

MountEE: Energy efficient and sustainable building  
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# D 3.3 : DESCRIPTION OF REGIONAL STRATEGIES – UPDATE DECEMBER 2014

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## 1) Context

The municipal elections in March 2014 has generated important changes. 75% of the elected people has been changed.

On the other hand, the discussions concerning the national Energy Transition Law raise the power of local authorities on energy aspects.

So the last months of 2014 have been used to explain, share and discuss the stakes and the objectives of the local strategy regarding sustainable construction in public buildings.

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

The new Law on energy transition is still in discussion but it will bring two major points :

- Local authorities will have more responsibilities regarding buildings
- The national objectives concerning energy performance of the buildings will be shared at local level

Local authorities will have to set up local strategies to reduce drastically the building consumption especially on public buildings.

This was the MountEE objective and the involved territories are now in advance on this subject.

The strategy model elaborated in MountEE project gave good results and can now be promoted. It must include at least three dimensions:

- Simple set of technical objectives : at least low consumption, eco-materials and renewable energies
- Exchanges/share with all building chain actors : LCC and in project revues
- Give advises and accompany public project with a service package
- And if possible subsidies linked with the technical objectives

The new elective people have understood this and decided to continue the work initiated in the framework of the MountEE project.

## 3) The means to achieve the objectives

We are now working to find a way to include the strategy elements in the local activities and budgets:

- Information and coordination of the local actors
- Subsidies linked with the technical objectives
- Service package

Concerning the first point, we hope to include this coordination in the SEAP of the territories. For the second point, the FEDER and regional subsidies are now linked with energy efficiency criterias.

Concerning the service, we are working to include the sustainable building service package within the Energy service some territories already have for municipalities. The most important difficulties to overcome now are:

- to define the price of the service;

- to define the best organization to offer the service;
- to convince the municipalities that it is worth to pay such service and for the moment the assistance will be proposed for free;
- to ensure that the current energy adviser have sufficient skills to ensure such accompaniment and we will organise in the next month some exchanges and specific training for them.