**Success story of Community-based Action for a GREEN transition (CO-GREEN)**

**Introduction and summary**

Write a short, half-page “story” of the case study, making sure to include the following information in the story:

* The local community characteristics, e.g. size, rural or mixed, agricultural of commuter-village etc
* The main issues faced by the community, e.g. depopulation, migration of young people, lack of community spirit, reluctance to face green challenges etc
* The initiative on which the success story is based, and the issue it tried to solve.
* Who took the initiative
* How public participatory helped
* Lessons learnt

In every case: get the agreement of the stakeholders to be placed on the website of co-Green, and present it as a success-story. Without agreement, they cannot be shared.

**Keywords**: add here a couple (3-4 keywords) that can be used as a “search-term” for the library. **Please select from the followings the most suitable:** public participation, green deal, community engagement, green activators, green motivators, participatory processes, community activators, green transition, rural communities

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**Name of Community: PRIMORSKO GORANSKA COUNTY**

**General information**

| Community Information | Write here |
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| Population | 265.419 |
| Main occupation of inhabitants (e.g. agriculture, services, industry, mixed) | Mixed (maritime transport, shipbuilding, tourism, forestry and wood processing) |
| What is the main comparative advantage / strength of the community? | Diversity of county (coastline, islands and mountains) |
| What is the main disadvantage/weakness of the community | Depopulation, especially in rural but also urban areas |
| Has the community a history of public participation and engagement? | Yes |

**initiative** 

| Description of initiative | Write here |
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| Objectives – main issue addressed | Production of electricity from sustainable sources and exchange of electricity between community members, overcoming energy poverty, especially in rural parts of the county where the elderly population lives |
| Achievements- related to green transition | Raising awareness of the need to use sustainable energy sources |
| Achievements- related to community participation and engagement | Raising awareness of the benefits of joining communities |
| Who were the actors involved in implementing or animating the initiative? E.g. Local NGO, group of citizens, members of the local a local municipality, other | Local NGO “Without borders” and group of citizens |
| How was the community motivated and inspired to take part? What methods were used? | Conversations with individuals and groups, presentations and lectures |
| What kind of resources were used? E.g. expert knowledge, financial support etc | Expert knowledge of local NGO |
| Has the initiative been sustained? How? | Yes, citizens got involved and joined the EC |
| Any other information you consider important for the successful completion of the initiative |  |

**OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES FOR Community ENGAGEMENT**

| **Description of challenge** | **Write here** |
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| What were the main challenges/obstacles for the successful conduct of this initiative? | The main challenge is to change the law because the procedures for sharing electricity are difficult |
| How were they overcome? All or some of them? | Joint work of Energy Communities (EC) at the level of the Republic of Croatia and joint action towards regulatory authorities |
| Who had a prime role in helping overcome the obstacles/challenges? | EC members who initiated the association initiative |
| Any other information you consider important regarding the local community’s attitude towards the initiative |  |