

*DEcarbonising the TOURISM Industry Post Covid-19 Support  
(DETOCS)*

The EU has decided to de-carbonize its economy until 2050 due to necessity of climate change mitigation and adaptation. In parallel, the EU requires to increase its energy security, self-sufficiency and competitiveness, with the current energy crisis has skyrocketed the prices of fuels and electricity threatening the viability and profitability of tourism infrastructure.

The DETOCS project will address main challenges for the recovery of the EU tourism infrastructure brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and the new energy crisis, in a sustainable and low carbon emission. The goals of this project will achieve priorities of EU policies for the de-carbonization of the economy.

During the project implementation good practices will be identified and exchanged among partner regions in Slovenia, Greece, Malta, Finland, Italy, Bulgaria and the Netherlands. Meanwhile, project partners will aim to improve regional policies through capacity building in the participating regions and the adoption of policies that have proven to be successful in other regions.

The **DETOCS** project aims to:

- A) Facilitate of the de-carbonization of the tourism infrastructure,
- B) Increase the energy efficiency of tourism infrastructure,
- C) Increase the energy self-sufficiency of tourism sector,
- D) Promote new and novel types of tourism having low energy consumption and carbon footprint like “virtual tourism”,
- E) Assist regions to cope with the current energy crisis that increases the share of energy cost in their total operational cost threatening their profitability and economic viability.

The four-year project has a total budget of € 1,980,883 with € 1,567,416 provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The DETOCS project consortium consists of 13 project partners and 1 advisory partner from 9 different European countries, namely Slovenia (Lead Partner), Greece, Malta, Finland, Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Germany (Advisor Partner).

The Ministry for Tourism and the Institute for Sustainable Energy of the University of are participating in this project as partners.