

## ***Fostering just energy transition in Central Europe – the JETforCE co-operation***

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On the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, the Interreg Central Europe JETforCE project consortium convened in Miskolc, Hungary for the official kick-off meeting of the three-year European-funded project. The event was hosted by BORA 94 Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Development Agency Non-profit LLC (BAZ CDA), the lead partner of the JETforCE project and nonprofit organisation owned by the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Self-Government.



The Interreg Central Europe JETforCE (*Just Energy Transition for Central Europe*) project supports regions to better involve their citizens digitally, harnessing digitalisation to co-design and co-implement a “just energy transition in Central Europe”.

This is based on the idea that citizens require the chance to contribute to measures affecting their life, work, and opportunities within the context of Europe’s ongoing decarbonisation efforts – but this implies knowledge, understanding and equal access to appropriate digital tools.

Therefore, over the course of the next three years, the JETforCE consortium will cooperate on a transnational basis to test and validate two novel solutions for digital citizen engagement in policymaking. The overarching goal of the consortium is to develop and evaluate digital tools that enhance capacities for public engagement through a “just transition” lense.

The JETforCE project falls within the Interreg Central Europe “Cooperating for a greener central Europe” priority and has a budget of € 2.37 million, with 80% co-finance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). In the long-term, JETforCE enables lasting changes in policy and investments that guarantee that no person or place is left behind in Central Europe’s energy transition.

## Interregional cooperation through a diverse partnership



The JETforCE project consortium consists of 12 project partners from 9 different European countries:

- 1) BORA-94 - BORA 94 Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Development Agency Nonprofit LLC. (Hungary), *Lead Partner*



- 2) Eifl-Tech - European Institute for Innovation - Technology (Germany)



- 3) IAAI - International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (Austria)



- 4) MCBo – Metropolitan City of Bologna (Italy)



5) TGZ – Bautzen Innovation Centre (Germany)



6) LEASP – Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje (Slovenia)



7) IRENA – Istrian Regional Energy Agency Ltd. (Croatia)



8) EAV - Energy Agency Vysočiny (Czech Republic)



9) SIEA – Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (Slovakia)



10) Lodzkie – Lodzkie Region (Poland)



11) YUNUS - Yunus Foundation Italy - ETS (Italy)



12) WEIZ - Weizer Energy and Innovation Centre (Austria)

