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« Regions and cooperation: the regions, creators of synergies »

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DATA4ACTION is a European project which is part of the Smart Energy Europe programme. Its aim is to encourage energy data exchange between local authorities and data suppliers in 12 European countries. The partners of the project have explored new ways of accessing this data in order to improve the conditions of data exchange and mobilize the players, local authorities and data suppliers.

The project has mainly relied upon the regional energy and climate observatories which are important instruments for providing the local authorities with the data necessary for the building, implementation, follow up and assessment of their « energy climate » policies and the achievement of the European 3 X 20 targets. The regions play in fact an important role in the attainment of these targets and they are encouraged by the European Union to develop and implement strategies. This project which to some extent relies on the experience of the members of FEDARENE is a concrete example of the importance of cooperation and the sharing of expertise and innovation between the European local authorities.

FEDARENE was set up in June 1990 by six regional authorities - Rhône-Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte-D'azur, Wallonie, Pays Basque, Aquitaine and Nord-Pas-de-Calais. Encouraged by various EC programmes, these authorities wish to make the voices of the regions heard in the debates about

energy and environment policies at the European level. Today FEDARENE has over 65 members in 17 countries.

The regional agencies are not only the long arms of the network, they also play a vital role in the implementation of the policies. They are at the same time forces for change at the regional, national and European levels and implementers of the decisions made at these various levels.

FEDARENE has chosen to organize the final project presentation conference at this European Energy Transition Conference – an appointment that is vital to the local authorities for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and innovation and to give an impetus to the setting in place of ambitious projects in the field of energy efficiency and the development of renewable energies. »

See you on 26 January at the Energy Transition Conference to attend the DATA4ACTION conference which will take place in two parts:

- Part 1 9.00-11.00: How the Energy and GHG Observatories can support the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
- Part 2 14.00-15.30: New directions for the development of the Energy and GHG Observatories

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