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Energy crisis in the European Union: State of play & solution approaches

The energy crisis is affecting all European Member States, and the urgency of the situation requires innovative and multi-faceted actions. ÖIR has been closely addressing this topical issue, leading and being involved in various relevant projects. During this online dialogue, four projects, addressing various aspects related to energy crisis, climate neutrality and transition pathways will be presented. The aim is to explore how the current energy crisis can be tackled through cross-sectoral approaches, mobilising and activating public, private as well as the civil society, at various governance levels.

- ▶ The Committee of the Regions' [Local and Regional Barometer](#) study highlights the diverse challenges local and regional actors are facing in 2022. The study investigated socio-economic developments in light of Russia's war against Ukraine and the persisting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as questions on how to improve regional resilience to response capacities.
- ▶ Renovation activities are essential activities to reduce the carbon footprint of the building stock, increase energy autonomy and pursue the targets of the European Green Deal. The Committee of the Regions' study on the [Renovation Wave](#) provides an overview of renovation approaches across the EU-27 and assembled a comprehensive inventory of funding sources for local and regional actors aiming to renovate public buildings.
- ▶ The [climate neutrality study](#) for the European Parliament highlights that practically no regions have achieved full climate neutrality and that ready-to-use solutions available which could be easily transferred to other regions are not well-developed. Still, there are more and more regions successfully transforming their economies in various key sectors.
- ▶ The [RePowerEU](#) initiative was introduced to lead the EU on a path to independence from Russian fossil fuels. In a Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA), ÖIR analysed the effects of this initiative on European regions. The TIA shows that the large majority of territorial impacts are positive across the topics of environment, society, economy and governance, and negative impacts which can be linked to the transition are mainly short-term.

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