

EnerCmed Newsletter - January 2025

This 2025 opens with the first issue of the EnerCmed Project Newsletter. We have decided to give space for a short presentation of the project partners, so that in the coming months all those who are collaborating on this new vision for a greener and more sustainable future will have the opportunity to explain their activities.

For January, we chose Valencia Clima i Energia and the Municipality of Genoa, whom we thank for their contribution. Happy reading!

The EnerCmed Team

València Clima i Energia (VCE) is a foundation set up by the municipality of València to support the city's transition towards a more sustainable and energy-efficient urban environment.

The key areas of its work are (1) information and education on climate change and (2) promoting the energy transition to transform València into a resilient city tackling climate and global warming challenges. To do so, VCE works together with citizens and both public and private initiatives to make a more sustainable, fairer and equitable city. Moreover, the foundation collaborates in the development of local policies and attracts investments from European projects related to climate change, energy efficiency, renovation, energy poverty and renewable energies among others.

Additionally, VCE manages the Observatori del Canvi Climàtic de València (Valencia Climate Change Observatory) – an educational center to train, raise awareness, and sensitize about climate change – and the three Oficinas de l'Energia (Energy Office – One Stop Shop) – an information and training space for citizens, providing personalized advice, workshops and activities related to energy.

As part of the EnerCmed consortium, VCE manages the pilot project for the city of Valencia, highlighting the following actions:

- **Develop and test** an energy community and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) pilot in Natzaret and/or Poblats Marítims neighborhood.
- **Invest in distributed** renewable energy generation infrastructure, fully dedicated to mitigating energy vulnerability, as well as in small-scale nature-based solutions to address the urban heat island phenomenon.
- **Test and evaluate the model**, as well as its potential integration into local, regional, and European strategies and action plans on climate neutrality and fair energy transition

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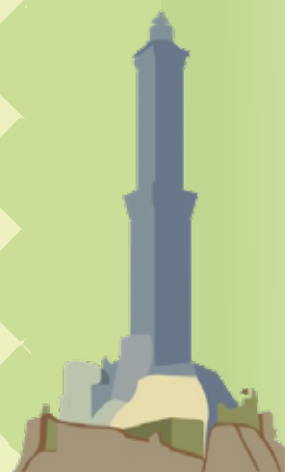
Municipality of Genoa

Genoa is a coastal city in the North-West of Italy. It is the largest city of Liguria Region and one of the main ports of the Mediterranean Sea. As 2024, the city has around 564.000 inhabitants. Its economy relies on Blue, Silver and Green sectors, as well as on Culture and Tourism. Genoa is therefore investing in sustainable development, energy efficiency, and social inclusion, with measures aimed at supporting vulnerable groups.

The Municipality of Genoa (MGE) is implementing various energy efficiency programs, including the "GEN-IUS" investment program, which focuses on upgrading public buildings and improving public lighting. The city is also involved in projects related to adaptation to climate change, urban planning, resilience, eco-sustainable growth, infrastructure development, and safety. These initiatives have enhanced the municipality's expertise in urban design, stakeholder engagement, circular economy, and economic development. The City of Genoa renewed its commitment to reducing emissions and adapting to climate change through its Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), updated in 2018. The goals of SECAP include reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% compared to 2005 levels, achieving a 32% share of renewable energy, and improving the energy efficiency by 32.5%.

The Municipality's energy policies align with the EnerCmed project's objectives, focusing on improving energy performance of public buildings, promoting energy efficiency in housing and businesses, utilizing renewable energy sources, reducing energy poverty, and advancing sustainable public and private mobility.

The MGE is also involved in several European projects and networks. Among them, for their connection with EnerCmed project, it is important to mention NBS EduWORLD project, which focuses on implementing education on nature-based solutions (NBS) throughout society, and ReMed Interreg-Euro-MED project, which aims to increase the climate risk management and adaptation capacities of Mediterranean cities through the implementation of holistic, integrated, multi-scale and systemic approaches.



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