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8 European pilot cities drawing their own local Energy Roadmaps 2050!

Energy Cities' IMAGINE initiative gave birth to a European project under the EU programme INTERREG IVC: “**IMAGINE... low energy cities**” was officially launched in February 2012.

The project gathers **10 European partners**: Energy Cities – the coordinator, the 8 pilot cities of Bistrita (RO), Dobrich (BG), Figueres (ES), Lille (FR), Milton-Keynes (GB), Modena (IT), Munich (DE), Odense (DK), and HafenCity University Hamburg.

These partners have entered a **one-of-a-kind on-going process** consisting in pooling resources, long-term visioning and exchanging in the view to build up their **local Energy Roadmaps 2050** with a **participatory approach**.

The **IMAGINE seminar** has started today in Munich. This is the first event organised at European level within this project. Until 5 December, this seminar will gather European local authorities, representatives of key European public, private and associative stakeholders and EU institutions. Participants from various disciplines and positions are invited to share their **visions of the cities of the future** and their reflections on the **transition towards low-energy cities**, while the City of Munich will set the scene for a real-life case study.

It will focus on:

- how the **local level** can benefit from the EU energy roadmap 2050 process through cities developing local energy roadmaps;
- the articulation of local energy roadmaps with local governance processes;
- the importance of **thinking about energy locally in a time of economic recession**;
- exploring linkages between the energy transition and solutions **to deal with the financial crisis**;
- how long-term visioning processes can help short and middle-term decision-making.

Programme of the IMAGINE seminar.

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