



Increase energy knowledge and develop more resilience with Climate Change related risks

Develop pilot community energy and energy efficient projects

Opportunities for Remote Rural Communities

The RECENT project aims to increase energy knowledge in rural communities, and help them to have more resilience towards handling climate change related risks. The project will work with and develop a number of pilot community energy and energy efficiency projects across 5 Northern European regions, with a focus on the innovative use of community-owned water assets. RECENT will work closely with colleagues at Local Energy Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Water and Scottish Government to ensure that all support is co-ordinated and appropriate.

By participating in this project, communities will have access to:

- Information and experience regarding innovative renewable energy technologies
- Effective liaison with Scottish Water regarding land and infrastructure purchase
- Template(s) for land purchase, land usage and other ownership rights
- Access to fund raising knowledge and expertise
- An opportunity to benchmark pilot solutions to gain benefit from transnational collaboration
- Access to a knowledge exchange programme, with workshops and best practice guidelines and templates
- Contribution to policy and debate on sustainable community energy at regional, national and international level

Focus on innovative use of community-owned water assets

Access to a range of new innovative renewable energy technologies



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A previous project, Water Asset Renewable Energy Solutions (WARES) www.waresnpp.eu demonstrated that small communities in the NPA region need help to identify and explore their hidden resources and build capacity. RECENT will meet this demand and leave a lasting legacy through tangible solutions and improved level of organisational knowledge. The target communities are small, remote, and face challenges to public infrastructure, such as competing uses for land and water, combined with climate change impacts. RECENT will support communities to become more energy-self-sufficient by developing small-scale solutions, building synergy between critical public infrastructure. The innovation comes from exploring a range of new solutions in the water-land-energy nexus and applying the appropriate solution to the needs of the communities.

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