

## PROJECT CONSORTIUM AND CONTACT

The **WISE Power** project (IEE/13/528/SI2.674872) receives funding under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme of the European Union. The project started in May 2014 and will finish in October 2016. The **WISE Power** Consortium consists of municipal and regional planning authorities, policy makers, representatives of the renewables industry, a national energy agency, an international organisation and a leading scientific institute.

The project activities are supported by guided feedback from the three Advisory Boards ('General', 'Grids' and 'Finance'). The members of the Advisory Boards represent key actors such as local, regional and national authorities, system operators, the wind energy industry, citizens groups, EU and national policy makers, financing institutions, ethical banks and cooperatives.

## COORDINATOR



## PARTNERS



## CONTACT



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## Fostering Social Acceptance for Wind Power

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## Project overview

**WISE Power** will add certainty to the planning processes of wind energy projects by increasing local community support. It will strongly contribute to reducing the wind farm permitting lead time to 24 months, as recommended by the Wind Barriers European project (2010; [www.windbarriers.eu](http://www.windbarriers.eu)).

Launched in May 2014, **WISE Power** is an ambitious European project about the social acceptance of wind energy.

**WISE Power** aims at significantly improving local engagement and support for wind turbines while enhancing local community participation in the planning and implementation of wind energy projects.

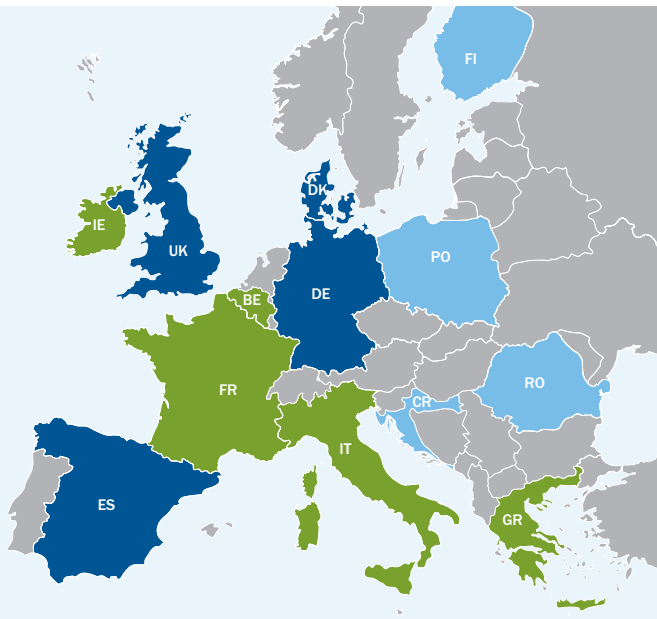
The project has a strong focus on alternative financing – such as community and cooperative funding of wind farms – as a method to enhance social engagement. It will investigate the potential of innovative models of financing wind farm projects and involve various stakeholders, such as alternative and green banks, cooperatives, public and other financing institutions, municipalities and renewable energy developers. **WISE Power** envisages a Finance Advisory Board that will regularly interact with project partners to provide insight and feedback.

The wind industry and other stakeholders will benefit from the **WISE Power** project's collaborative approach in the sharing of best practices designed to increase social acceptance. These new and improved approaches will include innovative participation models for financing wind projects.

## Target countries

The project focuses on **13 countries** with different market maturity, thus ensuring a broad geographical and cultural representation.

- Advanced markets
- Growth markets
- Emerging markets



## Project outcome

Tangible results will be:

- An **analysis of existing approaches** to increasing social acceptance for wind energy projects and associated grid infrastructures currently used by the wind industry in Europe;
- A **monitoring tool** that identifies barriers as well as supportive measures, complements current information and measures the overall performance of the project;
- Proposed **Social Acceptance Pathways (SAPs)**, a guidance available in 10 European languages describing concrete steps to be taken in order to ensure community engagement and align different interests;
- A series of **working validation meetings, test exercises** (dry-runs) in four countries, engagement with 'real life' scenarios and actual developments to collect grass-roots feedback;
- Widespread **dissemination and capacity building** at local/regional, national and EU-level.

These findings are targeted at all stakeholders i.e. local communities, authorities, developers in the wind energy industry, system operators, citizens groups, cooperatives and social and environmental organisations.

## Rationale and structure

