



## *Promote the Sustainable Use of Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency in Rural Regions*

RURES sets to exploit the potential of renewable energies (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) in rural regions as they have a great potential for reaching energy autonomy.

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### *The official opening of the Solar E-Tree in the Municipality of Puconci, Pomurje region, Slovenia*

On Friday, October 12, 2018, in the framework of the RURES project, the director of the Local Energy Agency Pomurje, Bojan Vogrinčič, officially handed over in management the Solar E-Tree to the mayor of the Municipality of Puconci, Ludvik Novak. The event was organized on the occasion of the holiday of the Municipality of Puconci.

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### *Croatian project partners organised 5th LSG meeting*

Our Croatian partners organised 5th Local Support Group (LSG) meeting within the implementation of project RURES. The mentioned meeting took place on 25th of September 2018 at Technology – Innovation Centre Medjimurje.

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### *Solar "E-TREE" - in Puconci (SLO)*

The Slovenian partner's investment has been completed. E-Tree (solar tree) is a facility that symbolizes the protection of the environment and ecological values. It aims to raise awareness of the community on environmental sustainability. It is made from environmental friendly materials, energy produced by solar cells.

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### *3rd Coordination Unit and Interregional Steering Committee meeting in Slovenia*

The 3rd Coordination Unit meeting and Interregional Steering Committee meeting of the project took place in Moravske Toplice in the Pomurje Region, Slovenia. Partners exchanged about the future of the RURES project.

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### *Local Support Group meeting in Leipzig*

Personal Introduction of new delegate by City of Leisnig. Ms. Rückert gave to Mr. Kolitsch detailed information about interrelations of Workpackages within the project.

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### *2nd Local Support Group meeting in Slovenia*

The 2nd Local Support Group meeting was held on 30th August 2018 in Elementary school Puconci, organized by Slovenian partners in project RURES Development agency Sinergija Ltd and Local Energy Agency Pomurje.

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RURES is a project financed under the Interreg Central Europe programme that sets to exploit the potential of renewable energies (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) in rural regions as they have a great potential for reaching energy autonomy. Within RURES local support group composed of all relevant actors will be established acting as a regional energy network for implementing energy efficiency plans. Best-practices of alternative financing models for EE/RES measures will be researched and become the basis for new feasibility studies on how to implement energy efficiency plans. The calculator tool (for municipal taxes and other

incomes) will highlight the importance of a community-oriented regional development and further underline the benefits and added value generated by exploiting EE/RES.

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