

About MountEE

Worldwide about half of the energy is being used for constructing, using and refurbishing houses. In Europe, the main part of energy used in this sector is spent for heating. Constructing und refurbishing provide thus large potentials to reduce energy consumption.

According to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), all new construction and existing buildings undergoing renovation have to meet Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) standards by 2018. For many municipalities, this transition is a major challenge: most of them lack know-how, experience and funding. In mountain areas, municipalities often face additional challenges: extreme climate, low accessibility, small entities, low population density and brain drain.

The project «MountEE – sustainable building in mountain regions» supports municipalities in Sweden, the Alps and the Pyrenees in order to help them achieve their objectives and become front runners. In six regions will be built or renovated 25 to 30 public buildings – sustainably and energy efficiently. Numerous local and regional stakeholders will be involved in the project. They will be supported by experts from Vorarlberg/A, a model region in the field of energy efficient building.

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Partners

CIPRA International (FL) www.cipra.org

Alliance in the Alps (DE) www.alpenallianz.org

Länsstyrelsen Dalarna (SV) www.lansstyrelsen.se/dalarna

ARES FVG Agenzia Regionale per l'edilizia sostenibile (IT) www.aresfvg.it

Nenet Norrbottens energikontor (SV) www.nenet.se

PNR des Pyrénées catalanes (FR) www.parc-pyrenees-catalanes.fr

Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement (FR) www.raee.org

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Energy efficient and sustainable building in municipalities in European mountain regions



Sustainable building is our future



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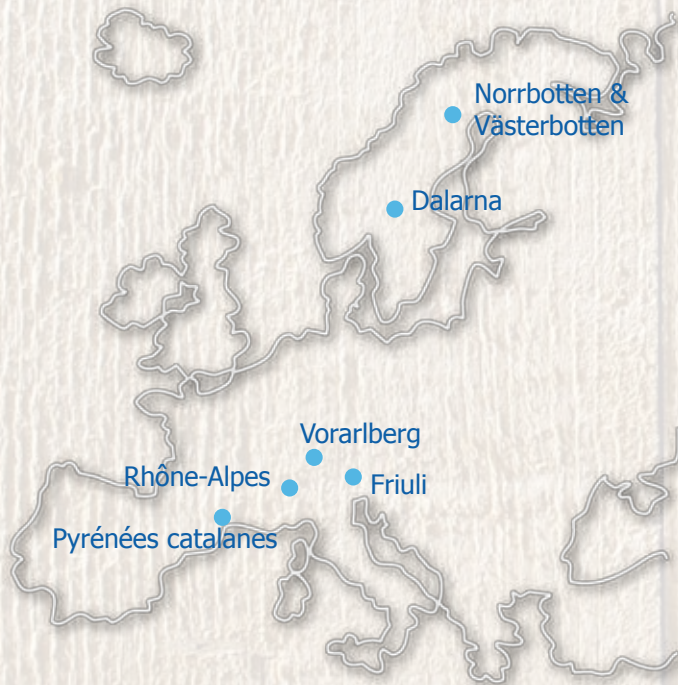
MountEE Pilot Regions

What we want

- Raise awareness and initiate action of decision makers at municipal level and social building institutions with regard to energy efficient, ecological building, the efficient use of energy and greater use of new and renewable energy sources in the building sector.
- Facilitate the change in the building habits of municipalities and social building institutions.
- Anchor a multi-level governance approach in the building sector.
- Encourage the funding of ecological and energy efficient buildings.

What we do

- Establish or strengthen regional committees and strategies in the partner regions with decision makers and key actors of the building, energy and funding sectors. Participatory approaches in the building chain will be improved. The service package «sustainable building» from Vorarlberg will be transferred and adapted in the other regions.
- 25-30 pilot projects (new buildings or renovation) will be realised in 6 pilot regions. The service package «sustainable building» will help builders to plan, implement and evaluate new Nearly Zero Energy Buildings.
- Organise capacity building activities: workshops, conferences, excursions for decision makers, builders, planners and other key actors in the building chain.
- Encourage private and public funding institutions to improve funding criteria. MountEE will help them to adapt existing funding frameworks in order to improve toward Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) and renovation



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