

MountEE: Energy efficient and sustainable building
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D 3.3: DESCRIPTION OF REGIONAL STRATEGIES

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1) Context

The municipal elections in March 2014 had implied several changes in the decision makers. These changes had partly jeopardized the implementation of the sustainable building strategy, since new elected representatives had to be convinced.

On the other hand, the discussions on the national Law for Energetic Transition raise the awareness of the local stakeholders concerning the stakes of sustainable building.

2) Sustainable building objectives - Vision of medium and long-term strategy

The strategy defined within MountEE had proven its efficiency. The pilot-projects realized allowed a test of the strategy and the means to implement it.

To resume, the strategy should include 5 dimensions :

- raising awareness of the region with know-how transfer and capacity building activities, including exchanges between the several project owners and the other stakeholders of the building chain
- the definition of sustainable objectives : energy efficiency, use of eco-materials, renewable energies
- the development of the local economy (use of local materials, local craftsmen, etc.)
- the support of public projects with the service package
- subsidies to help public project owners to reach ambitious sustainable criteria.

Local stakeholders who were part of the Regional Cooperation Committee confirmed that these several points should be the core of the strategy.

3) The means to achieve the objectives

With the new Law on Energetic Transition and with the capacity building activities carried out through MountEE, the importance of the stakes related to sustainable building has increased in the local awareness of decision makers. Besides, new financial tools are available : the regional natural Park of Pyrénées catalanes has won a national call for initiatives, and thus obtained a 500K€ subsidy to carry out actions for energetic transition. This subsidy will mainly be used for sustainable building in public and private sector. This will allow the maintain of the service package.