

ANCI Lombardia: expression of interest to join partnerships for the submission of LIFE project proposals under the LIFE-2026-CET Call – Topic HEATCOOLPLAN.



ANCI Lombardia, the Lombardy branch of the National Association of Italian Municipalities, represents nearly 1,500 municipalities across Lombardy, one of Europe’s most economically dynamic and densely populated regions. Established

in 1978 and headquartered in Milan, ANCI Lombardia supports local authorities in addressing complex policy challenges through institutional representation, technical assistance, capacity building, stakeholder engagement and project development. Acting as a connecting body between municipalities, regional authorities, national institutions and civil society, ANCI Lombardia promotes innovative governance models and supports local administrations in implementing European policies and sustainability objectives. The Association can bring significant added value to a consortium thanks to its extensive network of municipalities, its long-standing experience in supporting local policies in the fields of energy and environment, and its proven capacity to engage local stakeholders and public administrations in large-scale European initiatives. Through its thematic departments dedicated to environment, local public services, energy transition, green economy and sustainable development, ANCI Lombardia actively supports municipalities in implementing European and national climate and energy policies. The organisation also participates in regional working groups and observatories on energy transition, circular economy and sustainable territorial development, facilitating dialogue between local authorities, regional administrations, utilities, research organisations and citizens.

ANCI Lombardia has significant experience in the management and implementation of European projects funded under the LIFE, Horizon Europe, Interreg and other European Union Programmes.

Within a LIFE CET project’s consortium, ANCI Lombardia can contribute in particular to the following activities:

- stakeholder mapping and engagement at local and regional level;
- mobilisation of municipalities and local public authorities;
- capacity building and training programmes for local administrations;
- dissemination, communication and replication activities;
- organisation of workshops, peer-learning activities and policy dialogues;
- collection of local needs and facilitation of multi-level governance processes;
- support for pilot actions involving municipalities and local communities.

Thanks to its direct access to a wide network of municipalities, ANCI Lombardia can facilitate the testing, validation and replication of innovative planning approaches, ensuring strong territorial impact and the long-term sustainability of project results.

The organisation is particularly interested in collaborating with energy agencies, research centres, universities, local and regional authorities, district heating and cooling operators, utilities, technology providers and European networks of municipalities that are already preparing project proposals under the [Call LIFE-2026-CET](#) for the [Topic HEATCOOLPLAN](#) (“Supporting the delivery of actionable, integrated, and comprehensive local heating and cooling plans”).

ANCI Lombardia is available to join existing project consortia and contribute its expertise in local governance, stakeholder engagement, capacity building and public policy implementation, with the aim of supporting the development of integrated, actionable and investment-oriented local heating and cooling plans at European level.

Stakeholders interested in the “LIFE partner offer” referenced above may contact ANCI Lombardia at the following e-mail address: santori@progettiancिलombardia.it.