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Sustainable Energy Twinning Programme Summary

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ENNEREG Sustainable Energy Twinning Framework

- Was launched after the first year of project implementation for the 12 ENNEREG regions to enter a 'serious' dialogue with 12 regions outside the ENNEREG consortium on replicating ENNEREG achievements
- This included hand-on support to twin partners on how to approach the SEAP development process, initiate SEPs and to build relations reaching beyond the ENNEREG project
- ENNEREG partners have had a small staff and travel budget in the ENNEREG project for twinning – twin partners have not had any budget from the project

ENNEREG Twinning Process

1. Identification of twin partner by the ENNEREG region, agreement on twinning and joint drafting of twinning work programme
2. Initiation of activities, including minimum one ENNEREG region mission to its twin partner region
3. Evaluation of twinning process, activities and outcome by the ENNEREG region (ongoing)

A sustainable energy twinning guideline developed to support partners in:

- Setting up the partnerships
- Preparing work programme and evaluation reports

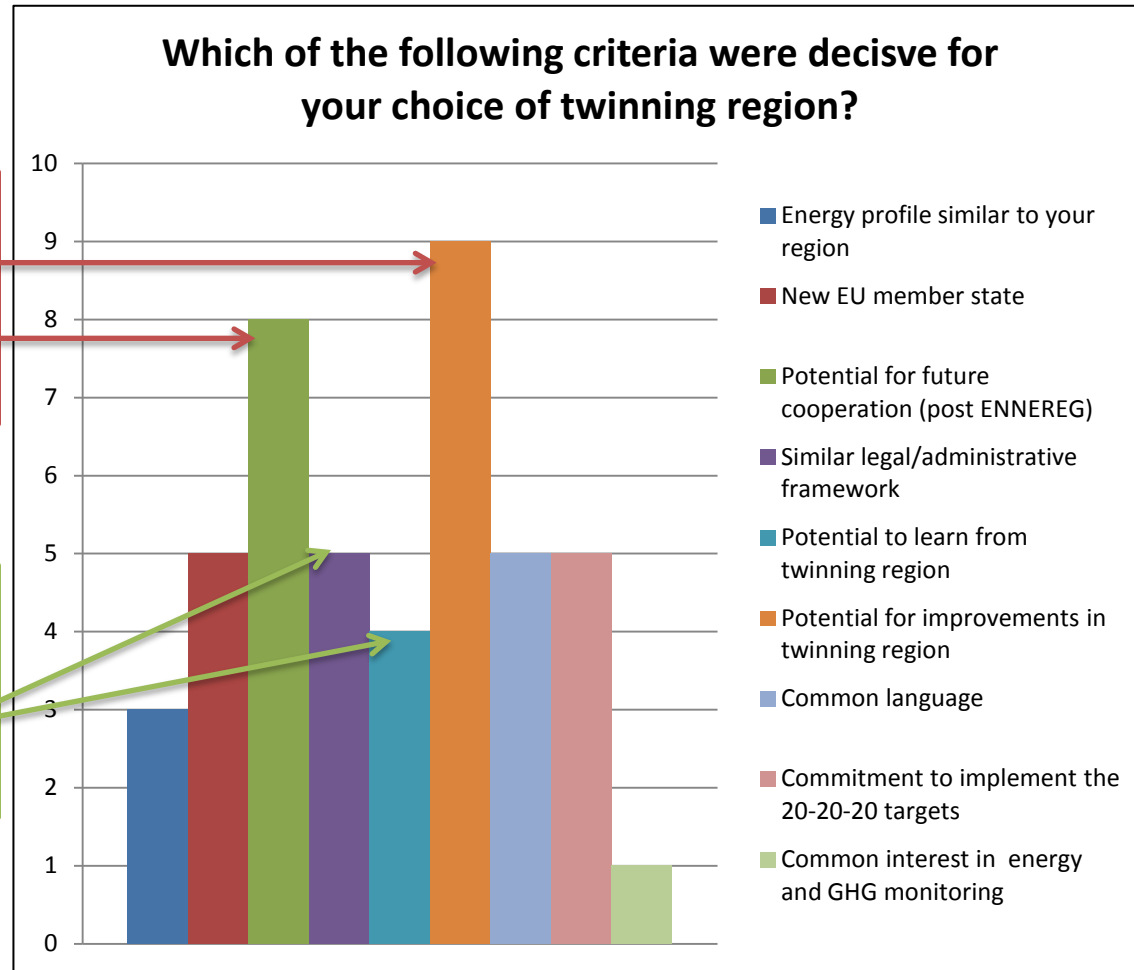
Identification of Twin Partners

- 8 of 12 ENNEREG regions identified their twin partner through “previous collaboration/own networks”, 4 found their twin through the ENNEREG partnership and European Networks
- 5 twinnings have taken place across borders – 7 within the ENNEREG partner country
- 6 of the 12 partnerships involved twins from NMS (Romania (2), Poland (2), Estonia, Lithuania,) and 1 has involved a partner from the candidate country for EU accession, Croatia.

Identification of Twin Partners (II)

High scorers: Potential for improvements in the twin region and potential for future cooperation!

Surprisingly: Similar legal/administrative framework and potential to learn from the twin region less important!?



The Sustainable Energy Twinning Partnerships

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Basque Country (ES)
 Blekinge (SE)
 Cyclades (GR)
 Kaunas (LT)
 Madeira (PT)
 Pomerania (PL)
 Rhône-Alpes (FR)
 Silistra (BG)
 Triangle Region (DK)
 Upper Palatinate (DE)
 Wales (UK)
 Wielkopolska (PL)

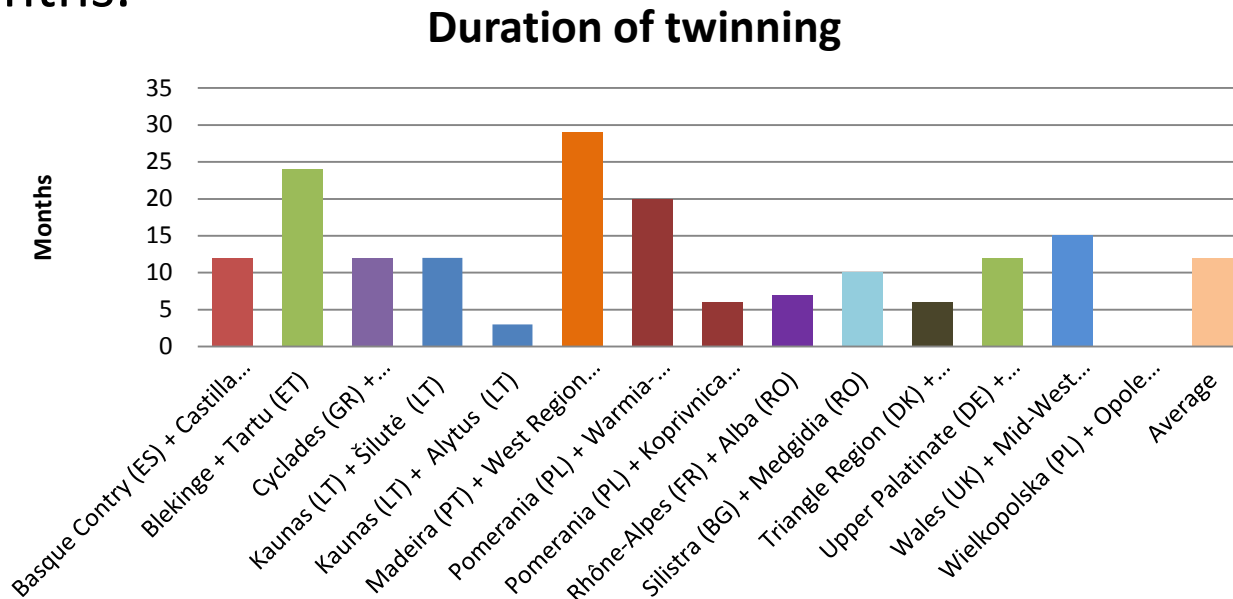


Twin

Castilla y León (ES)
 City of Tartu (EST)
 Dodecanisa Reg. (GR)
 Šilutė Municipality (LT)
 West Region (PT)
 Warmia-Mazuria (PL)
 Alba County (RO)
 Medgidia Mun. (RO)
 Koprivnica Prov. (HR)
 Allgäu Region (DE)
 Mid-West Region (IE)
 Opole Region (PL)

Twinning start and duration

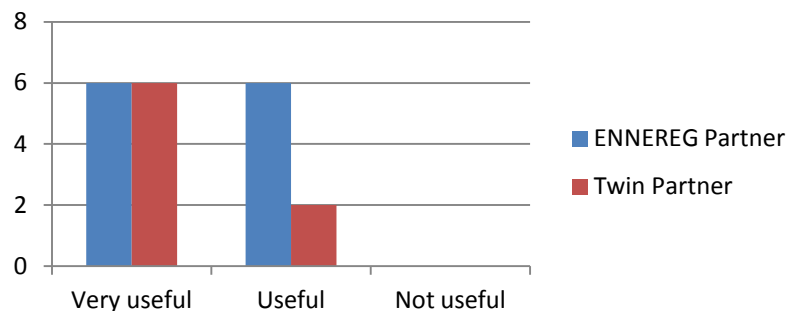
- As from month 6 of the project, October 2010, the first ENNEREG region started dialog with a twin partner, while the last twinning arrangement kicked off month 25, June 2012.
- The duration of the twinning partnerships varied from 6 to 29 months.



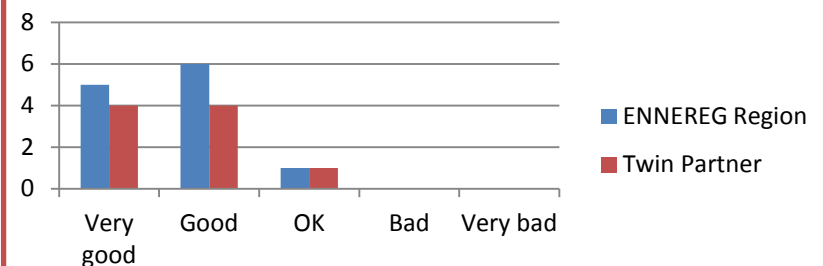
Mission to Twin Region

- The mandatory ENNEREG region mission to the twin partner has been highly valued – mostly by twin partners
- Workshops were generally considered the most rewarding type of twinning activity
- After having met the communication was smoother than before which paved the way for “better” joint activities
- Overall, both ENNEREG regions and twins found the communication “Very Good” or “Good”

How useful was the visit(s)?



How has the communication been with the twinning region?

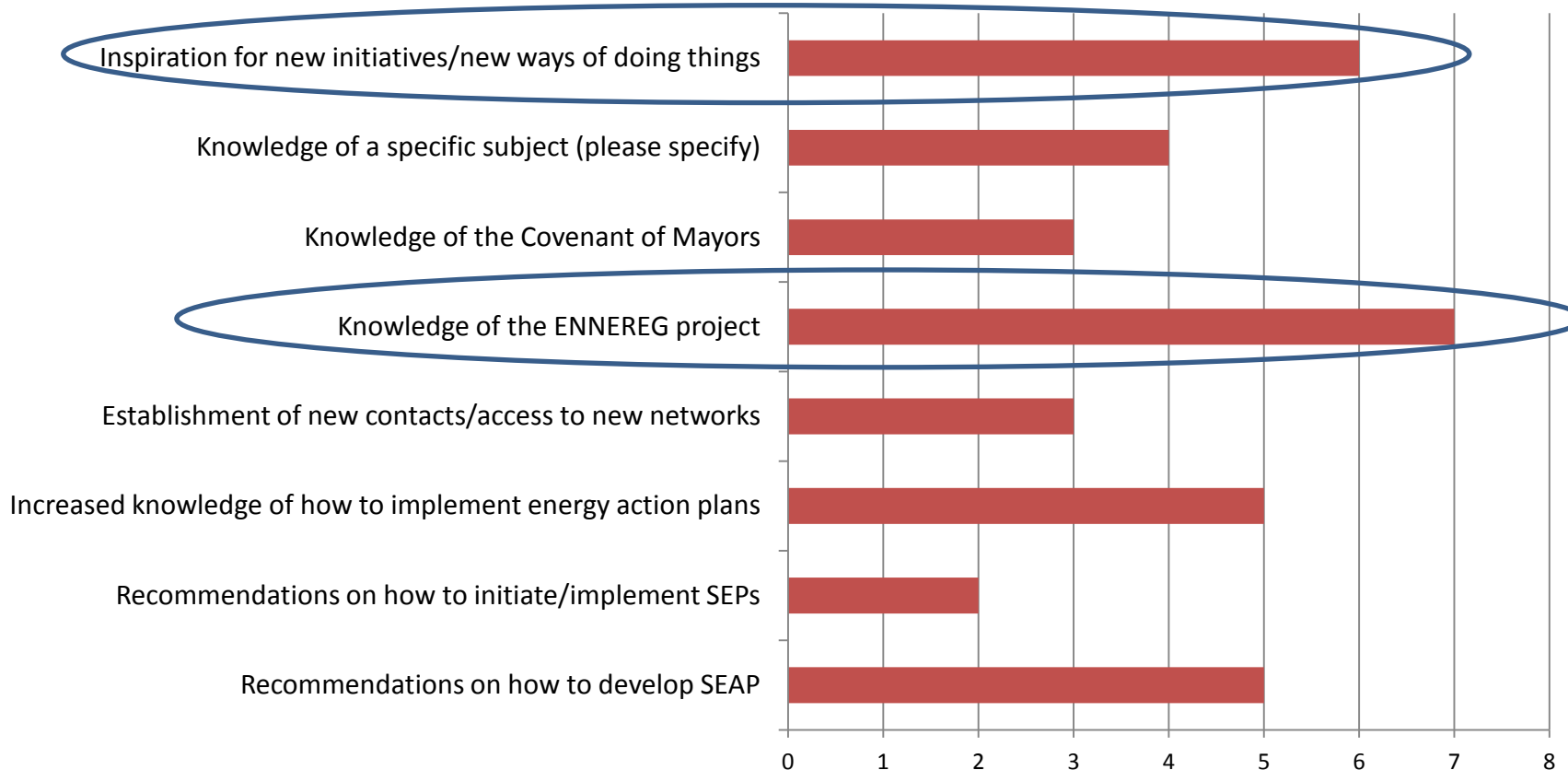


Preliminary Twinning Results

- **SEAP processes triggered/supported in 5 twin regions**
- **Good practice SEPs promoted in all twin regions**
- **CoM promoted in 5 twin regions**
- **Trainings for administration or technical staff in 2 twin regions**
- **SEAP and/or SEP workshops held in all twin regions**
- **3 joint (EU) project proposals submitted from 2 partnerships**
- **All twin regions have joined the Regions 20-20-20 Network on www.regions202020.eu.**

Further outcome

Twin regions: What have been the main outcomes/benefits of twinning?

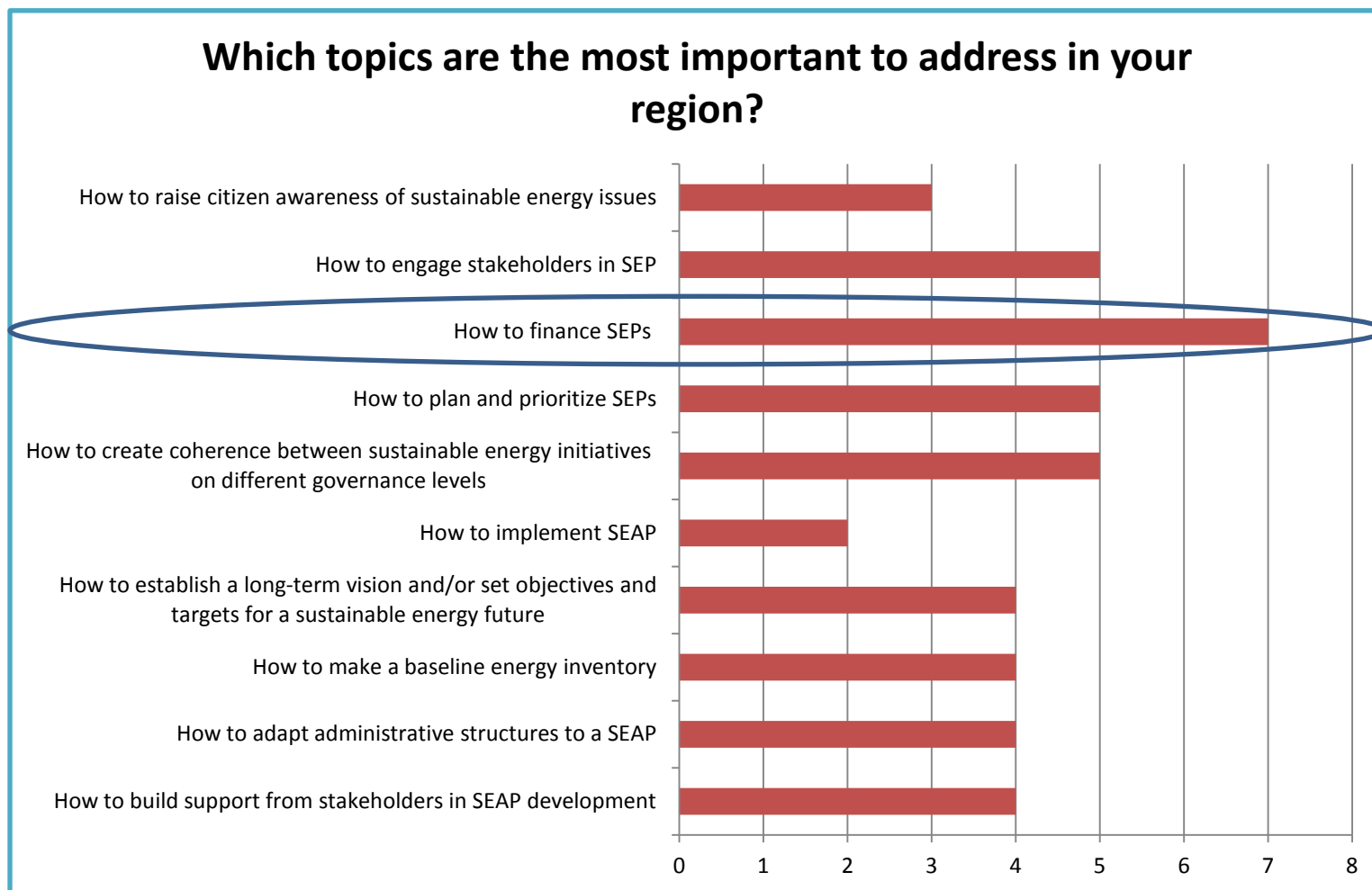


Some Challenges Experienced

Sustainable energy twinning is not always easy to put into practice. According to the ENNEREG partners, replication of good practices can be challenged by:

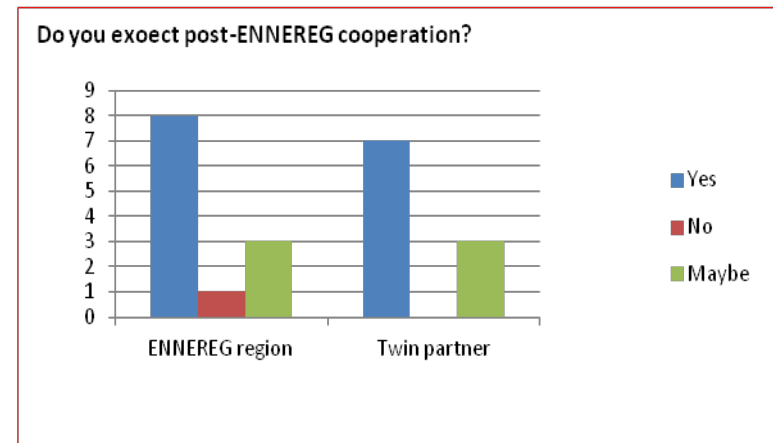
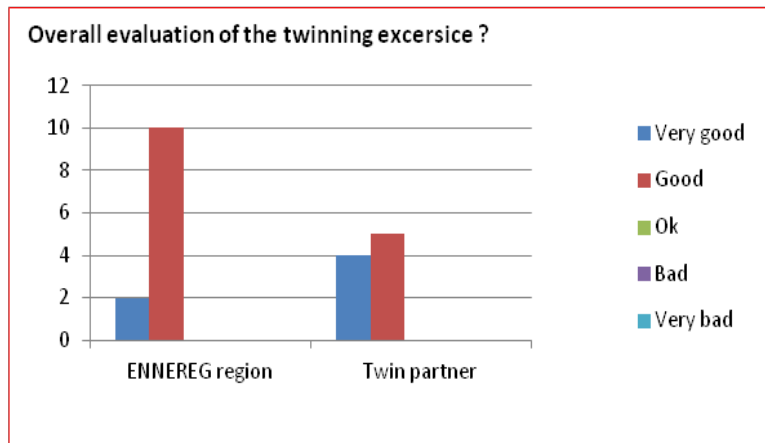
- Lack of financial and human resources in the twin region
- Insufficient knowledge of planning, technical issues and financial mechanisms in the twin region
- Weak coordination and engagement of stakeholders and low citizen awareness in the twin regions
- Different cultures and legislations between the twinning partners

Important Future Topics to Address



Overall Perception of the Twinning

- All partners – ENNEREG and twins – evaluated the overall twinning experience as either “very good” or “good”. Further, 3/4 of the partners – ENNEREG and twins – would recommend sustainable energy twinning to other regions.
- 2/3 of the partners expect continuing cooperation after the ENNEREG project has ended.



Region of Blekinge (SE) – Tartu Region (EST)

The city of Tartu needed information and inspiration for SEAP development and baseline study, and through a successful twinning with Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (ESS) the process began.

Twinning focus and objectives

Tartu needed inspiration on how to approach the SEAP process in the best possible way - both on a regional and a local level. The overall objective for ESS/Blekinge was to be a support in that process by:

- Providing information and experience on the SEAP



ENNEREG Sustainable Energy Twinning Case Blekinge - Tartu

delegation to get a firsthand experience on sustainable energy planning and initiation of SEP.

Main outcome and results

During this process, important information was shared between the regions and Tartu got a step further to develop and implement a SEAP.

ESS also found the twinning exercise as an important learning experience, as ESS remarks *"When you look at another region you learn a lot about your own at the*

Twinning partners: Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden ESS (SE) and Tartu Regional Energy Agency TREA(EST)

Twinning period: Jun 2011 - Oct 2012

ESS mission to Tartu: 12.-13. Oct 2011

Study visit to Växjö: 6.-8. March 2012



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