D6.3 Report on experience exchange and follow-up activities

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1.1.1 Experience exchange

- Detail the experience exchange process in to two paragraphs.

To address the promotion in a municipal level was considered that due to the functional structure of Catalonia the best option was to contact with the councils and pull through them the dissemination about the energy efficient strategies towards the municipalities.

The provincial Council is a local government institution that promotes the progress and welfare of the citizens of its territory. It acts directly providing services and especially in cooperation with the municipalities. The ongoing collaboration with municipalities even is a big city or a town with few inhabitants extends the action done in the territory from the proximity.

Once contacted the four councils of Catalonia (Barcelona, Tarragona, Lleida and Girona); we decided to focus all the resources in the Tarragona Provincial Council (DIPTA) which has the biggest delay of municipalities attached to the CoM and for having a wide ratio of municipalities in the SustainCo work area.

The other Councils has been dismissed due to in Barcelona most of the area is outside the SustainCo program and regarding it is a council with a powerful entity with its own particular inertia, Girona due to other European Projects has been already developed there are municipalities already working on it and finally Lleida because they have some actions on an advanced stage and they have Gironas neighbourhood as reference. Thus that, ASCAMM contacted the people in charge of carrying out the tasks of promoting the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) and after the meeting results analyzed. DIPTA perform the territorial CoM coordination role since September 27th 2013 and right this moment it has being developed the Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP); to realize that was considered as the best option that ASCAMM develop the toolkits describing the nZEB concept.

- The participants

  Barcelona provincial Council: reaching 311 municipalities.
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  Girona provincial Council: reaching 221 municipalities.
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  Tarragona provincial Council: reaching 190 municipalities.
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Meeting agenda

- **Indicate the used materials.**

All material has been designed to be used digitally and delivered by soft copy. ASCAMM considers that the main concept of this project basically tries to reduce and optimize the human being environmental step, we have been doing the conferences following this rule trying to reduce the hard copies which end in the garbage and increasing the soft copies and the internet communications system focused on the experts and technicians.

- **Conclusions of experience exchange.**

The limited public funds to promote activities in the field of building and the low volume of construction is based on the current crisis and makes it difficult to define strategies addressed to incentive the construction of high energetic buildings and the implementation of RES.

1.1.2 **Follow-up activities**

- **Indicate the communities for which you have conducted the follow-up activities (Indicate the number of inhabitants) and their stage in CoM adhesion process.**

ASCAMM has focused the activity in Tarragona council but due to the previous explanation non activities has been done yet, several meetings and all the clarifications has been done and also all the material has been delivered to the council to achieve the expected activities in the near future. Tarragona has a total of 190 districts interested to belong to the SustainCo area which will be the ones prioritized to address the profile.
• Describe how you developed these activities, how you have guided and which materials you have made available for them.

Based on the last conversations with DIPTA has been finally considered that the best way to approach the NZEB concept in the development of SEAP would be a task of awareness and disclosure to achieve the maximum knowledge for most of the municipalities to let them develop the task, initially planned as a flyer template understandable to technics and mayors and from now to the plane citizens a few of them involved in these issues, adding the 12 nZEB myths (from D6.2.) which are accessible to almost all audiences.

After all that it will be consolidated with an online publication detailing the content of the flyer and based on the technical and financial toolkits and the case studies with the addition of the mentoring assessment experience.

Finally, foresight a future action to make some touring trip in all the municipalities based on panel boards that incorporate information from the book but more focused on the detailed case studies, explaining design strategies, explaining the objectives and the architects feedback to be taken in account for future actions and similar cases and not finding the same or any unforeseen.

• Recommendations for future work.
Keep monitoring to verify that it is suitable to make the itinerant exposure in all municipalities about the studio object and by contacting the different councils to follow up the needs and requests to increase the activity in case of need.
1.1.3 Dissemination and Feedback

Dissemination will be realized based on the flyers done by Ascamm and submitted to the council by soft and hard copy.

Any feedback will be processed through the council, which would arrange all the specific outreach conferences in each municipality based on material developed by Ascamm for the project.

The main comments from municipal technicians are the problem with the low initial budget to address successfully a construction. They think that it will be more effective with specific subsidies by energetic actions.