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FEDARENE's position on key EU policies for the Green Transition

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And how EU competitiveness will be increased through decarbonisation

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ABOUT FEDARENE

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF AGENCIES
AND REGIONS FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Established in 1990 by 6 regional authorities

Regions and Local/Regional Energy Agencies as effective
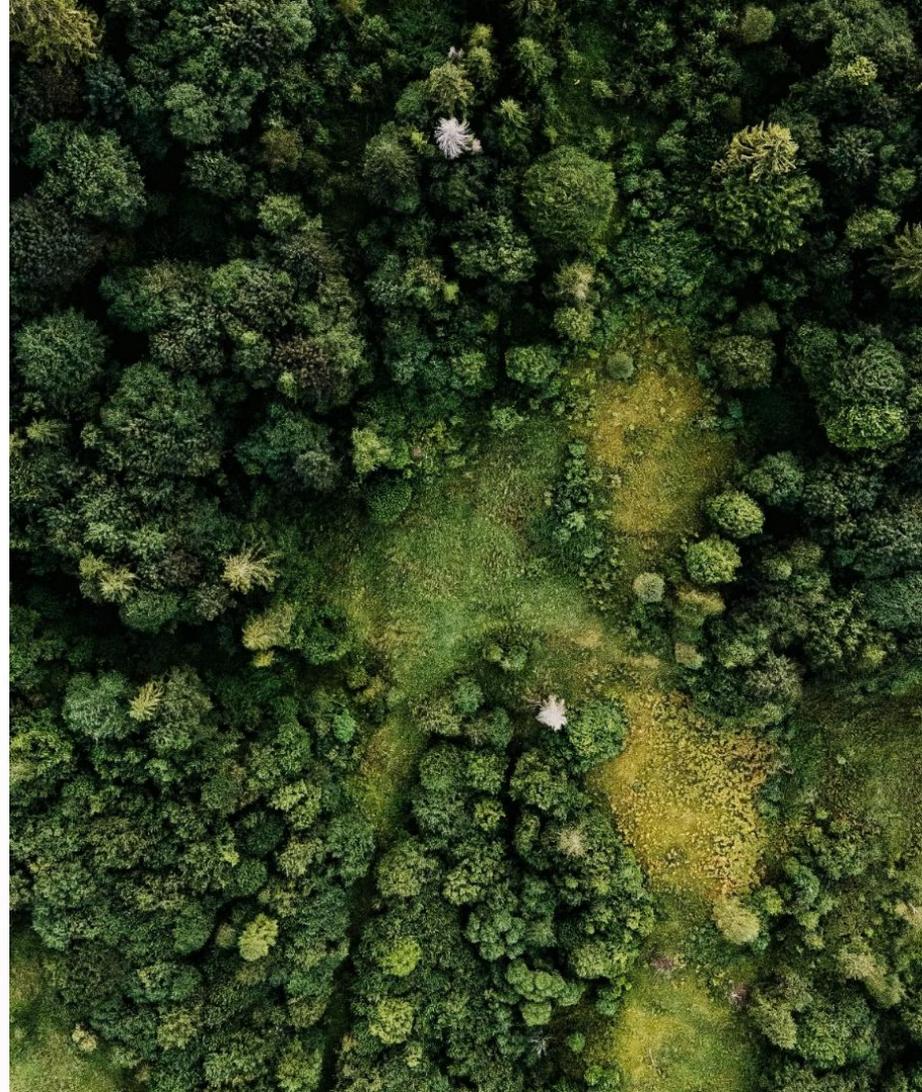delivery agents of EU Climate and Energy policies

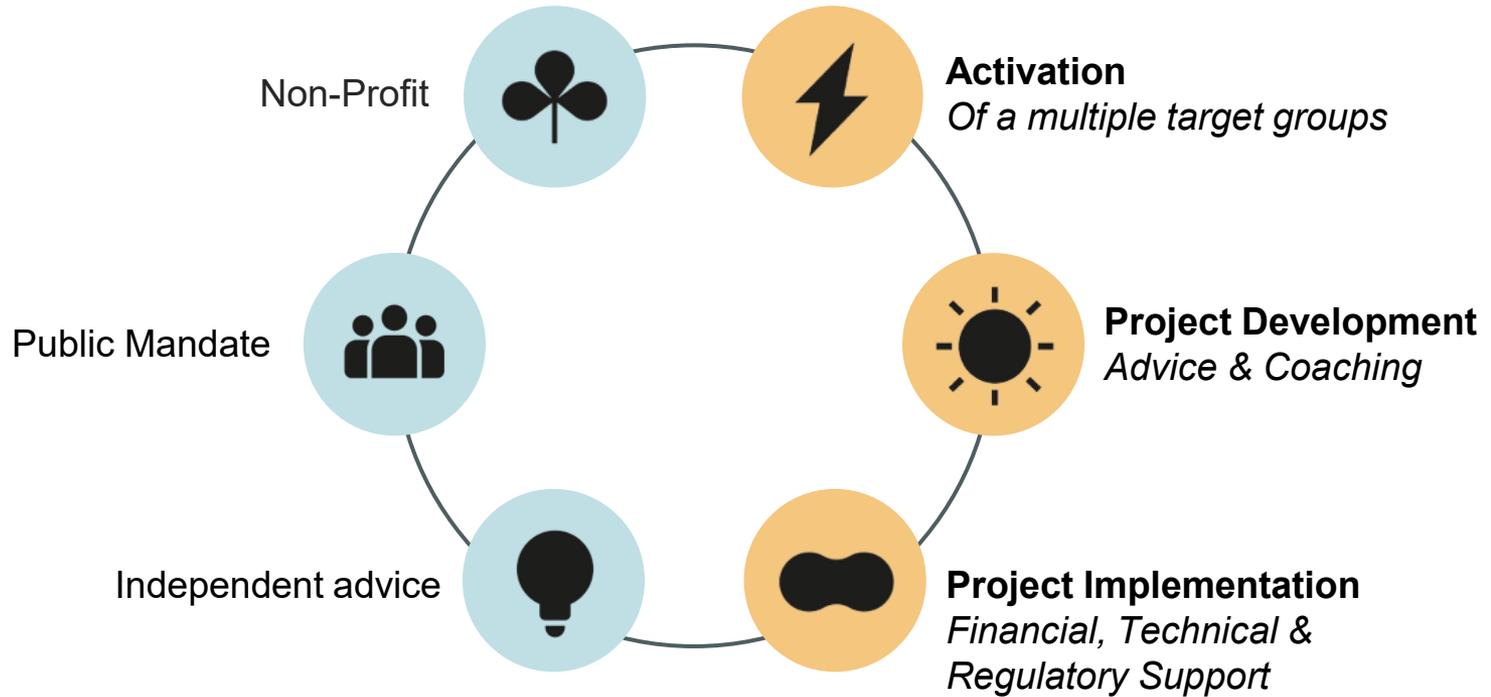Energy transition and Climate Neutrality as Europe's
driving force

Policy/Advocacy, Communication,
EU Project Management

WHAT IS AN ENERGY AGENCY

Non-Profit

Public Mandate

Independent advice

Activation
Of a multiple target groups

Project Development
Advice & Coaching

Project Implementation
Financial, Technical &
Regulatory Support
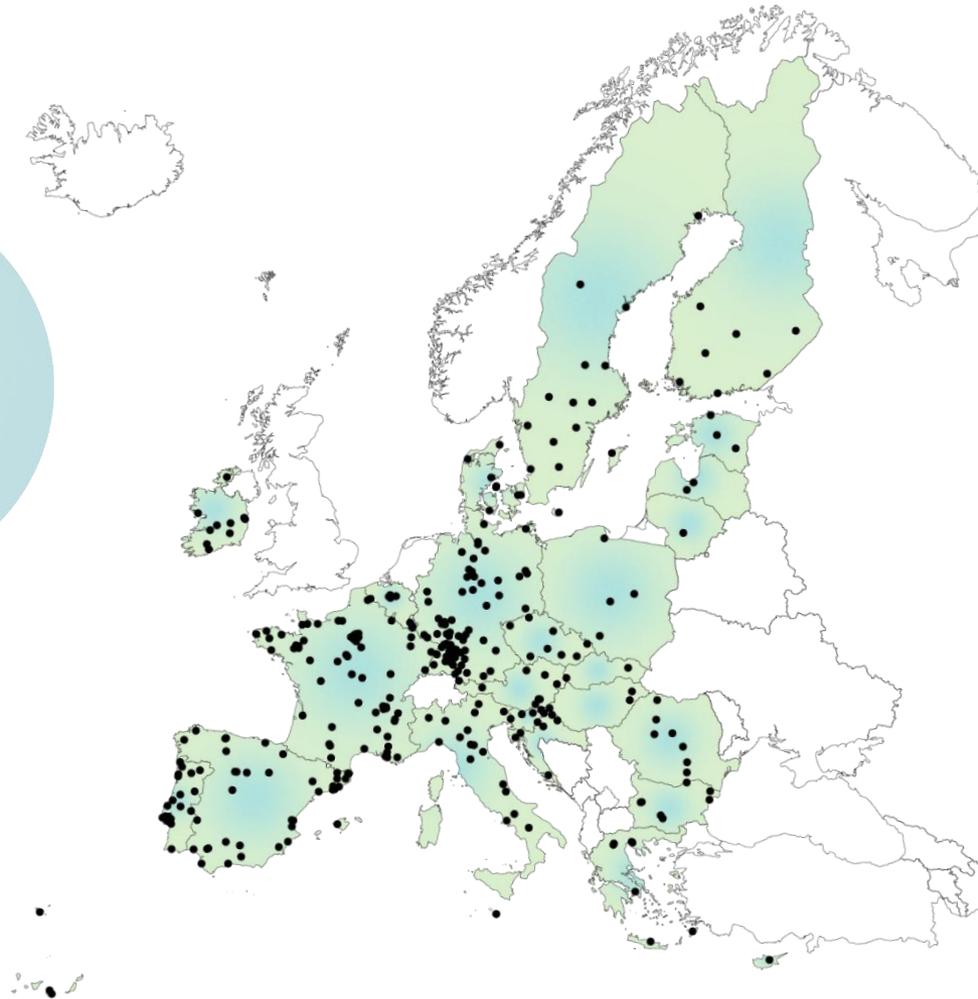
ENERGY AGENCIES IN EUROPE

+320
Local and Regional Energy Agencies in Europe

17
Average Staff
vs. 11 in 2017

3800
Total workforce
vs 2600 in 2017

Data from the 2023 & 2017 ManagEnergy Surveys

FOCUS AREAS

Energy Efficiency in Buildings

Renewables for Energy Security

Citizen-led Energy

Climate Adaptation

Financing the Transition

AI, Digitalisation & Data

Competitive Decarbonisation

Grid Capacity & Flexibility

Heating and Cooling

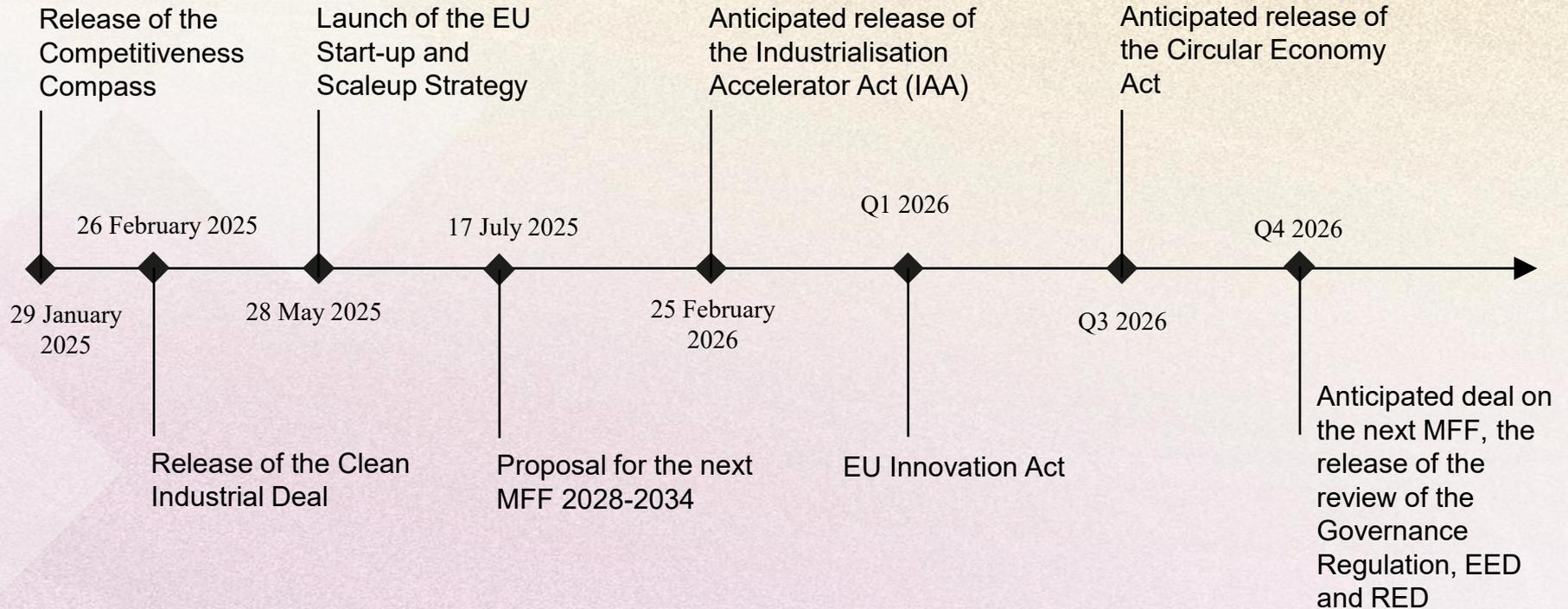Sustainable Islands

Energy Sufficiency

Circular Economy

Sustainable Mobility

Integrated Planning

Upcoming Policy file

Release of the Competitiveness Compass

Launch of the EU Start-up and Scaleup Strategy

Anticipated release of the Industrialisation Accelerator Act (IAA)

Anticipated release of the Circular Economy Act

26 February 2025

17 July 2025

Q1 2026

Q4 2026

29 January 2025

28 May 2025

25 February 2026

Q3 2026

Release of the Clean Industrial Deal

Proposal for the next MFF 2028-2034

EU Innovation Act

Anticipated deal on the next MFF, the release of the review of the Governance Regulation, EED and RED

Energy Agencies and Regions as delivery muscle of EU's decarbonisation for competitiveness

Clean Industrial Deal objective, the role of Energy Agencies

- Affordable clean energy → Support electrification, efficiency audits, renewable integration and energy cost optimisation for industry

- Scaling clean technologies → Develop bankable projects, structure investments and connect local authorities, citizens and companies with finance and subsidies

- Demand for cleantech → by helping public authorities, citizens and companies meet sustainability standards and reaching climate neutrality

- Circularity & resource efficiency → Advise on process optimisation, waste heat recovery and material efficiency solutions

Energy Agencies and Regions as delivery muscle of EU's decarbonisation for competitiveness

What they deliver for industry

- Access to finance, subsidies and third-party investment models
  - i.e. Program Fiteo by AREC Occitanie
    - Third-party financing model enabling companies to decarbonise without upfront investment, with repayments aligned to energy savings.
    - Integrated support package combining technical expertise, subsidies and private finance to turn projects into bankable investments.

The case of SATYS:
- Grap'Sud: installation of a biomass boiler producing 12 tonnes of steam per hour, covering 55% of the site's industrial process energy consumption. 80% of waste generated on site is reused, leading to a 30% reduction in energy-related emissions, equivalent to more than 5,000 tonnes of CO_2 avoided.
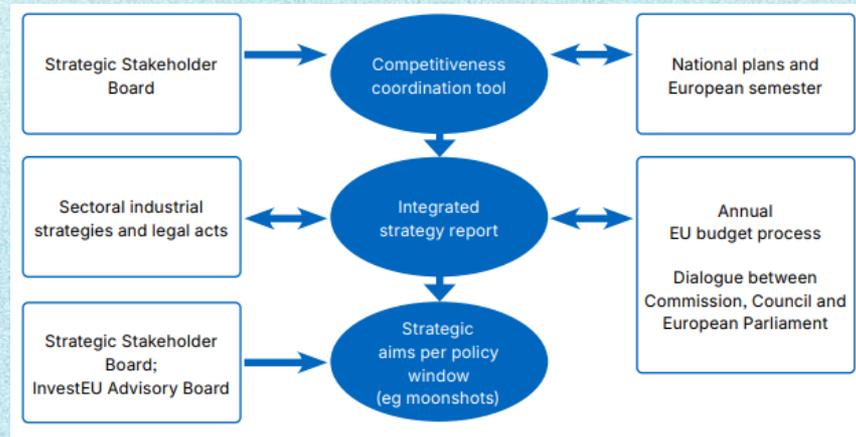
Improve the delivery of European policies by improving the governance

In the next Multiannual framework of the EU for 2028-2034
- New European Competitiveness Fund incorporating 14 different programs into one
- Horizon Europe increase by 63%

Local and regional authorities will continue to play a key role in the delivery of the projects funded by – improve the governance of the funds by ensuring the representation of local and regional authorities in the Governance of the fund

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