

SEARCH FOR PARTNERS / PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Description of the City/Region/Territory:	Mollet del Vallès has an area of 10.72 km ² and a population of more than 52,000 inhabitants. Located 20 km from Barcelona, it is the second most important city in the Vallès Oriental metropolitan area. With the services of a modern city, it is an important industrial and economic centre in the area of influence of Barcelona.
European experience and previous projects	Projects: PRIMA - HORIZON 2020 - URBACT II & III - ERASMUS + Awards: European Green Leaf, European City of Sport and European Diploma

Expression of Interest	
Programme/call to be submitted	HORIZON 2020: Mitigating household energy poverty LC-SC3-EC-2-2018-2019-2020
Brief description	European households continue to spend an increasing share of income on energy, leading to higher rates of energy poverty and negatively affecting living conditions and health. Although roots of this phenomenon lie mainly in low incomes and poor thermal efficiency of buildings, energy efficiency measures at the household level and increased use of renewable energy are key tools in addressing energy poverty and can bring energy savings, leading to lower fuel costs and improved living conditions
Previous experience of our city on the topic	Local Alliances to mitigate energy poverty In 2018, Mollet del Vallès City Council launched a pilot aiming to tackle energy poverty in households. Since then, we have been



	<p>working to mitigate the consequences of energy poverty implementing the following actions:</p> <p>1-Financial support measures: intended to subsidize energy expenditure. In 2018, 154 families received financial support.</p> <p>2-Energy efficiency measures: aimed to reduce household energy consumption. During 2018, 11 energy audits were carried out consisting of energy advice; information on bonuses and savings; as well as the delivery of an energy saving kit.</p> <p>3- Provision of information, empowerment and protection of consumers: aimed to help users to improve energy use patterns. During 2018, 3 editions of the Energy Saving Home Workshop were held, in which 39 people took part.</p> <p>One of the pillars of the project was to create long term alliances between main stakeholders such as social services of our municipality, social entities, supply and maintenance companies (electricity, gas and water), associations of volunteers (Red Cross and Caritas), cooperatives, secondary schools and universities to reduce energy poverty in our city.</p> <p>Some of the goals of the project were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve health and quality of life of people suffering energy poverty - Offer support to families to deal with legal procedures of energy companies. - Promote employment and improve employability - Strengthen strategic alliances at the local level <p>Our municipality is willing to participate in this call to scale up the above mentioned measures and actions in order to help more families which are facing energy poverty in our city.</p>
Partner search	<p>Our municipality is interested in joining a consortium that is willing to apply. Although we have experience in participating in Horizon 2020 projects we are not prepared to lead the proposal. Therefore we are also interested in finding an entity that could lead the proposal as well as more cities or institutions that could be interested in joining the consortium.</p>
Deadline of the call of proposals	10/09/2020