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Why is GREBE happening?



- The overarching aim of GREBE is to develop and share support for renewable energy as a viable business sector for SMEs as a response to the unique natural environment of the northern periphery regions of Europe.
- GREBE will equip SMEs and start-ups with the skills and confidence to overcome these challenges and use place based natural assets for renewable energy to best sustainable effect.
- The renewable energy sector contributes to sustainable regional and rural development and has potential for future growth.
- GREBE has 7 key <u>objectives</u> which will provide improved models of business supports and methods to aid the development of small renewable energy businesses.





GREBEs Target Groups



- GREBEs main target user group is **existing SMEs and start-ups**.
- GREBE products and services will also be useful for
 - Other organisations involved in renewable energy
 - Local and regional authorities
 - Business advisory organisations
 - Research and development institutes
 - Technology groups
 - Universities and other educational institutes with an interest in rural economic development and / or renewable energy.
- GREBE products and services may also be of use to residents of the NPA Communities as they seek out locally available low carbon energy options



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What will GREBE do?



GREBE will support renewable energy start-ups and SMEs:

- To grow their business, to provide local jobs, and meet energy demands of local communities.
- **By supporting diversification** of the technological capacity of SMEs and start-ups so that they can exploit the natural conditions of their locations.
- By providing renewable energy tailored, expert guidance and mentoring to ensure SMEs and start-ups have the knowledge and expertise to grow and expand their businesses
- By providing a platform for transnational knowledge sharing to demonstrate the full potential of the RE sector and by showcasing innovations on RE technology.
- By strengthening accessibility to expertise and business support available locally and in other NPA regions.





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www.greberenewableenergyblog.wordpress.com/



GREBEs Outputs

GREBEs outputs include



- Funding option decision support tool
- Database of renewable energy business and technology solutions, for overcoming environmental challenges of NPA regions
- A suite of videos promoting renewable energy technologies and case study examples
- Renewable Energy Resource Assessment Toolkit
- Entrepreneurship Enabler Model and Scheme for 45 SMEs & Mentoring Support Packs
- Online training / networking platform for SMEs and Start-ups <u>http://www.renewablebusiness.eu/</u>
- Virtual Energy Ideas Hub to assist partnership building transnationally between producers, technology providers and entrepreneurs









