

European Public Local Authorities' Network for driving the Energy Transition



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Executive Summary

ePLANET project is a Coordination and Support Action cofounded by the European Commission through Horizon 2020 program. ePLANET aims to deploy a new clustering governance for energy transition based on a digital framework to share harmonized information, facilitating the adoption of coordinated energy transition actions by the European public sector.

This document proves the availability of the open call on the EU survey platform and provides information on the launched open call for follower regions. It describes the aim of the open call as well as the target group and describes which regional actors shall join ePLANET project as followers. The application process is described and the application form for the ongoing phase 1 of the open call is shown.

There will be four deliverables describing the selection and activities with the follower regions. The deliverables “D5.5 EU Open Call” and “D5.6 Evaluation report with assessment criteria matrix” will be directly linked to the selection process. The deliverables “D5.7 Follower Regions Evaluation Questionnaire” and “D5.8 Reports on join exchange activities experiences” will refer to the activities with the selected regions.



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Abbreviations and acronyms

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
MoA	Memorandum of Adhesion



1 Open Call process

1.1 Aim of the open call

With the open call ePLANET wants to identify up to 6 follower regions to benefit from and contribute to the ePLANET platform and multi-level governance approach.

1.2 Target group

The open call focuses on:

- Regional and (cluster of) local public authorities
- Local and regional (Energy) Agencies
- Other Stakeholder (e.g., associations, initiatives, energy communities, ESCO, private companies) if they can proof the support from regional / local authorities

1.3 Application process and deadlines

The selection of the follower regions is done within several steps:

- Open call phase 1: Option to express interest to join as follower region - March-May 22
- Open call phase 2: Full application including data submission according to assessment matrix (details will be submitted within “D5.6 Evaluation report with assessment criteria matrix” until M12 /Aug 22) - June 22
- Evaluation of the applications - July 22
- Selection of the follower regions and matching with ePLANET regions - July 22
- Signature of MoA - Aug 22

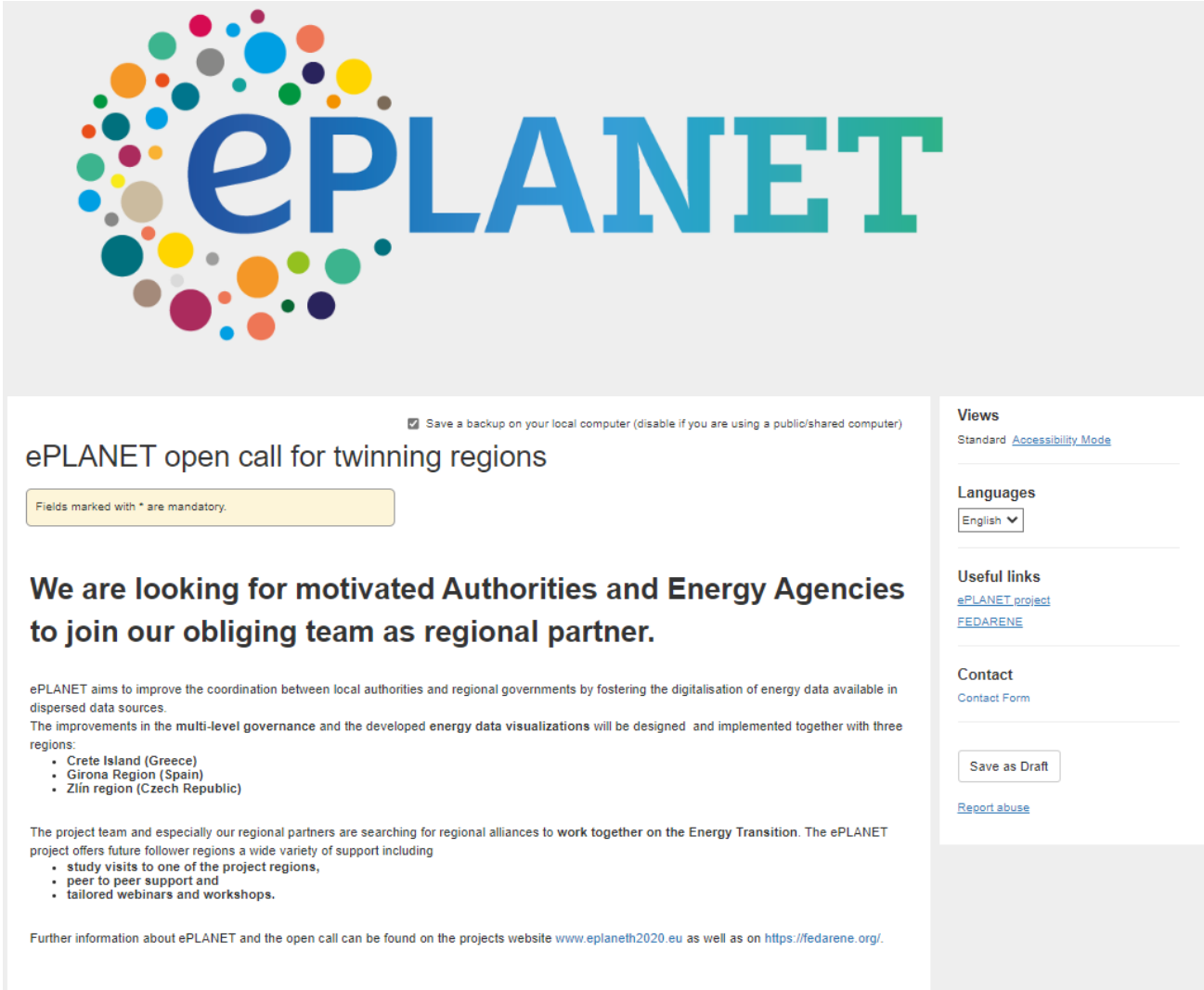


2 EU Open Call on EUsurvey

The Open Call for interested regions was published on EU survey on the 30th of March and will stay opened until the second phase of the Open Call starts, which is foreseen for the 1st of June.

2.1 Application form

The Open Call from the EU survey platform is shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 and is online available at the moment the deliverable is submitted under the link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ePLANET_twinningregion.



The screenshot shows the 'ePLANET open call for twinning regions' application form. At the top, there is a large ePLANET logo. Below it, a checkbox indicates 'Save a backup on your local computer (disable if you are using a public/shared computer)'. The title of the form is 'ePLANET open call for twinning regions'. A yellow box notes 'Fields marked with * are mandatory.' The main heading reads: 'We are looking for motivated Authorities and Energy Agencies to join our obliging team as regional partner.' The text describes the project's aim to improve coordination between local authorities and regional governments by fostering digitalisation of energy data. It lists three regions: Crete Island (Greece), Girona Region (Spain), and Zlín region (Czech Republic). The project offers future follower regions a wide variety of support, including study visits, peer-to-peer support, and tailored webinars. Further information is provided at the bottom, directing users to the project website and the FEDARENE website. On the right side, there are sections for 'Views' (Standard, Accessibility Mode), 'Languages' (English), 'Useful links' (ePLANET project, FEDARENE), and 'Contact' (Contact Form). A 'Save as Draft' button and a 'Report abuse' link are also visible.

Figure 1 - ePLANET open call 1/2



Expression of interest

* Name

* email

* Name of your organization

EU member states

* Region

How do you want to stay in contact with ePLANET (1)

- ☐ I want to receive the ePLANET newsletter
☐ I want to be invited to ePLANET events

(1) You can change your mind at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in the footer of any email you receive from us, or by contacting us at info@eplaneth2020.eu. We will treat your information with respect. For more information about our privacy practices please visit our website (www.eplaneth2020.eu). By clicking below, you agree that we may process your information in accordance with these terms.

GDPR Permission

☐ I accept your terms of conditions. I agree that ePLANET project partners will use the information provided on this form to contact and inform me about the opportunities to become a follower region. In case I selected the option I further agree to be contacted via newsletter and/or receive invitations to events. I know that I can withdraw my expression of interest anytime by contacting the ePLANET team at info@eplaneth2020.eu. The privacy policy of ePLANET can be read on the project website www.eplaneth2020.eu/privacy-policy/.

Figure 2 - ePLANET open call 2/2

