Valencia

24 February 2026 – Valencia, Spain

On 24 February 2026, EnerCmed was presented during a **regional dissemination event** organised in **Valencia in the framework of the FEEL project final conference**, bringing together representatives of Interreg projects, public authorities and local stakeholders.

The event provided an opportunity to share experiences between European cooperation projects working on **energy transition, sustainability and local climate strategies**, and to present the approach developed within EnerCmed, based on the integration of **Renewable Energy Communities, Nature-Based Solutions and social engagement actions** in next-to-port urban areas.

Participation in the event contributed to strengthening synergies between projects and to increasing the visibility of EnerCmed within the Interreg Euro-MED community.



EnerCmed in the news

Recent press coverage in *Il Secolo XIX* and *Genova24* highlighted one of the pilot activities developed within the EnerCmed project in the Cornigliano district (Genoa), where interventions are being carried out on municipal school buildings.

The article reported on the creation of an **educational urban garden on the terrace of the Ferrero primary school**, approved by the Municipality of Genoa as part of the project actions.

The initiative is linked to the implementation of **Nature-Based Solutions within the EnerCmed project**, with the aim of promoting environmental awareness, urban biodiversity and sustainable practices in the school environment.

The activity represents one of the local pilot interventions through which EnerCmed is testing integrated approaches to energy transition and climate resilience in next-to-port urban areas.

[Article on Il Secolo XIX](#)

[Article on Genova24](#)

Upcoming events

EnerCmed Steering Committee meeting

17 **21 April 2026**

Patras, Greece – Agora Argyri

The next EnerCmed Steering Committee meeting will be hosted in Patras, bringing together project partners to review the progress of pilot actions, discuss the next steps of the replication activities and coordinate the upcoming project deliverables.

The meeting will also include a local workshop with decision-makers and stakeholders, aimed at discussing renewable energy communities, nature-based solutions and integrated strategies for the energy transition in Mediterranean next-to-port areas.

More information will be available soon.

3rd Gathering of the Green Living Areas Thematic Community

17 **22–23 April 2026**

Athens, Greece – Melina Merkouri Cultural Centre

EnerCmed partners will participate in the 3rd Gathering of the Green Living Areas Mission community, organised in the framework of the **Interreg Euro-MED Programme**.

The event will bring together thematic projects, governance projects and institutional stakeholders to exchange results, identify synergies and support the transfer of tested solutions into regional and local policies.

The meeting represents an important step for strengthening cooperation between projects and for promoting the replication of sustainable energy and climate solutions across the Mediterranean region.

[Learn more and register](#)

EnerCmed FINAL EVENT – Save the date!

17 **04 June 2026**

Genoa, Italy – Ferrero Primary School / Villa Cambiaso, University of Genoa

The final event of the EnerCmed project will take place in Genoa, bringing together project partners, institutional representatives, stakeholders and experts to present the results achieved during the project and discuss the perspectives for replication in other Mediterranean territories.

The event will include the **inauguration of the Nature-Based Solution realised at the pilot school in the Cornigliano district**, together with sustainability and awareness activities involving students and local actors, with the participation of municipal and regional authorities.

A second session hosted at Villa Cambiaso – University of Genoa will feature technical presentations, partner contributions and panel discussions with experts on renewable energy communities, nature-based solutions and climate resilience in next-to-port urban areas.

More information and the detailed programme will be shared soon.

Stay tuned for updates.

