



Local Climate Change Strategy - Almada, Portugal	
<b>Keywords</b>	<b>Participative Approach, Local Inventory for GHG Emissions, Local Climate Change Strategy and Local Energy Forum, Stakeholder Involvement</b>
<b>Pictures</b>	 
<b>Objectives</b>	Creation of a platform for debate that brings involved private entities closer to the Municipality.
<b>Description</b>	<p>Almada has a strong tradition of public participation during the development of strategic projects for the City, particularly in the transport and mobility, energy and environment fields. These projects are presented and discussed in public forums, where citizens, associations and all the different stakeholders with an interest in the process can express their opinion and contribute with their inputs to enrich the project. Examples of on-going public participation forums are the Light Rail Forum, the Almada Cycling Plan Forum or the Urban Mobility Plan Forum</p> <p>In 1999, the Municipality of Almada created the Local Energy Agency of Almada, AGENEAL. With 15 stakeholders (both public and private), representing all the most important sectors of activity in Almada – energy, water and solid waste utilities, public transport, education, service providers, building and public work companies and the Municipality of Almada, AGENEAL is a private, non-profit association whose objective to promote energy efficiency and rational use of energy at local level. In addition to being a provider of technical support to its stakeholders, AGENEAL is establishing itself as a forum for debate among its stakeholders on energy efficiency and climate change. The objective is to build a common diagnosis and vision of future of the City, bringing all these different institutions into the debate and to get their commitment to the sharing of responsibility for the design and implementation of measures to reduce energy consumption.</p> <p>The participation process defined for the Forum involves getting information out to the stakeholders and getting back their ideas, issues, and concerns. It is a shared two-way communication process, with mutual benefits, that will allow the projects to develop better and in a more consensual manner. In this context, several projects have been developed to mobilise local actors and promote public participation, namely through citizen participation and close partnership with schools. Special emphasis is being put on projects to improve energy efficiency in buildings and transport as well as the use of solar energy for the production of hot water in all municipal buildings.</p>
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