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Background: The Genesis of Sustainable Climate Action

The OwnYourSECAP sustainability strategy has been carefully developed to ensure that its benefits and positive impacts endure well beyond the conclusion of initial funding and external support. This forward-looking approach is essential to embedding project outcomes into routine practices, thereby preventing the discontinuation of critical activities once external assistance ceases. Fundamental to this strategy are the formulation of a clear plan, the identification of diverse and sustainable funding sources, the cultivation of robust partnerships, and the enhancement of organizational capacities.

A central component of this approach is the creation of a comprehensive sustainability plan. This plan systematically defines clear goals, measurable objectives, and actionable steps to secure ongoing operations. It further requires a thorough SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis to identify areas with potential for growth and continuous improvement, thus ensuring that the project's legacy is durable and forms a solid foundation for future initiatives.

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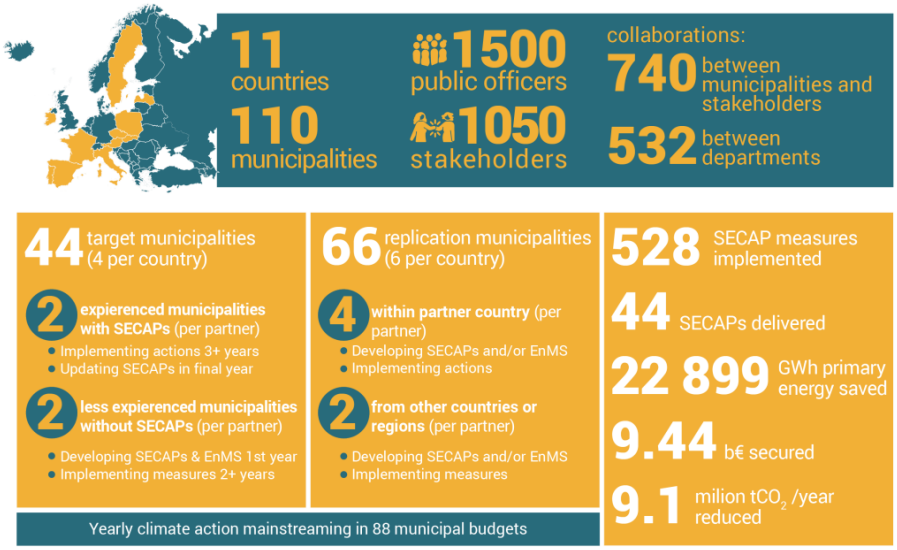
About OwnYourSECAP Project: Forging a Path to Climate Resilience

The OwnYourSECAP project is designed to ensure that its benefits and positive impacts on climate action and energy management endure long after initial funding concludes. The core mission is to foster self-sufficiency within municipalities, empowering them to continue their climate-related efforts through integrated tools, methodologies, and strong networks. This involves establishing clear strategies, identifying sustainable revenue sources, cultivating partnerships, and enhancing organizational capacities.

The project was a concerted effort focused on delivering direct technical assistance to 110 target and replication municipalities. Its innovative approach merged technical expertise, methodological knowledge, and the institutional capacity of both technical partners and participating municipalities. The broader vision of OwnYourSECAP extended to fostering interactions and networking among the involved municipalities, aiming to transition from direct technical assistance to municipal self-sufficiency in addressing climate challenges.



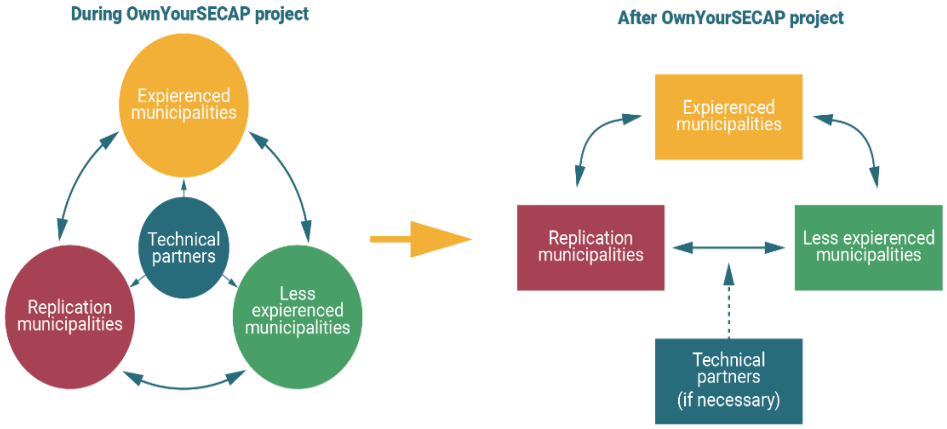
Key results and main achievements of the OwnYourSECAP project include:

- Development and implementation of Energy Management Systems (EnMS).
- Formulation and execution of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).
- Deployment of effective monitoring tools for energy consumption and climate action progress.
- Successful climate-mainstreaming into municipal budgets, signifying a deeper integration of climate goals into local governance.

The OwnYourSECAP project recognizes that true climate action at the local level requires more than just plans; it demands a systematic approach that empowers municipalities to take full ownership of

their climate journey. This strategy details how municipalities can achieve ambitious climate targets by systematically integrating climate considerations into every facet of their operations.

A joint SWOT analysis, compiling insights from various partners, highlights critical strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that influence the long-term sustainability of the OwnYourSECAP results. This analysis informs the strategic direction for continued impact.



Partnership and Expertise

The project brings together expertise from across Europe through 11 specialized partners, each contributing unique strengths to municipal climate action:

Country	Partner Organization	Key Expertise
Latvia	EKODOMA	Energy monitoring platforms, EnMS development
France	MT Partenaires Ingénierie	SECAP methodology, regulatory compliance
Czech Republic	SEVEn (Energy Efficiency Center)	Budget mainstreaming, energy management
Portugal	ISR-UC (University of Coimbra)	Research integration, ISO standards
Sweden	ESS (Energy Agency Southeast)	Systematic energy planning, municipal support
Slovakia	Energy Centre Bratislava (ECB)	Strategic partnerships
Austria	e7 Energie Markt Analyse	Building decarbonization, local contexts
Ireland	Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA)	Capacity and resilience building
Italy	SOGESCA	ISO 50001 certification, established practices, continuity systems
Poland	PNEC (Polish Network "Energie Cités")	Capacity building, structured frameworks
Spain	EuroVértice Consultores	Budget mainstreaming, adaptation services

1. The Strategic Framework: Components and Integration

At its core, the OwnYourSECAP sustainability strategy is built upon five interconnected components, each critical for a municipality's successful climate transition. These components are designed to work in synergy, ensuring that climate action is not an isolated initiative but an integral part of municipal governance and operations.

I. Energy Management Systems (EnMS)

Implementing Energy Management Systems (EnMS), particularly those based on the ISO 50001 standard, is fundamental to achieving energy efficiency and reducing operational costs. The project champions the institutionalization and certification of EnMS within municipal operations, moving beyond traditional industrial applications to demonstrate their effectiveness in the public sector.

Systematic Energy Performance Improvement

An EnMS provides a structured, continuous improvement framework for managing energy consumption. Key aspects include:

- **Certification and Implementation**: Municipalities are supported in adopting and certifying EnMS, which provides a verifiable commitment to energy performance improvement. This structured approach has been shown to yield significant energy savings, with some projects demonstrating reductions of up to 8% in the first year without substantial investment.
- **Scope and Integration:** EnMS can be applied across various municipal assets, including public buildings, lighting, water and wastewater facilities, and vehicle fleets. Its principles are deeply embedded within SECAPs to prioritize actions like comprehensive energy audits and the strategic integration of renewable energy sources.
- **Data-Driven Decisions:** Effective EnMS relies on robust data systems, including metering plans, measurement and verification (M&V) routines, and centralized data repositories. This data informs energy reviews, baselines, energy performance indicators (EnPIs), and objectives and targets, allowing for precise tracking of energy usage and efficiency gains.

II. SECAP Development and Evolution

The development of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) is the cornerstone of a municipality's climate strategy. These comprehensive plans outline a municipality's strategic approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and adapting to the inevitable impacts of climate change (adaptation).

Crafting Ambitious and Actionable Plans

The OwnYourSECAP project provides a systematic approach for developing or upgrading SECAPs, ensuring they set ambitious targets for climate neutrality by 2050, with clear interim targets for 2030. Essential elements of robust SECAP development include:

- **Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) and Risk Assessment:** Establishing a clear starting point by assessing current energy consumption and emissions, coupled with a thorough Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA) to understand climate change impacts.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Actively involving local stakeholders, including citizens, businesses, and public institutions, is crucial for fostering ownership and ensuring the plan reflects community needs and priorities.
- **Comprehensive Measures:** SECAPs encompass a wide portfolio of measures covering buildings, transport, renewable energy, waste management, municipal operations, nature-based solutions, and initiatives to address energy poverty. Each measure includes detailed implementation sheets with timelines, responsibilities, KPIs, costs, and financing sources.
- **Ownership Approach:** A core principle of the project is co-producing the plan with internal staff and local stakeholders, ensuring that departments "own" their actions and budget allocations, leading to more committed implementation.

OwnYourSECAP LIFE CET project - The importance of SECAPs
Video on the importance of SECAPs

By implementing a SECAP, local governments aim to contribute to the EU's goal of reducing emissions by at least 55% by 2030, aligning with broader climate targets. This video was created by the OwnYourSECAP LIFE CET project partners to present the project and the importance of implementing a SECAP.

III. Implementation of SECAP Measures

The transition from planning to action is critical. This phase focuses on translating the strategic objectives outlined in the SECAP into tangible, impactful measures that drive emission reductions and enhance climate resilience.

Turning Plans into Practical Progress

Effective implementation requires strategic planning and robust support systems:

- **Action Plans and Portfolio Management:** Detailed implementation plans specify timelines, responsibilities, and resource allocation. Measures are classified into "no-regret" (operational), short-term capital expenditure, and long-term strategic projects, managed through a stage-gate governance process for selection, feasibility, design, financing, and procurement.
- **Financing Strategies:** Identifying and securing diverse funding sources is paramount. This includes leveraging municipal capital expenditure, green loans, EU and national grants, Energy Service Company (ESCO) models, and performance contracting.
- **Capacity Building:** Providing continuous training to municipal staff and stakeholders ensures they possess the necessary skills for effective implementation and monitoring. This includes practical guidance on green public procurement and supplier climate disclosures.

IV. Robust Monitoring and Evaluation Tools

Effective monitoring is indispensable for tracking progress, ensuring accountability, and making informed adjustments to the SECAP. The OwnYourSECAP project equips municipalities with user-friendly tools to facilitate this process.

Tracking Progress and Ensuring Accountability

Monitoring and evaluation are crucial for adaptive management:

- **Key Indicators:** A comprehensive set of indicators tracks progress across mitigation (GHG emissions, energy use, RES output), adaptation (hazard-specific output/outcome indicators), finance (climate-tagged expenditures, abatement costs), and equity (households supported, affordability metrics).
- **Integrated Tools:** Municipalities utilize tools like the SECAP Monitoring Template and Energy Monitoring Platform, to collect and analyze data. These tools are compatible with broader frameworks like the Covenant of Mayors online templates.
- **Reporting and Learning:** Regular reports, including quarterly operational dashboards, semi-annual SECAP measure status reviews, and biennial progress reports, enable municipalities to identify weaknesses, assess the effectiveness of actions, and integrate lessons learned into future planning cycles.

V. Climate-Mainstreaming in Municipal Budgets

A truly innovative and transformative aspect of the OwnYourSECAP project is the integration of climate considerations directly into municipal budgeting processes. This "climate-mainstreaming" ensures that financial decisions are aligned with climate goals, promoting transparency and accountability.

Aligning Finance with Climate Ambition

Climate-mainstreaming involves embedding climate objectives into all stages of the municipal financial cycle:

- **Carbon Budgeting and Tagging:** This involves systematically allocating specific funds for climate actions, tracking their use, and "tagging" all budget lines (aligned, neutral, misaligned) based on their climate impact. This enables cities to assess the carbon impact of their operational and capital activities.
- **Climate-Proofed Investments:** Ensuring that all municipal investments, procurement, and expenditures are aligned with SECAP goals, prioritizing low-carbon solutions and phasing out

misaligned spending. This includes requiring business cases for new capital projects to include abatement costs and resilience benefits.

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Making investment guidelines and climate action funds publicly available, often through published climate budget annexes, enhances accountability and allows for continuous monitoring of climate-related financial flows.

2. What Will Be Sustained: Enduring Results and Methodologies

The OwnYourSECAP project has identified seven "Exploitable Results" (ERs) that serve as practical tools and resources, designed to be replicated and scaled across municipalities. These ERs are the tangible outputs that operationalize the strategic framework, providing ready-to-use solutions for common challenges in climate action.

Exploitable result	Description	Target users
ER1: Energy monitoring platform	Online tool for municipalities to collect and analyse energy consumption data in buildings, street lighting, public transport, and municipal fleet	Originally only municipalities but now also any organisations with buildings, lighting and fleet
ER2: Methodology for institutionalisation and systematic implementation of SECAP measure	***OwnYourSECAP*** developed and practically tested methodology for institutionalising and implementing SECAP measures based on *design thinking* approach	Originally intended for the scientific community, the results have also proven relevant for energy agencies, consultants, municipal employees, and NGOs
ER3: New services for municipalities on EnMS	***OwnYourSECAP*** introduced new knowledge and application of EnMS in five partner countries (PT, SK, CZ, AT, IE) without previous experience in the application of ISO 50001 principles in municipalities.	Collaboration extended beyond municipalities in the five target countries, with ongoing engagement involving municipalities and organisations from other countries as well. A new type of service was introduced — the provision of energy manager services
ER4: New services for municipalities on climate adaptation	***OwnYourSECAP*** introduced new knowledge and introduction of ISO 14092 standard on climate adaptation in municipalities. Additionally, a new module for monitoring climate adaptation was integrated into the Energy monitoring platform (ER1)	Municipalities
ER5: New services for municipalities on implementation of SECAP measures	***OwnYourSECAP*** introduced a new approach for addressing and implementing systematically SECAP measures in municipalities. Moreover, the project successfully promoted climate mainstreaming at the municipal level, resulting in concrete outcomes	Municipalities

Exploitable result	Description	Target users
ER6: National / regional platforms on energy planning	Local sources of information for different target groups on energy planning, including EnMS, SECAPs, institutionalising climate adaptation etc.	Municipalities and different stakeholders, including also regional and national authorities
ER7: Public policy making	Considerable knowledge gained at the local level enabled further exploitation at the national and regional policy levels by involving key stakeholders and decision-makers	National / regional policymakers, other relevant institutions

Core Exploitable Results and Their Continued Relevance:

- **ER1**: Energy Monitoring Platform: An online tool initially for municipalities to track and analyze energy consumption. It has evolved to be applicable to any organization with buildings, lighting, and fleet, with Ekodoma committed to its maintenance and upgrades.

- **ER2:** Institutionalization Methodology for SECAP Implementation: A practically tested methodology based on design thinking, crucial for integrating SECAP activities into daily municipal work. All partners plan to continue using this methodology.

- **ER3:** New Services for Municipalities on EnMS (ISO 50001): Introduction of knowledge and application of ISO 50001 principles. This has led to the provision of energy manager services, a key offering continued by partners such as Ekodoma (Latvia), MT Partenaires Ingénierie (France), SEVEn (Czech Republic), e7 (Austria), SOGESCA (Italy), and Energetické centrum Bratislava (Slovakia).

- **ER4:** New Services on Climate Adaptation (ISO 14092): Introduction of ISO 14092 standard on climate adaptation. While some partners like ESS (Sweden) and Energetické centrum Bratislava (Slovakia) do not plan to specialize in this, others like MT Partenaires Ingénierie (France), Ekodoma (Latvia), Sogesca (Italy) and Tipperary Energy Agency (Ireland) see it as a critical service.

- **ER5**: Systematic SECAP Implementation Approach: A new approach for systematically addressing and implementing SECAP measures, promoting climate mainstreaming. This is widely adopted by all partners.

- **ER6:** National/Regional Energy Planning Platforms: Local sources of information for various target groups on energy planning. These platforms, such as Ekodoma's plano.lv, continue to serve as central hubs for knowledge exchange, with many partners maintaining dedicated sections on their websites.

- **ER7:** Contribution to Public Policy Development: Utilizing project results to influence local, regional, and national energy and climate policies. Partners like Ekodoma (Latvia), PNEC (Poland), e7 (Austria), SOGESCA (Italy), and ISR-UC (Portugal) actively leverage project outcomes to inform policy discussions and support national strategies.

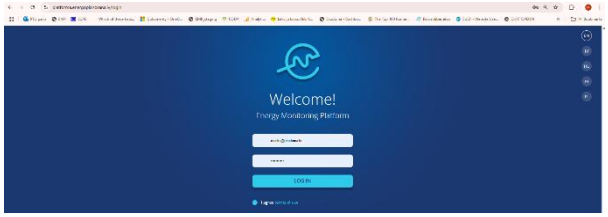
3. Building Collaboration

The sustainability of OwnYourSECAP's achievements is intrinsically linked to the collaborative structures and practical tools developed throughout the project. Collaboration serves as a cornerstone, ensuring that the project's impacts extend far beyond its formal conclusion.

3.1 Sustaining Digital Tools and Knowledge Sharing

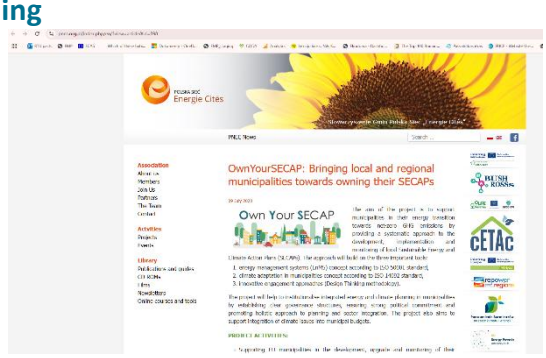
ER1: Energy monitoring platform

Originally developed as a tool for municipalities to monitor and analyse energy consumption in public buildings, street lighting, public transport, and municipal fleets, the Energy monitoring platform (more information available at www.energoplanosana.lv/en) has evolved into a versatile tool applicable also to other organisations with infrastructure and fleets. With OwnYourSECAP support the platform has now also a Climate Module for monitoring climate data and actions. Ekodoma will continue to maintain and upgrade the platform, offering it through a licensing model, ensuring access to the tool and stimulating further collaboration through service agreements. The platform currently is available in English, Latvian, Hungarian, Portuguese and Polish. Ekodoma will search for further options through other projects to promote the use of the platform in other countries and will ensure also improvements based on the feedback from the users. Ekodoma is currently developing a new module for industries to monitor energy performance based on the ISO 50001 standard. It will be available in autumn 2025.



ER6: National / Regional Platforms on Energy Planning

Each partner created a national platform – website – which served as local hubs for knowledge exchange on energy planning, EnMS, SECAP implementation, and climate adaptation. They were actively used by all the involved parties in the workshops and target municipalities.



All project partners have committed to continue to use these platforms to ensure ongoing outreach, training, and resource sharing (links to the platforms are provided in the Communication chapter) on climate and energy.

In addition, partners will actively explore ways to expand the reach of these platforms, e.g., through synergies with other EU or national initiatives and projects, funded under LIFE, Interreg, and similar programmes.

If a partner is unable to continue supporting the platform, it will seek to transfer responsibility to another local, regional, or national organisation to ensure its continuity.

3.2 Expanding Tailored Services for Municipalities

The OwnYourSECAP partnership, comprising consulting firms and energy agencies, has developed core service streams that remain in high demand post-project.

ER3–ER5: New Services for Municipalities

- Energy Management System (EnMS) Services (ER3): Partners gained expertise in developing EnMS documentation and supporting municipalities in implementation. These services can be extended to companies as well, as the methodology is broadly applicable. Ekodoma has launched a new energy manager service for municipalities, building on OwnYourSECAP's experience.
- Climate Adaptation Services (ER4): The project addressed climate adaptation, enabling partners to offer services beyond basic consultation, including monitoring climate risks and supporting resilience-building. MT Partenaires Ingénierie (France), Ekodoma (Latvia), and Tipperary Energy Agency (Ireland) are particularly keen on continuing to offer these services.
- Implementation Support for SECAP Measures (ER5): OwnYourSECAP provided a structured methodology to translate SECAPs into concrete actions, integrating climate goals into daily operations. Partners will continue to apply this approach through direct collaboration with municipalities, ensuring sustained and expanded engagement.

3.3 Institutionalizing Methodologies and Policy Engagement

ER2: Methodology for Institutionalising SECAP Measures

A key innovation is the design-thinking-based methodology for institutionalizing SECAP measures. This methodology has proven invaluable for energy agencies, municipal staff, consultants, and NGOs. It is poised for use in future projects under various EU programs, with partners actively pursuing new proposals and fostering cross-sectoral learning.

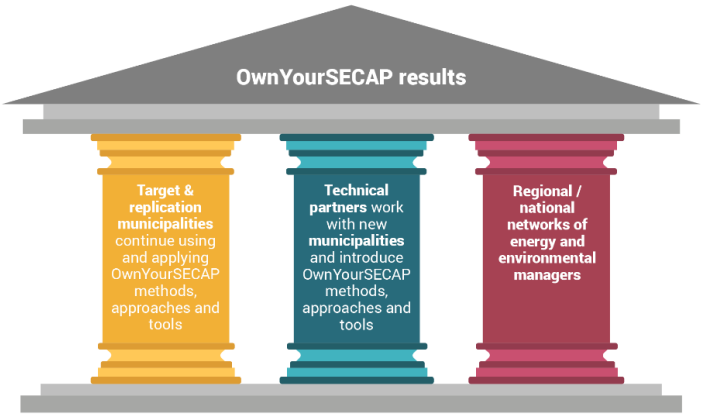
ER7: Public Policy Impact

The deep knowledge gained through municipal collaboration has opened avenues for influencing regional and national policies. OwnYourSECAP has established a foundation for structured dialogue with decision-makers, enabling a bottom-up feedback loop that aligns local implementation efforts with higher-level policy development. Partners will continue to engage with stakeholders to promote and expand the use of OwnYourSECAP results, influencing national and regional policies, as exemplified by Ekodoma's involvement in preparing a LIFE project proposal in Latvia.

3.4 Three Pillars of Long-term Collaboration

The long-term sustainability of OwnYourSECAP's results rests on three strategic pillars:

1. **Empowered Municipalities**: Local authorities, trained through OwnYourSECAP, will continue to apply and adapt methodologies, tools, and services.
2. **Competent Technical Partners:** Partners enhance their competencies to support ongoing and future replication activities.



3. **Established Networks:** Regional and national networks of energy and environmental managers will continue to operate and grow, fostering peer-to-peer exchange and innovation.

OwnYourSECAP's primary objective was to empower local and regional municipalities to independently drive changes towards climate neutrality. Target and replication municipalities have acquired the necessary knowledge and competencies through project activities, leading to sustained efforts even after the project's conclusion.

There are different parts of the project to be continued or maintained:

Parts of the project to be continued or maintained	How will this be achieved, and which resources will be necessary
Energy Monitoring Platform	Energy Monitoring Platform will be maintained by Ekodoma after the end of the project. Ekodoma will guarantee necessary resources for its operation and maintenance, including the further upgrade of the platform.
National / regional platforms on energy planning	National or regional information and knowledge exchange web platforms will remain as one of the sources for further capacity building. Each national partner will identify the most suitable way to ensure continuity of the platform after the project, i.e., will ensure it by themselves or will sign an agreement with relevant other institution, e.g., energy agency or union of local governments to hand it over.
Networks of energy and environmental managers	***OwnYourSECAP*** strongly focused on bringing together and exchanging knowledge and experience among municipal energy and environmental managers. Therefore, a strong effort will be put to find the most suitable and effective approach to ensure that the established networks remain and continue working. Network organisational aspects will be dealt with through the involvement of the involved municipalities, regional/national energy agencies, unions of local governments or any other institutions.

4. Methods: Driving Impact and Sustaining Momentum

The OwnYourSECAP project, aligned with the LIFE Clean Energy Transition Programme, has significantly contributed to various impacts, both within its duration and up to five years after its conclusion. These

impacts are achieved through a combination of sustained methodologies, ongoing support, and strategic collaborations.

Impact	5 years after OwnYourSECAP	Methods to achieve the impact
Number of policies, plans and/or strategies established	• Establish at least 110 new and/or updated SECAPs (two SECAPs a year in each *OwnYourSECAP* country) • 750 individual SECAP measure plans	• Continued use of the SECAP methodology by partners • Support provided through technical services and national platforms • Follow-up projects (e.g. LIFE, Interreg) targeting new municipalities
Political commitment and appropriate resources secured for climate and energy transition plans, expressed through climate budgets (in Euro) and climate tracking (in % of resources supporting climate actions)	• 23.6 billion EUR secured for 110 SECAPs • 20 % of resources supporting climate actions	• Integration of climate goals into municipal budgets and strategies • Training on climate tracking tools • Technical partner support in mainstreaming climate in decision-making
Number of institutionalised collaborations on the energy transition between various departments and/or administrations in public authorities and between public authorities and stakeholders	• Created 1000 collaborations during *OwnYourSECAP* are sustained through the implementation of further SECAP measures • At least 990 new collaborations are created based on the methodologies, best practice examples and other activities of the project	• Use of OwnYourSECAP's institutionalisation methodology • Support through platforms, events, and service contracts • Regional and national networking of managers and stakeholders
Numbers of stakeholders involved in planning the energy transition	1500 stakeholders involved in through development and implementation of the SECAPs in the new municipalities	• Stakeholder engagement as a core requirement of SECAP processes • Workshops, roundtables, and collaborative planning methods • Use of local platforms and dissemination events
Number of public officers with improved capacity and skills in planning the energy transition	Additional 880 public officers with improved capacity and skills	• Targeted training, mentoring, and peer learning activities • National networks and knowledge-sharing platforms • Continued municipal services by technical partners
Number of public authorities mobilized that are currently not engaged in key EU initiatives	110 new municipalities involved through activities of the *OwnYourSECAP* project partners in their countries	• Outreach through national/regional platforms • Demonstration of benefits through success stories

Impact	5 years after OwnYourSECAP	Methods to achieve the impact
		• Expansion of energy manager services
Primary energy savings, Renewable energy generation triggered by the project (in GWh/year) to be delivered in clean energy transition plans and strategies developed through the action	• 57 247 GWh of primary energy savings, and • 61 732 GWh/year of renewable energy generation triggered through 110 new SECAPs delivered	• Implementation of SECAP measures using structured methodologies • Use of Energy Monitoring Platform for performance tracking • Ongoing support from energy and climate experts
Investments in sustainable energy triggered by the project (cumulative, in million Euro)	At least 97.5 million EUR of investments in sustainable energy through the implementation of further SECAP measures	• Development of bankable project pipelines • Linking SECAP actions to national/EU funding schemes • Technical assistance in project preparation
Reduction of GHG emissions triggered by the project (tCO_2/year)	At least 22.8 million tCO_2/year delivered in SECAPs	• Focused implementation of energy efficiency and RES measures • Integration of mitigation and adaptation in SECAPs • Monitoring progress using platform tools
Number of products (goods or services), processes and methods launched into the market by the project	At least seven products, processes and methods will be sustained after the project	• Ongoing promotion and service provision by project partners • Adaptation and replication of tools (e.g. energy platform, EnMS support) • Involvement of new users and sectors
Number of real-life implementation sites carried out by the project	At least other 750 real-life implementation sites	• Direct municipal support for implementing actions • Service contracts tied to SECAP implementation • Tracking of results via project follow-up mechanisms
Number of jobs created in FTE	1170 new jobs created	• Local employment through implementation of SECAP measures • Creation of roles for energy managers and climate advisors • Stimulating local green economy activities

5. Action plan: Implementing Sustainability Across Partners

Each partner has developed a systematic energy planning process, individual SWOT analysis describing experiences during the energy planning process and a detailed action plans outlining specific activities, targets, and approaches for the 5-year period following project completion. These plans demonstrate concrete commitments to sustaining and expanding project impact.

5.1 Ekodoma (Latvia): Championing Continued Development

Ekodoma's role and focus beyond the OwnYourSECAP project will be centred on maintaining and developing the Energy Monitoring Platform (ER1), delivering services on EnMS (ER3), SECAP implementation (ER5), and adaptation (ER4), supporting municipalities in institutionalizing energy and climate actions (ER2), sustaining the Latvian national platform (ER6) and expert network, supporting Latvian public authorities in NECP implementation (ER7), and contributing to EU-level knowledge transfer and replication.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

Based on the project's KPIs, Ekodoma has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	Ekodoma (Latvia)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	Ekodoma will continue raising awareness about the necessity of having a SECAP and will revise its communication strategy to make discussions with municipalities more effective. The aim is to develop SECAPs in a more citizen-friendly way, like the approach piloted in Bauska (replication municipality). Information about new and updated SECAPs will be published on the national platform www.plano.lv.
SECAP measure plans prepared	68	Ekodoma will continue applying the action plan template approach and will present it regularly during energy manager network meetings. These templates will also be communicated to municipalities together with the SECAP register.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	135	In SECAPs developed with Ekodoma's support, municipalities will continue to be encouraged to involve as many stakeholders as possible in both the development and implementation stages. Ekodoma will continue in cooperation with municipality organising five thematic workshops during preparation of the SECAP. The design thinking approach will be applied to ensure deeper and more effective involvement.
Public officers trained	80	From September 2025, Ekodoma will continue organising monthly meetings with energy managers and encourage them to invite colleagues, especially to online sessions. Participation has been strong so far, and more than 80 officers are expected to be trained annually.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	180	Collaboration remains a core activity, though it is often challenging. Ekodoma will continue motivating municipalities to strengthen internal cooperation, work with each other, and engage with regional planning authorities and national institutions. One possible pathway will be through the LIFE Strategic Project proposal (if approved).
Municipalities newly engaged	10	Interest from municipalities in Ekodoma's activities continues to grow. On average, 5–7 municipalities reach out each year for

Indicator	Ekodoma (Latvia)	Activities during 2026-2030
		support with SECAP development, implementation, monitoring, or EnMS development.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	5,204	Building on its work with municipalities, Ekodoma will support the adoption of ambitious yet realistic targets, ensuring they are well explained and understood by local authorities.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	5,612	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	2.07 million	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€8.9 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	Ekodoma will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	68	Ekodoma will encourage energy managers in the network to use the SECAP register to track implementation progress and share results. Inspirational best-practice case studies will also continue to be published on www.plano.lv.
Jobs created (FTE)	106	The above activities, supported by additional communication and dissemination efforts, will contribute to new job creation, as the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and municipal companies.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths**: Strong municipal engagement, tested tools, established expert network, proven training track record, national platform.
- **Weaknesses:** Limited human/financial resources in some municipalities, maintaining momentum post-SECAP adoption, fragmented collaboration across government levels.
- **Opportunities:** Increasing demand for climate action, national NECP alignment, potential for LIFE Strategic Project, replication potential.
- **Threats:** Changes in political will, reliance on external funding, institutional knowledge gaps, economic uncertainties.

5.2 ESS (Sweden): Championing Continued Development

ESS will continue leveraging the OwnYourSECAP methodology (ER2) and systematic SECAP implementation approach (ER5), adapting them to local conditions and political wishes. They also plan to maintain national/regional energy planning platforms (ER6) and use Sankey-charts for energy flow visualization. ESS explicitly states it will not focus on climate adaptation (ER4) services as it falls outside their board's current mandate. Services include advisory for energy and SECAP planning, technical support on EnMS (ER3) through webinars, and general training/workshops.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

ESS conducts internal audits, requires political decisions for SECAP development and mandates energy teams with dedicated time. While mitigation objectives are set, adaptation is less emphasized. They provide general action inspiration but emphasize local decision-making and responsibility for implementation and monitoring.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Political engagement and a dedicated energy team within the LA.

- **Weaknesses:** The model does not inherently secure financing for proposed actions, requiring development to harmonize with investment budgets.
- **Opportunities:** Multi-departmental representation in the model allows for comprehensive energy discussions and cross-departmental collaboration, fostering new solutions.
- **Threats:** Potential failure if external co-developers are not attracted; lack of external involvement may hinder broader development.

Based on the project's KPIs, ESS has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	ESS (Sweden)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	Supporting municipalities is one important task for ESS, outlined in the owner directive. Experiences and learnings from the project will be used for elaboration of SECAPs after the projects life-time.
SECAP measure plans prepared	40	SECAP measure plans will be prepared (established or updated) for most of the municipalities in the region where ESS is in operation.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	96	It has been challenging to involve stakeholders in the process of development of SECAPs. However during the project, we have gained important experience on a way to do it, the design thinking approach. We will apply this approach when supporting the municipalities.
Public officers trained	150	ESS will continue to organise training sessions for public officers within different fields of the local administrations. As a result of the project, there is a training dedicated for officials who works with environmental supervision to be conducted during the autumn of 2025. 30 officers/year = 150
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	80	The activities and efforts done during the project has increased our capacity regarding supporting collaborations. We will go on to foster municipalities in the way, since it´s an important factor in order to successfully implement actions.
Municipalities newly engaged	3	There are 58 municipalities (four regions) in the area of ESS operations. Most of the municipalities do have valid SECAPs today based on activities within the project and a national campaign. For that reason we do foresee a low number of newly engaged municipalities, 3 per year.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	600	
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	1,800	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	6,000	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€ 3	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	ESS will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	70	ESS will encourage energy managers in the network to use the SECAP register to track implementation progress and share results.
Jobs created (FTE)	40	Measures developed and implemented accounts for a number of new jobs created, and some measures entails a decreased number of jobs. However in total there will be a net number of jobs created.

5.3 MT Partenaires Ingénierie (France): Addressing Regulatory Mandates

MT Partenaires will focus on ER2, ER3, ER4, ER5, and ER6, integrating SECAP activities into long-term planning, particularly for mandatory PCAETs. They emphasize ISO 50001 for structured energy management and ISO 14092 for climate adaptation due to increasing regulatory stringency and the need for organized operations. Services include advisory, technical support on EnMS, climate adaptation planning, and training.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

While many French LAs already have monitoring tools and trained personnel, OYS efforts focused on integrating OYS/CoM tools. They encourage political commitment to CoM 2030 targets and monitor action results. Internal audits were conducted for advanced LAs, and stakeholder inclusion was emphasized, though citizen involvement is already regulated.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Existing tools for monitoring territorial energy/climate indicators, LAs have human/financial resources, stakeholder engagement.
- **Weaknesses:** Lack of awareness of SECAP/ISO 50001, reluctance to engage in these initiatives, high personnel turnover in LAs.
- **Opportunities:** Important regulations (PCAETs) provide a framework.
- **Threats:** Numerous and overwhelming regulations, difficulty in working with stakeholders and meaningful citizen involvement, SECAP appearing redundant with mandatory planning.

Based on the project's KPIs, MTPi has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	MTPi (France)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	MTPi will continue to support local authorities in updating their climate plans by encouraging them to rise to the challenges. Five support programmes are already underway (outside the project's local authorities).
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	90	MTPi will continue motivating municipalities to strengthen internal cooperation, work with each other, in particular by encouraging the continuation of the methods implemented as part of the project (participatory meetings with all departments for the green budget, energy working group that meets regularly, etc.)
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	150	Local authorities play an important role in developing climate plans (coordination, setting an example, etc.), but the objectives can only be achieved through the action of stakeholders. MTPi will encourage stakeholder involvement in its various missions (development and monitoring of regulatory and non-regulatory climate plans, energy strategy, etc.). MTPi will continue to organise thematic workshops using design thinking during the development of climate plans. One possible pathway to involve stakeholders in SECAP development will be through other LIFE Project proposal (if approved).

Indicator	MTPi (France)	Activities during 2026-2030
Municipalities newly engaged	10	MTPi supports an average of 2 to 3 new communities per year in the development and/or implementation of their climate plan
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	1 000	MTPi will help communities set ambitious goals and, above all, take action and monitor the results of these goals, using Own Your Secap tools.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	1 000	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	200 000	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€40 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	MTPi will continue to use and improve exploitation results developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	68	MTPi will encourage energy managers in the network to use the SECAP register to track implementation progress and share results. Inspirational best-practice case studies will be published on MTP website
Extension of the Covenant of Mayors		MTPi has been engaged and will continue to participate in the Covenant of Mayors both in Europe and in Africa for example. Thanks to the OYS project, MTPi will be able to better support local authorities in developing their Climate Energy action plans and promote exchanges between European cities and possibly African cities.

5.4 SEVEn (Czech Republic): Prioritizing Measures and Budget Mainstreaming

SEVEn will continue using ER2 (institutionalization methodology, especially budget mainstreaming), ER3 (EnMS), ER4 (climate adaptation, depending on funding), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation, depending on funding), ER6 (platforms for sharing), and ER7 (public policy development, depending on political situation). They will offer advisory services for SECAP and EnMS planning. They note that ER1 (Energy Monitoring Platform) was not widely used in their WP3 municipalities.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

SEVEn highlights political commitment, internal audit, mitigation/adaptation objectives, baseline emissions, measures design/selection, implementation, and monitoring.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths**: Public commitment to energy and PR, climate actions in public grants, decreased energy consumption.
- **Weaknesses:** Lack of political commitment and appropriate public funding/grants limited human resources.
- **Opportunities:** Energy management development, systematic approach, capacity building, improved PR.
- **Threats:** Decreasing political commitment, funding availability, investment decisions determined by non-SECAP factors, experienced employees leaving, competing priorities.

Based on the project's KPIs, SEVEn has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	SEVEn (CZ)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	SEVEn will continue raising awareness about the necessity of having a SECAP and will revise its communication strategy to make discussions with municipalities more effective.
SECAP measure plans prepared	68	SEVEn will continue applying the action plan template approach and will present it regularly during energy manager network meetings. These templates will also be communicated to municipalities together with the SECAP register.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	135	In SECAPs developed with SEVEn' support, municipalities will continue to be encouraged to involve as many stakeholders as possible in both the development and implementation stages. SEVEn will continue in cooperation with municipality organising five thematic workshops during preparation of the SECAP. The design thinking approach will be applied to ensure deeper and more effective involvement.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	180	Collaboration remains a core activity, though it is often challenging. SEVEn will continue motivating municipalities to strengthen internal cooperation, work with each other, and engage with regional planning authorities and national institutions. One possible pathway will be through the LIFE Strategic Project proposal (if approved).
Public officers trained	80	From September 2025, SEVEn will continue collaboration with the Association of municipal energy managers in Czech Republic and contribute to its training offers.
Municipalities newly engaged	10	SEVEn collaborates closely with all Czech municipal associations and in collaboration with them engages additional municipalities and encourage them to join the CoM and adopt SECAP.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	5,204	Building on its work with municipalities, SEVEn will support the adoption of ambitious yet realistic targets, ensuring they are well explained and understood by local authorities.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	5,612	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	2.07 million	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€8.9 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	SEVEn will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	68	SEVEn will encourage energy managers in municipalities within Czech municipal organisations and networks to use the SECAP register to track implementation progress and share results.
Jobs created (FTE)	106	The above activities, supported by additional communication and dissemination efforts, will contribute to new job creation, as the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and municipal companies.

5.5 Institute of Systems and Robotics (ISR-UC) (Portugal): Integrating into Research and Training

ISR-UC plans to continue using ER2 (institutionalization methodology), ER3 (EnMS as reference), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation), and ER7 (public policy development). They will integrate these into applied research, scientific output, advanced training (seminars, theses), and collaborations with public entities. Services include advisory for SECAP, technical support on EnMS, training, and local policy support.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

ISR-UC followed a four-phase logic: initial assessment of municipal maturity, establishment of climate governance structures, co-development of strategic roadmaps, and support for implementation/monitoring based on ISO 50001/14092.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths**: Participatory approach, integration of ISO standards, methodological flexibility.
- **Weaknesses:** Budgetary/human resource constraints in smaller municipalities, difficulties ensuring continuity after electoral cycles.
- **Opportunities:** High potential for national/international replication, growing institutional recognition of local climate action.
- **Threats:** Lack of structural funding for implementation, fragmentation among technical departments, lack of cross-sectoral vision.

Based on the project's KPIs, ISR-UC has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	ISR-UC (Portugal)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	5	ISR-UC will support the development or update of SECAPs in 5 municipalities, focusing on medium-sized municipalities in Central Portugal and replication of the OwnYourSECAP methodology.
SECAP measure plans prepared	40	Prepare detailed action plans for mitigation, adaptation, and energy poverty measures together with municipal officers.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	75	Organise co-creation workshops and local roundtables engaging citizens, SMEs, schools, NGOs, and community groups.
Public officers trained	25	Deliver annual training sessions on SECAP implementation, ISO 50001 and ISO 14092, and monitoring tools for municipal staff.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	50	Establish cooperation with regional energy agencies, CCDRs, CIMs, ADENE, APA and local associations to support long-term SECAP implementation.
Municipalities newly engaged	5	Engage additional municipalities through national and regional networks, ensuring adoption of SECAP methodologies.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	2,500	Facilitate access to EU/national funds and support municipalities in structuring investment projects.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	2,800	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	1.13 million	

Indicator	ISR-UC (Portugal)	Activities during 2026-2030
Investments triggered (€ million)	€30 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	5	Continue using and promoting OwnYourSECAP outputs (methodological guides, mainstreaming approach, stakeholder engagement model, monitoring tools, training programme).
Real-life implementation sites	35	Demonstrate pilot actions in schools, municipal buildings, public lighting and local energy systems, with monitoring and evaluation.
Jobs created (FTE)	60	Support job creation in energy audits, building retrofits, renewable installations and local advisory services.

5.6 e7 energy innovation & engineering (Austria): Tailoring Approaches to Local Contexts

e7 will use ER2 (institutionalization methodology), ER3 (EnMS for municipalities), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation), ER6 (platforms), and ER7 (public policy development). They note that ER1 (Energy Monitoring Platform) is not a priority due to existing established platforms. They offer advisory for energy/SECAP planning, technical support on EnMS, training, and local policy/strategy support, with a focus on building refurbishment and decarbonization.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

e7 follows all 8 steps of the OYS planning process, emphasizing strong political commitment (Step 2). They note that a high-quality energy/climate balance (Step 4) can be resource-intensive and that resources should focus on reliable asset databases and effective measures, considering municipalities limited direct influence.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Administration staff capable of SECAP development due to existing policy development rules.
- **Weaknesses:** Climate mitigation/adaptation/energy poverty not high political priorities; broad expertise needed for SECAP development requires additional resources.
- **Opportunities:** SECAPs require long-term perspective, broaden activities, cover many policies, prioritize actions, improve communication within administration, politics, and public.
- **Threats:** Budget restrictions leading to low-impact measures; municipalities facing large discrepancy of expectations/responsibilities; limited sphere of influence.

Based on the project's KPIs, e7 has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	e7 (Austria)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	5/5	As a consulting company in the field of energy efficiency and climate action, it is expected to develop at least 5 new SECAPs. Furthermore, e7 will work together with municipalities and cities to update their SECAP in certain fields and support implementation of SECAP measures.
SECAP measure plans prepared	50	Built on the experience from OwnYourSECAP and other initiatives and projects, e7 will help municipalities and cities to develop SECAP measures. This will be

Indicator	e7 (Austria)	Activities during 2026-2030
		done along the suggestions of D2.3 using available resources from OwnYourSECAP.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	50	Even though staff resources in municipalities are scarce, e7 will try to involve relevant stakeholders from inside and outside the administration in the development of a SECAP. This will be done by organising internal workshops and other formats within municipalities but also with public events or seminars.
Public officers trained	40	With its expertise, e7 will try to apply for funded projects that will be carried out in close collaboration with public officers. As the focus will be on small and medium sized municipalities, training will be an essential part of these projects.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	50	Collaboration between municipalities is crucial for the development of expertise, especially when it comes to the implementation of SECAP measures. There are several initiatives and programmes in Austria where e7 is part of. Furthermore, e7 will apply for and/or participate in LIFE projects in the field of energy efficiency and climate action.
Municipalities newly engaged	10	Even though several medium and large sized municipalities are supported by existing programmes, interest will increase to develop own energy and climate action plans. This will require support for creation, implementation, monitoring, or EnMS development.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	390	Implementation of SECAP measures will focus on the decarbonisation of municipality assets and the transformation of the heating and cooling system.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	130	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	100.000	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€ 35 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	5	e7 builds on the results and insights of OYS and expands its service portfolio accordingly. In this process, the tools and templates are further developed and applied in practice.
Real-life implementation sites	15	e7 will support municipalities by providing expertise for the development and implementation of climate action measures, helping them to design effective strategies and put them into practice.
Jobs created (FTE)	15	As the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and municipal companies, the above activities - with e7 as a key player and supported by targeted communication and dissemination efforts - will contribute to new job creation.

5.7 SOGESCA (Italy): Ensuring Continuity through Established Practices

SOGESCA plans to continue using ER2 (institutionalization methodology), ER3 (EnMS, especially ISO 50001 certification), ER4 (climate adaptation via SECAP, not ISO 14092), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation), ER6 (national/regional platforms), and ER7 (public policy development). They have a strong track record of post-project continuity with municipalities. Services include advisory for SECAP, technical support on EnMS, training, local policy support, and access to digital platforms.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

Key steps include commitment/stakeholder engagement, baseline assessment, target setting, action planning, implementation (with EnMS), monitoring/reporting/evaluation, and review/revision/continuous improvement.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Not explicitly detailed as universal but implies strong partner-municipality relationships and effective use of planning tools.
- **Weaknesses:** Most critical element is always political party engagement, which is often difficult and complicates technical activities.
- **Opportunities:** When political engagement is positive, technical and stakeholder activities work very well, leading to high levels of planning and implementation.
- **Threats:** Lack of political engagement can cause complications.

Based on the project's KPIs, SOGESCA has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	SOGESCA (Italy)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	8	SOGESCA will continue its activities with municipalities as it moves toward the implementation of the SECAPs. During the project, Italian municipalities expressed a significant need for support in implementing the SECAP actions. SOGESCA will provide municipalities with technical support to continue implementing, monitoring, and updating the SECAPs.
SECAP measure plans prepared	31	SOGESCA will continue its support for the implementation of SECAP actions in Italian municipalities, expanding the number of actions with a particular focus on involving external stakeholders and strengthening cooperation among internal stakeholders (relevant municipal sectors and offices).
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	179	SOGESCA firmly believes that engaging internal and external stakeholders is key to SECAP implementation. OYS has demonstrated how sharing strategies and objectives among municipal offices and staff is crucial to SECAP's success. The work will continue based on OYS's foundation, with the aim of expanding the SECAP group to include private sector entities—relevant stakeholders capable of launching innovative and significant projects for the sustainability of the target cities.
Public officers trained	78	SOGESCA will continue training the staff already involved in the project through regular meetings focused on the implementation of SECAP actions and the identification of external stakeholders with whom to initiate important collaborations.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	104	In the case of the municipalities of Friuli Venezia Giulia, the institutionalization of relationships between municipalities and between municipalities and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, developed during the OYS, will be strengthened and extended to other municipalities. The Region's engagement in the SECAP implementation process (and that of external stakeholders) will provide municipalities with additional resources for SECAP implementation.

Indicator	SOGESCA (Italy)	Activities during 2026-2030
Municipalities newly engaged	10	The newly engaged municipalities (replicators) are clearly interested in OYS activities. In Italy, these municipalities are a group of 7 small-to-medium-sized municipalities and 3 medium-sized municipalities. All have been very proactive during OYS and have already decided to continue SEACAP implementation activities even after the project's conclusion.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	399,205	Building on its work with municipalities, SOGESCA will support the adoption of ambitious yet realistic targets, ensuring they are well explained and understood by local authorities and private stakeholders. The SECAPs developed in Italy encompass all sectors (including residential, tertiary, industrial, and transport), so the expected results are decidedly ambitious. Cities' efforts to achieve their 2030 and 2050 targets will be crucial, as will their ability to attract new stakeholders and investments for the energy and climate sustainability of their territories.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	83,908	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	2.07 million	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€878 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	SOGESCA will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	31	SOGESCA will encourage municipal officials, energy managers, and energy teams in implementing SECAP actions. This will be crucial to achieving the cities' objectives. Another key aspect will be the step-by-step prioritization of actions to be implemented based on available resources (technical, financial) and the cities' needs.
Jobs created (FTE)	106	The above activities, supported by additional communication and dissemination efforts, will contribute to new job creation, as the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and municipal companies.

5.8 Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" (PNEC) (Poland): Structured Framework and Capacity Building

PNEC will promote ER2 (institutionalization methodology), ER3 (EnMS), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation based on CoM methodology), and ER7 (public policy development). They will maintain the Polish-language OwnYourSECAP website for access to tools and learnings. Services include advisory for SECAP, technical support on EnMS (workshops with ISO 50001 experts), training, local policy support, and access to digital platforms.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

PNEC's process aligns with the OwnYourSECAP framework and CoM methodology, starting with internal audit, defining objectives, selecting/designing actions, and preparing draft action plans.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Use of CoM methodology provides a clear and structured framework.
- **Weaknesses:** Limited technical capacity, lack of detailed data, time/staff constraints in municipalities.

- **Opportunities:** Growing interest in sustainable energy planning, potential for collaboration with local/regional actors.
- **Threats:** Limited funding, political changes, competing priorities.

Based on the project's KPIs, PNEC has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	PNEC (Poland)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	PNEC will support the development of SECAPs by continuously raising awareness among cities and municipalities about the benefits of such plans. Information about new plans will be posted on the PNEC's website.
SECAP measure plans prepared	68	PNEC will be based on prepared templates, which will be regularly updated and adapted to the needs of a specific municipality. They will be discussed at bilateral meetings with representatives of municipal energy units and departments.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	135	During the development of SECAPs, PNEC will invite representatives from various sectors to cooperate, including energy, finance, adaptation, municipal services, etc. The large number of people involved will make the plans more precise. PNEC will promote the organization of regular meetings to prepare a SECAPs that will be as relevant as possible to the needs of the municipality/city.
Public officers trained	80	As part of its activities, PNEC will organize training and workshops for representatives of cities and municipalities, during which it will share knowledge about energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and climate. The importance of SECAP plans will also be emphasized during these meetings.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	180	PNEC will continue to cooperate with local governments to shape a local low-carbon economy, promote the efficient use of energy and renewable energy sources and provide environmental education and climate protection. PNEC will be involved in activities at both the local and regional levels.
Municipalities newly engaged	10	Every year, PNEC expands its network by implementing new projects and engaging in new initiatives.
Real-life implementation sites	68	As part of its regular cooperation with cities and municipalities that have SECAPs, PNEC will support them in implementing their planned measures.

5.9 Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) (Ireland): Building Climate Leadership and Resilience

TEA will continue using ER2 (institutionalization methodology), ER3 (EnMS documentation/advisory), ER4 (climate adaptation expertise/training, including continuity planning), ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation approach), ER6 (website for findings/learning materials), and ER7 (public policy development by presenting findings to Climate Action Regional Offices). They also plan to continue using the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland platform Energy Link for event announcements. Services include advisory for energy/SECAP planning, technical support on EnMS, support for climate adaptation, and training/workshops.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

TEA starts with internal audit (in addition to national energy reporting), with LAs mandated to develop SECAPs. While not all LAs have dedicated energy personnel, they are encouraged. Stakeholders are identified, and mitigation/adaptation targets are incorporated. Actions are designed based on LA needs, with TEA supporting identification, prioritization, and implementation. LACAPs are drafted and published, with design thinking applied.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Collaboration among different departments within LA and stakeholder engagement.
- **Weaknesses:** LA representatives perceiving process as time-consuming/stressful; resource retention issues.
- **Opportunities:** Upskilling and capacity building.
- **Threats:** Resource retention, with high turnover of dedicated energy managers.

Based on the project's KPIs, TEA has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	TEA (Ireland)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	31	TEA will continue to address climate-mainstreaming municipal budgets and push for it to be a national agenda. A working group is proposed to be set up with the 7 local authorities TEA worked closely with during the OwnYourSECAP project to highlight the challenges in identifying the alignment of climate action in the council budgets. This would inform the broader forum of all local authorities. The aim is to introduce a national climate-mainstreaming municipal budgets guideline which is consistent for all the municipalities. This can be then incorporated in the already published SECAPs
Communication plans	26	TEA will continue to encourage all municipalities to develop a motivation and communication plan for each of the counties. This plan would highlight a framework for internal and external communication on climate action implementation.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	104	TEA will continue to involve as many stakeholders as possible in both the SECAP update after 2029 and implementation stages. The design thinking approach will be applied to ensure deeper and more effective involvement.
Public officers trained	300	Participation in capacity building events have always been strong. TEA will continue to identify crucial topics and deliver high quality trainings through the

Indicator	TEA (Ireland)	Activities during 2026-2030
		implementation of various other EU life funded projects such as Power ECOM, Prospect Cube, IN-PLAN and several other projects if approved from the 2025 funding call. TEA will continue to use the SEAI Energy Link to reach out as many stakeholders as possible.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	50	TEA's work has always reflected a strong collaborative network. TEA will continue to identify significant stakeholders to deliver high quality trainings on niche topics required by municipalities. In addition, TEA will sustain the collaborations already established during the OwnYourSECAP Project to help in the implementation of the LIFE funded projects. TEA will focus on quality collaboration instead of quantity.
Municipalities newly engaged	8	Through the work of OwnYourSECAP, TEA has managed to engage 23 local authorities in Ireland. In the remaining 8 local authorities, TEA plans to expand its collaboration and network. TEA also plans to keep its efforts to continue engaging with the municipalities that have already been contacted before.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	5,204	Building on its work with municipalities, TEA will support the adoption of ambitious yet realistic targets, ensuring they are well explained and understood by local authorities.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	5,612	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	2.07 million	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€8.9 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	TEA will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	50	TEA will continue working closely with all the municipalities to deliver climate action through various core areas such as energy communities, retrofits, energy management etc. TEA will publish success stories and implementation case studies in its website tippenergy.ie
Jobs created (FTE)	106	The above activities, supported by additional communication and dissemination efforts, will contribute to new job creation, as the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and municipal companies.

5.10 Energetické centrum Bratislava (ECB) (Slovakia): Strategic Partnerships and Expertise

ECB will continue using ER2 (institutionalization methodology, exemplified by energy manager position in Považská Bystrica), ER3 (EnMS, proven by successful certification), and ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation through Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia). They will also manage a LinkedIn platform for energy managers (ER6) but do not plan to use ER1 (Energy Monitoring Platform) or specialize in ER4 (climate adaptation) due to lack of municipal interest. They do not actively pursue ER7 (public policy development) due to current capacity/focus. Services include advisory for SECAP, technical support on EnMS, training, and local policy/strategy support.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

ECB's process is adaptive, often starting with politically committed municipalities. They conduct internal audits, form energy teams, and guide data collection and institutionalization. They help

municipalities secure funding for external experts when needed, ensuring ownership of the final document.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** International project dimension and established partnerships, peer-to-peer exchange, well-prepared project tools, Memorandum with Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (ÚMS).
- **Weaknesses**: No legal obligation for SECAPs in Slovakia requires significant persuasion; difficulty recruiting/retaining qualified energy managers due to non-competitive salaries.
- **Opportunities:** Guiding municipalities to secure external funding (e.g., EUCF), leveraging upcoming energy community legislation, collaboration with KEKS cluster.
- **Threats:** Lack of mandatory framework makes process voluntary, dependent on transient political will/financial constraints; difficulty retaining experts.

Indicator	ECB (Slovakia)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	23	ECB will continue cooperation with the Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (ÚMS) to support its 23 member municipalities (involved in the energy working group) in developing their own SECAPs, utilizing OYS templates and materials distributed via ÚMS.
New strategies developed	3	ECB's internal expert team will provide consultancy services to municipalities for developing new mandatory strategies for the transition to low-emission / high-efficiency district heating systems
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	14	ECB will support the establishment of energy departments/teams in municipalities (targeting at least the 2 initial OYS cities plus 12 ÚMS members), leveraging the positive example of Považská Bystrica and the network facilitated by the ÚMS energy working group.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development/implementation	150	ECB will promote the Design Thinking methodology (successfully piloted in Považská Bystrica) for stakeholder engagement during SECAP implementation (targeting ~99 stakeholders in PB) and potentially during SECAP development in ÚMS member cities, aiming for a total of 150 involved stakeholders.
Public officers trained	50	ECB will provide targeted support and materials to 10 newly established Energy Managers. Archived webinars from OYS will be available on the ECB website and potentially replicated. Knowledge and support will be continuously provided to 20+ experts via the closed LinkedIn group.
Municipalities newly engaged	20	ECB will actively engage the 20 ÚMS member municipalities (excluding the 3 already part of OYS) through the established cooperation memorandum and energy working group, mobilizing them towards SECAP development and ISO 50001 implementation.
Products/services/processes sustained	7	ECB will actively maintain and offer 7 services: ISO 50001 templates & methodology support (leveraging unique national experience); SECAP templates &

Indicator	ECB (Slovakia)	Activities during 2026-2030
		methodology support; managing the LinkedIn expert network; providing webinars & workshops; supporting climate/energy strategy development; expanding ISO 50001 services in Slovakia; raising climate awareness via newsletters & LinkedIn.

5.11 EuroVértice (Spain): Driving Adaptation and Budget Mainstreaming

EuroVértice plans to integrate OwnYourSECAP tools and learnings into their ongoing support for local councils, particularly within the Covenant of Mayors framework. They will actively use ER2 (institutionalization methodology), emphasizing the design of annual action plans to increase dynamism. They will maintain ER3 (EnMS services for ISO 50001) as a key offering to support municipal energy transition. Crucially, EuroVértice sees ER4 (climate adaptation services for ISO 14092) as a vital offering given the urgent climate threats in Spain, such as heat waves and heavy rains, and the existing knowledge gap at the local level. They will continue to apply ER5 (systematic SECAP implementation approach) with its beneficial "mini plans" system.

Systematic Energy Planning Steps:

Additionally, EuroVértice is committed to "climate-mainstreaming municipal budgets," linking municipal financial decisions with strategic climate plans to ensure concrete implementation. They will also leverage project results to influence public policy development (ER7), actively informing national and regional policy discussions.

SWOT Analysis:

- **Strengths:** Strong political commitment in some areas, ease of solar energy use, high awareness of responsible water use, extensive experience in supporting local councils.
- **Weaknesses:** Lack of energy culture, absence of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, low penetration of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, excessive use of private vehicles, poor quality housing.
- **Opportunities:** Access to regional/national/European funding, rise of local energy community models, advances in digitalization for energy efficiency, potential for building energy renovation.
- **Threats:** Severe impacts of climate change (e.g., heat waves, heavy rain, water scarcity), variable energy costs, limited water availability.

Based on the project's KPIs, EuroVértice has outlined its main activities for the period 2026–2030 in the table below.

Indicator	EuroVértice (Spain)	Activities during 2026-2030
New/updated SECAPs developed	10	EuroVértice continues to work with these and other municipalities, promoting the benefits of joining the Covenant of Mayors and having a SECAP as a strategic tool for advancing the energy transition. In this way, the SECAP developed will be monitored, biennial monitoring reports will be produced, and new municipalities will be included. All of this will be done by applying the methodologies developed in the project.

Indicator	EuroVértice (Spain)	Activities during 2026-2030
SECAP measure plans prepared	50	EuroVértice will continue to implement annual and biennial plans to facilitate the implementation of SECAPs in municipalities. To this end, internal meetings with municipal technicians and workshops with citizens will continue to be held in order to select the best actions to be included in these plans.
Stakeholders involved in SECAP development	120	EuroVértice will encourage municipalities to expand the number of stakeholders, which will also grow with the incorporation of new municipalities.
Public officers trained	35	The work with municipal officers will continue beyond the end of the project. This relationship includes training them so that they can lead this energy transition process.
Institutional collaborations sustained or created	120	The implementation of SECAPs will require seeking funding beyond municipal resources alone. It is expected that participating municipalities and new ones joining the Covenant in the coming years will establish agreements with national and regional bodies that will enable them to co-finance part of the necessary investments, both in the public and private spheres.
Municipalities newly engaged	5	EuroVértice already works with an extensive network of municipalities and it will not be difficult to add more to this list. The communication effort that will be carried out will help to this end, with the hope of involving five additional municipalities.
Primary energy savings (GWh/year)	5.668	These objectives are derived from the most urgent actions to be undertaken in municipalities, such as the energy renovation of both public and private buildings, the installation of photovoltaic systems for self-consumption, and the restructuring of urban mobility systems.
Renewable energy generation (GWh/year)	76	
GHG emissions reduction (tCO_2/year)	15 252	
Investments triggered (€ million)	€34.63 million	
Products/services/processes sustained	7 (shared)	EuroVértice will continue to use and improve all seven exploitation results (see Chapter 1) developed under OwnYourSECAP.
Real-life implementation sites	15	The 10 municipalities currently being worked with, along with 5 new municipalities that may be added over the next five years.
Jobs created (FTE)	350	The above activities, supported by additional communication and dissemination efforts, will contribute to new job creation, as the importance of energy and climate action continues to grow in municipalities and companies.

6. Communication

Effective communication is paramount for sustaining the impact of OwnYourSECAP's results. Each partner has established channels to ensure that tools, methodologies, and learnings remain accessible and widely disseminated.

Partner	Communication channels
Ekodoma *(Latvia)*	www.plano.lv; www.ekodoma.lv; LinkedIn; Facebook

MT Partenaires Ingénierie (MTPi) ***(France)***	Company's website (www.mt-partenaires.fr); Project website (www.ownyoursecap.eu/resources/mt-partenaires.fr/oys)
SEVEn ***(Czech Republic)***	Internal working groups; established partnerships (National Network of Healthy Cities, Union of Towns and Municipalities)
Institute of Systems and Robotics (ISR-UC) ***(Portugal)***	Academic publications; decision-support platforms; seminars; master's/doctoral theses; national/international networks of municipalities and energy agencies; sites.google.com/view/isr-ies/projects/own-your-secap
ESS ***(Sweden)***	Dedicated section on ESS webpage (https://energikontorsyd.se/); various activities and events for municipalities
E7 energy innovation & engineering ***(Austria)***	e7 website www.e-sieben.at/de/projekte/22007_Own_your_SECAP.php; OwnYourSECAP website (www.ownyoursecap.eu/resources/); klimaneutralestadt.at
SOGESCA ***(Italy)***	SOGESCA website www.sogesca.it/il-progetto-europeo-ownyoursecap/; existing regional and national platforms; platforms promoted within European Projects.
PNEC ***(Poland)***	Polish-language OwnYourSECAP website http://ownyoursecap.pnec.org.pl/ - "Baza wiedzy" (Knowledge Base) and "Forum" sections); capacity building events for municipal staff
Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) ***(Ireland)***	TEA website https://tippenergy.ie/our-work/ownyoursecap Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland platform (Energy Link) for event announcements.
Energetické centrum Bratislava (ECB) ***(Slovakia)***	ECB (Slovakia) ECB website https://ecb.sk/own-your-secap/; Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (ÚMS) website Own Your SECAP všeobecné informácie o projekte | UMS LinkedIn platform for energy managers
EuroVértice (Spain)	Organisation's website (www.eurovertice.eu); extensive experience supporting local councils within the Covenant of Mayors framework.

7. Joint SWOT Analysis from All Partners

A comprehensive SWOT analysis derived from all partners' contributions reveals shared challenges and opportunities in advancing municipal energy and climate planning. This collective perspective informs future strategies for support and development.

Strengths

- **Proven Methodologies & Tools:** The OwnYourSECAP methodologies and tools, including the Energy Monitoring Platform, institutionalization guidelines, and action plan templates, have been developed, tested, and proven effective in practice across diverse contexts.
- **Strong Partner Networks:** An established network of partners, municipalities, and energy agencies facilitates knowledge exchange, peer-to-peer learning, and collaborative efforts. This includes structured communication channels like the LinkedIn group for energy managers (ECB, Slovakia).
- **Comprehensive Guidelines & Best Practices:** Clear guideline materials, documented best practice examples, and the systematic SECAP implementation approach ensure replicability and consistent application.
- **Political & Public Engagement (Varying):** While some partners note strong political engagement (ESS, Sweden; ECB, Slovakia), others highlight public commitment to energy and PR, and the presence of climate actions in public grant calls (SEVEn, Czech Republic). EuroVértice notes strong political commitment in certain Spanish municipalities.
- **Adaptability:** The methodological flexibility and systematic approach are adaptable to different municipal sizes and contexts, allowing for local conditions and political wishes (ISR, Portugal; ESS, Sweden).
- **Technical Expertise:** Partners have strong in-house expertise in EnMS (ISO 50001) and, in some cases, climate adaptation (Ekodoma, Latvia; TEA, Ireland; SOGESCA, Italy; ECB, Slovakia; EuroVértice, Spain).

Weaknesses

- **Limited Resources in Municipalities:** A recurring issue is the lack of dedicated staff, human resources, and financial resources within some municipalities to continuously apply methodologies and implement actions (MT Partenaires, France; SEVEn, Czech Republic; ISR, Portugal; e7, Austria; PNEC, Poland; EuroVértice, Spain).
- **Political Commitment Volatility:** Maintaining consistent political commitment over time is a significant challenge, as investment decisions can be influenced by factors other than SECAP commitments (SEVEn, Czech Republic; SOGESCA, Italy; ECB, Slovakia).
- **Awareness & Redundancy:** Lack of widespread awareness of SECAP and ISO 50001, along with the perception of SECAPs as an additional, voluntary planning document potentially redundant with existing national regulations, can hinder motivation (MT Partenaires, France).
- **Staff Turnover:** High personnel turnover within local authorities impacts continuity and long-term sustainability of climate initiatives (MT Partenaires, France; TEA, Ireland; ECB, Slovakia).
- **Data & Monitoring Gaps:** While tools exist, lack of detailed or reliable data and overestimation of baseline data quality can divert resources from effective measure implementation (PNEC, Poland; e7, Austria).

- **Integration Challenges:** Fragmentation among technical departments and lack of cross-sectoral vision can hinder implementation (ISR, Portugal). EuroVértice also identifies a "lack of energy culture" and reliance on private vehicles as weaknesses in Spanish municipalities

Opportunities

- **Growing Demand & Awareness:** Increasing demand for municipal climate action and growing institutional recognition of its importance creates a fertile ground for expanded services (Ekodoma, Latvia; PNEC, Poland).
- **New Services & Markets:** Potential to offer new services for EnMS, energy managers, and sectors beyond municipalities (Ekodoma, Latvia; SEVEn, Czech Republic; e7, Austria).
- **External Funding & Project Synergy:** Opportunities to initiate or join new project proposals (LIFE, Interreg), leverage external funding (EUCF), and align with national strategies (NECP) can significantly expand reach and impact (Ekodoma, Latvia; SEVEn, Czech Republic; ISR, Portugal; ECB, Slovakia).
- **Capacity Building & Upskilling:** Significant potential for upskilling and capacity building of municipal staff through training and workshops (SEVEn, Czech Republic; TEA, Ireland).
- **Cross-sectoral Collaboration:** The model encourages representation from various departments, fostering cross-departmental collaboration and innovative solutions (ESS, Sweden; e7, Austria).
- **Policy Influence:** Project results can be used to influence and support local and national energy and climate policies, promoting alignment with EU objectives (ISR, Portugal; e7, Austria; SOGESCA, Italy; PNEC, Poland; TEA, Ireland).
- **Digitalization & Innovation:** EuroVértice highlights advances in digitalization for energy efficiency and the rise of local energy community models as key opportunities.

Threats

- **Limited Funding for Implementation**: Budgetary restrictions and reliance on public grants can limit the selection of low-cost measures, potentially leading to small impacts and reduced appreciation for climate policy (SEVEn, Czech Republic; ISR, Portugal; e7, Austria; PNEC, Poland).
- **Competing Priorities & Regulations:** Numerous and overwhelming regulations, along with competing methodologies or tools, can divert attention and resources (MT Partenaires, France; SEVEn, Czech Republic).
- **Lack of Mandatory Framework:** In countries without legal obligations for SECAP development, the process remains voluntary and highly dependent on transient political will (ECB, Slovakia).
- **Resource Retention**: Difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified energy managers and staff in the public sector due to non-competitive salaries (TEA, Ireland; ECB, Slovakia).
- **External Factors:** Changes in political will, municipal leadership, and economic uncertainties can impact investment in energy and climate measures (Ekodoma, Latvia).

EuroVértice emphasizes direct threats from climate change like heat waves and heavy rains, variable energy costs, and limited water availability.

- **Difficult Stakeholder Engagement:** Challenges in working with stakeholders who have varied visions and action plans, as well as engaging citizens meaningfully (MT Partenaires, France).

8. Best Practices for Long-Term Success

The OwnYourSECAP project has generated numerous best practices across its partner countries, highlighting effective strategies for municipal energy and climate planning. These practices provide valuable lessons for future initiatives:

- **Systematic Institutionalization of SECAPs:** Integrating SECAP activities into daily work and long-term planning, as championed by MT Partenaires (France) and PNEC (Poland), ensures continuity and maximizes impact. This involves aligning climate actions with organizational structures, responsibilities, and budgeting processes.
- **Leveraging ISO Standards for Management Systems:** The successful implementation and certification of ISO 50001 (Energy Management Systems) in municipalities, as demonstrated by SOGESCA (Italy) and Ekodoma (Latvia), provides a robust framework for continuous energy performance improvement and financial control.
- **Adaptive and Phased Planning Processes:** The flexible methodologies adopted by ISR (Portugal) and ECB (Slovakia), which adapt to municipal maturity and progress through phases like initial assessment, governance establishment, and co-development of roadmaps, prove highly effective in diverse local contexts. EuroVértice's seven-step systematic energy planning process also exemplifies this.
- **Strong Emphasis on Political Commitment:** Partners like SEVEn (Czech Republic) and e7 (Austria) underscore that political commitment is the cornerstone of any successful climate and energy project, as it drives institutional embedding and resource allocation.
- **Capacity Building and Training:** Consistent provision of training, workshops, and peer-to-peer exchanges for municipal officials and energy managers significantly enhances local capabilities and fosters a network of knowledgeable professionals (Ekodoma, Latvia; ESS, Sweden; TEA, Ireland; EuroVértice, Spain).
- **Utilizing National/Regional Platforms for Knowledge Sharing**: Maintaining central hubs like www.plano.lv (Ekodoma, Latvia) or partner-specific websites and LinkedIn groups (PNEC, Poland; ECB, Slovakia; EuroVértice, Spain) ensures that tools, guidelines, and lessons learned are widely accessible and continuously updated.
- **Integrating Climate-Mainstreaming into Budgets:** TEA (Ireland) has successfully focused on climate-mainstreaming municipal budgets, showcasing a practical approach to embedding climate considerations directly into financial planning, which can be scaled nationally. EuroVértice also highlights this as a key tool that is working very well in participating Spanish municipalities.
- **Focus on Action Implementation Indicators:** e7 (Austria) highlights the importance of monitoring the implementation of actions (e.g., meters of bike lanes, number of trees)

rather than solely relying on difficult-to-monitor GHG or energy consumption impacts, making progress more tangible and measurable.

- **Securing External Funding for Implementation:** ECB (Slovakia) successfully guided municipalities to secure funds from sources like EUCF for SECAP development, demonstrating a critical enabler for overcoming resource constraints.
- **Cross-Departmental Collaboration:** The model encourages the representation of various departments within the local authority, facilitating a holistic approach to energy use and fostering collaboration across traditional silos to find new solutions (ESS, Sweden).

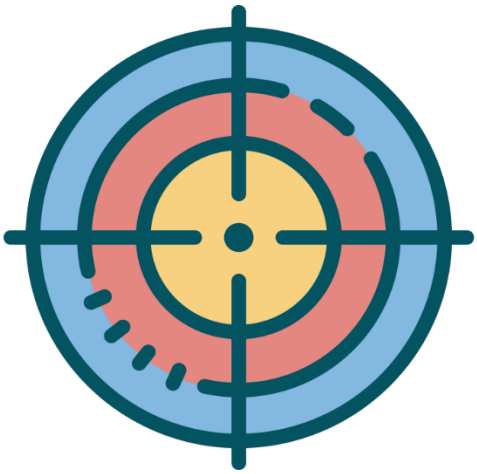
9. Recommendations for Long-Term Sustainability

Based on the collective experience and insights from the OwnYourSECAP project partners, the following recommendations are crucial for ensuring long-term sustainability and widespread impact in municipal energy and climate planning:

- **Prioritize Sustained Political Engagement:** Develop robust strategies to secure and maintain political commitment beyond initial project phases. This includes continuous dialogue, demonstrating tangible benefits, and integrating climate action into core municipal mandates to counter political volatility and competing priorities.
- **Invest in Human Resource Development and Retention:** Address the challenge of staff turnover and limited human resources by developing long-term capacity-building programs, offering competitive incentives for energy managers, and creating institutional knowledge transfer mechanisms to minimize the impact of personnel changes.
- **Standardize and Integrate National Guidelines:** Advocate for national-level policies that integrate SECAP development and ISO standards into existing mandatory planning frameworks to reduce the perception of redundancy and streamline efforts for municipalities. This could involve national guidelines for climate-mainstreaming budgets.
- **Enhance Data Accessibility and Utilization:** Improve the quality and accessibility of local energy and climate data. While comprehensive baselines are important, resources should also be dedicated to developing reliable databases for municipal assets and simplified overview data for effective measure selection and monitoring.
- **Foster Financial Sustainability:** Develop clear pathways for municipalities to secure structural funding for SECAP implementation, moving beyond reliance on project-based or competitive grants. This includes exploring innovative financing models and linking climate actions to broader investment budgets.
- **Strengthen Cross-Sectoral Collaboration:** Actively promote and facilitate collaboration not only across municipal departments but also with external stakeholders, including citizens, private entities, and regional/national agencies. Design thinking methodologies should continue to be applied to ensure inclusive and effective engagement.
- **Expand Digital Tool Accessibility and User-Friendliness:** Continuously develop and refine digital platforms and tools, ensuring they are user-friendly, multilingual, and adaptable to

various municipal sizes and technical capabilities. A licensing model can help sustain maintenance and upgrades.

- **Systematize Replication and Dissemination:** Create structured programs for replicating successful approaches and disseminating best practices across a wider network of municipalities. This includes regular workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges, and accessible online repositories of tools and case studies.
- **Tailor Services to Local Needs:** Continue to offer flexible and tailored advisory services, technical support, and training that directly address the specific needs and challenges of individual municipalities, recognizing that a one-size-fits-all approach is not always effective.
- **Measure and Communicate Impact Effectively:** Focus on measuring and communicating the tangible impacts of climate actions, not just in terms of GHG reductions, but also through intermediate indicators of implementation (e.g., number of green infrastructure projects, energy efficiency upgrades), to build appreciation and political support.



Conclusions

The OwnYourSECAP sustainability strategy lays a robust foundation for enduring climate action and energy management at the municipal level. By focusing on the sustained delivery of key exploitable results, fostering collaborative networks, and institutionalizing methodologies, the project aims to empower local authorities to continue their transition towards climate neutrality long after initial funding concludes. The comprehensive SWOT analysis highlights both the significant strengths—such as proven methodologies and strong partnerships—and critical challenges, including resource constraints and political volatility. The detailed action plans from each partner underscore a collective commitment to maintaining digital tools, expanding tailored services, and actively influencing public policy. By addressing the identified weaknesses and threats through strategic recommendations,

OwnYourSECAP sets a precedent for how climate initiatives can build resilience and achieve lasting impact through a blend of technical expertise, collaborative governance, and continuous capacity building. The widespread use of diverse communication channels further ensures that the valuable knowledge and tools generated by the project remain accessible and actionable for a sustainable future.