

10 BEST PRACTICE CASES

Continuous developer and community dialogue, Fosen (Norway):

Dialogue that takes into account local concerns to reduce the perceived negative impact of wind energy development, resulting in actual changes to projects.

Proactive Planning, Northern Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve (Latvia):

Agreement of all stakeholders on criteria for areas to deploy wind energy, preventing uncoordinated or damaging developments.

Local innovation house, Birkenes (Norway):

Developer-funded meeting space to educate the public and provide open access to the premises.

Community wind farms, Schleswig-Holstein (Germany):

Initiatives by local farmers and landowners, with citizens and municipalities as shareholders. Part of the revenue goes directly to the communities.

Service Unit Wind Energy and Quality Label, Thuringia (Germany):

Neutral and free assistance services for citizens, municipalities and developers; issuance of a "Fair partner" quality label for developers.

Mancomunidad del Sureste, Gran Canaria (Spain):

Long-term project to combine the wind energy and water supply of three municipalities, greatly benefiting the communities.

Som Energia, Catalonia (Spain):

First Energy Cooperative in Spain, non-profit and member financed, providing 100% guaranteed renewable energy.

Energy self-sufficient municipality, Kisielice (Poland):

Long-term initiative that explores the economic viability of wind energy for the municipality, resulting in a more positive public perception.

Tax cuts and landscape commitment, Sardinia (Italy):

Tax reductions and economic and social incentives for 1,600 households in Tula, the municipality hosting one of Italy's biggest wind farms.

Wind Farm Repowering, Abruzzo (Italy):

Focus on the renewal of existing wind farms, high rates of recovery and reuse of infrastructure, and on lowering the visual impact of wind farms.

Eight Wind Energy Scarce Regions (WESR) in European countries have been selected: Thuringia and Saxony in Germany, Latium and Abruzzo in Italy, Mid-Norway, the Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship in Poland, the Balearic Islands in Spain, and Latvia as a whole.