# SustainCo

Sustainable Energy for Rural Communities

The SUSTAINCO project is co-funded by the European Union under the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) Programme (call CIP-IEE-2011). The IEE Programme supports the use of clean and sustainable solutions, and dissemination with Europe-wide exchange of related knowledge and know-how. The SUSTAINCO project supports the ambitious European vision for the energy performance of buildings, that by 2020 all new buildings should be Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB).

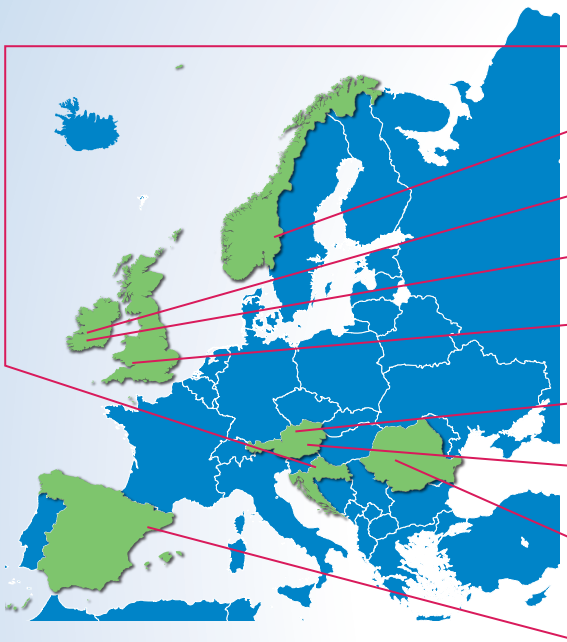
## General project facts

- Project started in April 2012 - duration 36 months
- Project budget 1.479.041 EUR (EU contribution: 75%)
- 9 project partners from 7 countries
- Project coordinator: North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency (REGEA), Croatia

## Why do we need the SUSTAINCO project?

- Implementation of Energy Performance of Building Directive (EPBD – 2010/31/EU) in national legislation
- Build capacity within the partner countries through Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) implementation
- Promotion of sustainable development of rural communities through integrated approaches to design and retrofitting
- Knowledge transfer from Sustainable Energy for the Rural Village Environment (SERVE-FP6 CONCERTO) project
- Informational campaign including promotion and engagement of rural regions in the Covenant of Mayors (CoM)

## Who are the project partners?



North - West Croatia Regional Energy Agency **REGEA**

The Energy Farm **EF**

Tipperary Energy Agency **TEA**

Limerick Institute of Technology **LIT**

Severn Wye Energy Agency **SWEA**

O. O. Energiesparverband **ESV**

Landesenergieverein **LEV**

Alba Local Energy Agency **ALEA**

iMat – Construction Technology Centre **iMAT**

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## SUSTAINCO work programme

- Development of Toolkits which focus on technical and financial aspects of NZEB, in relation to energy efficiency and renewable energy usage
- Promotion of 40 Case Studies with extensive details on NZEB front runner projects
- Development and hosting of a capacity building event and training for project developers including conferences, seminars, training, site visits, demonstrations etc.
- Capacity building for 1.400 energy professionals
- Selection of 8 high profile NZEB projects which will be supported from project concept to the implementation process
- Support a further 50 NZEB pilot projects which have already launched
- Dissemination of the CoM to more than 1.000.000 citizens in rural communities
- Creation of a specific promotional campaign toolkit, available via an internet web portal which highlights all relevant sustainable energy actions contributing to a NZEB development

## Expected Results

- Development of web based NZEB Toolkits
- Strong educational and informative campaign for the public sector, for experts and for citizens
- NZEB Implementation in Rural Communities
- Involving citizens of Rural Regions in Covenant of Mayors (CoM)

## Project web page: www.sustainco.info

The SUSTAINCO project was launched to raise awareness of and support the development of low energy building projects, with special emphasis on rural areas of the seven European countries participating in the project. The project aims to increase the visibility of front-runners, for both new-build and renovation, with the aim of capacity- and confidence-building in the public sector. Most members of the consortium are among the best known European energy agencies, all of which have successful track records and numerous ongoing or completed projects in the area of sustainable buildings. Through focussing on key results from SERVE and other projects, guidance on approaches, case studies and data to achieve cost effective NZEB solutions will be highlighted.

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