



# RECET

RURAL EUROPE  
FOR THE CLEAN ENERGY  
TRANSITION



## Energy policy on the local level Planning and implementing energy actions with local authorities



# EIMUR

What is EIMUR?

Public-private partnership in North-East Iceland

- Landsvirkjun (the national power company of Iceland)
- Norðurorka, and Orkuveita Húsavíkur (local utility companies in NE-Iceland)
- SSNE (the association of municipalities in NE-Iceland)
- Icelandic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate

# EIMUR

What does EIMUR do?

- Eimur is a development and innovation entity for the Northeastern part of Iceland in the field of sustainability, green energy and improved utilization of resources
- Increase the value of the region, its goods and resources
- Foster collaboration and act as a facilitator



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# Iceland's climate goals

Carbon neutral 2040

Full clean energy transition by 2040

1,3Mt reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> by 2030 (Fit by 55)

No real tangible plans being developed by municipalities in rural areas to achieve these goals

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## National level

National government have published climate plans and implemented general policies  
Climate policies trickling down  
Top-down approach with little guidance to regional and municipal entities

## Local issue

Top-down approach with little engagement on the local level  
Limited human recourses – each person is required to wear many hats

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# Rural Europe towards the Clean Energy Transition

Start date October 1, 2023

End date September 30, 2026



-  Regional planning
-  Renewable Energy
-  Rural Communities
-  Clean Energy Transition
-  Local capacity
-  Community policies





# Project partners

## Full partners of RECET

   **EIMUR**  
 **SSNE**  
Samtök sveitarfélaga & atvinnuþróunar  
á Norðurlandi eystra

 **ENERGIKONTOR SYD**

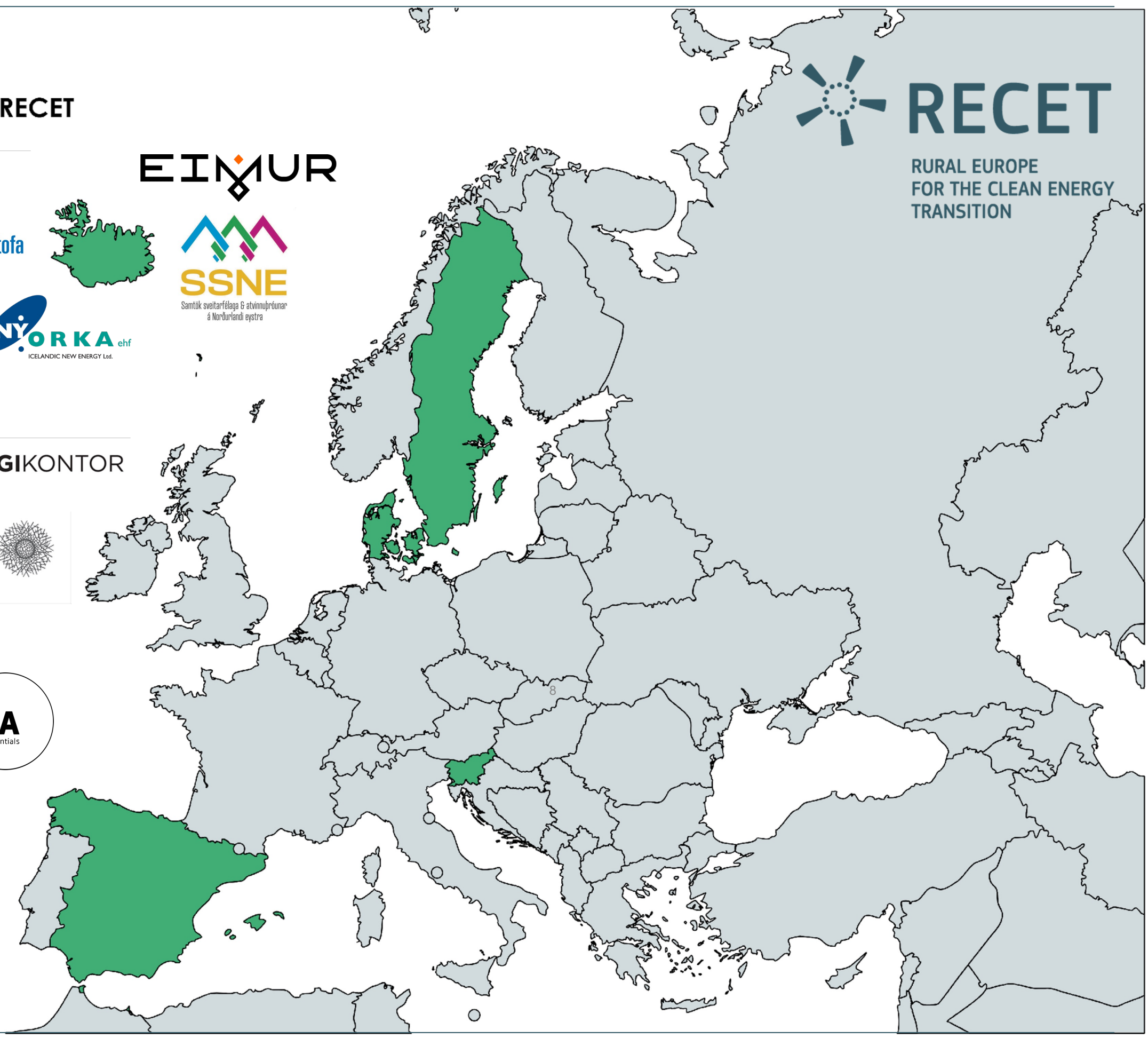
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**ISKRIVA**  
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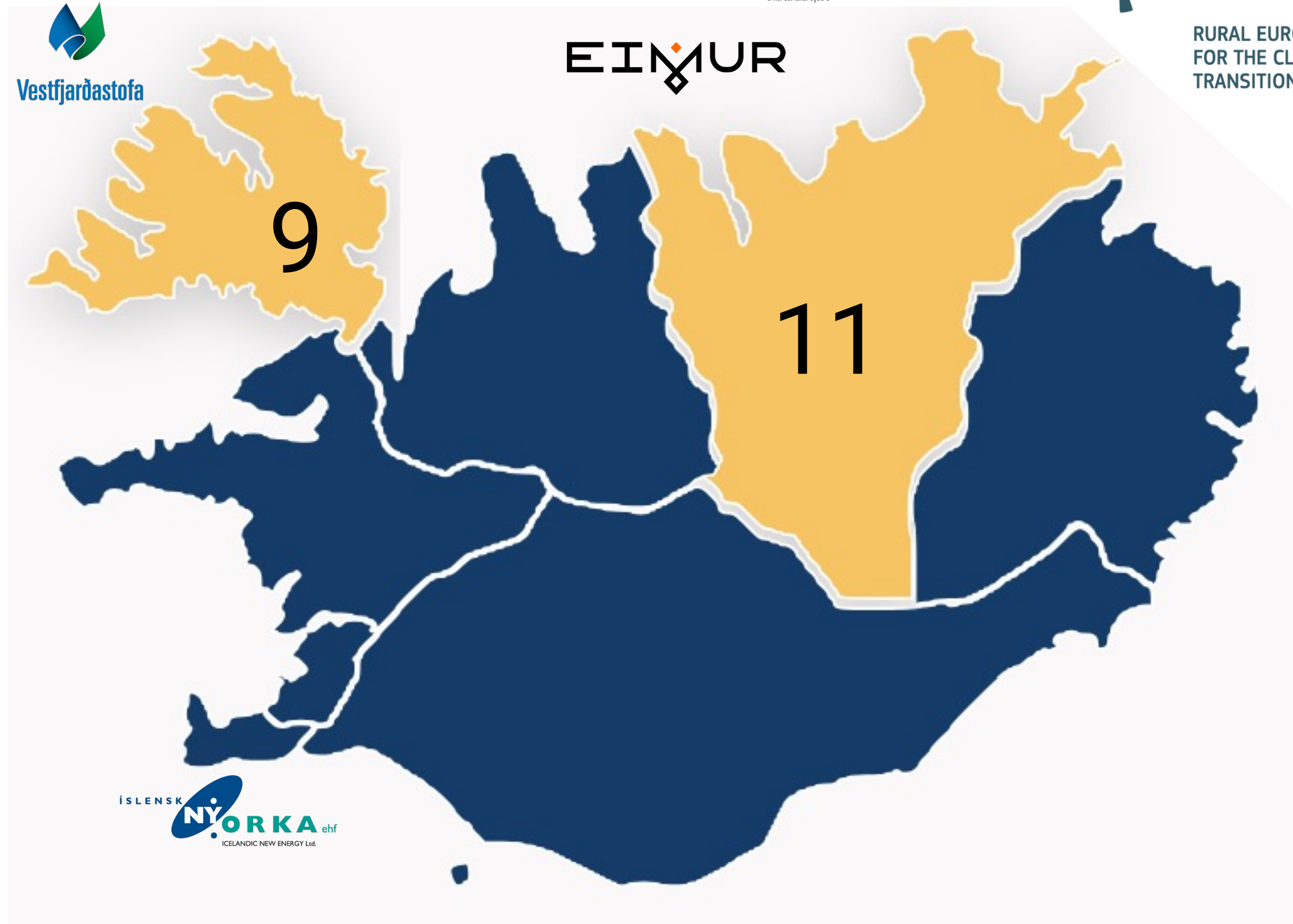
  
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Project partners  
and participating  
municipalities in Iceland

9 in Westfjord region  
11 in North-East region

# General objective

Reduce dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the clean energy transition (CET) in five European regions and their municipalities.

## Specific objective

1. Build capacity in the administrations of municipalities and regions to accelerate local climate action,
2. Establish vertical and horizontal cooperation across sectors for CET planning,
3. Facilitate the development of realistic regional CET plans,
4. Disseminate best practices for successful local stakeholder and community engagement and CET implementation.

# What is the plan?

Main objective is to help (and push) the municipalities to develop CET plans

Hold events and workshops with stakeholders

- Work on CET plans

Show municipalities how they can use tools they already possess to promote the CET

- Purchasing policies/strategies

- Zoning plans

- Tenders

# Learn from others

Energy academy at Samsø in Denmark is a mentor

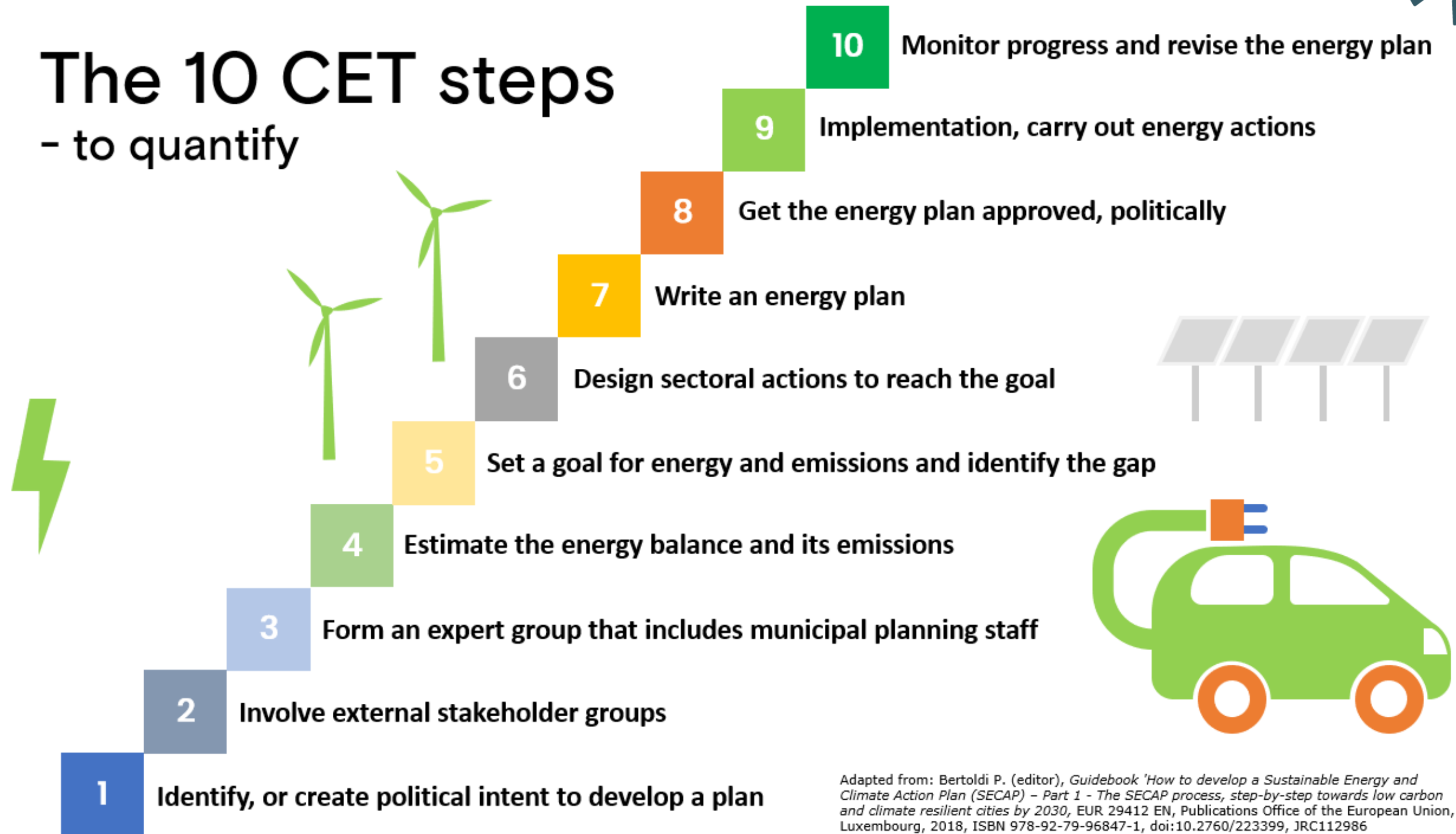
Very successful track record in energy transition

- Small community
- Planning
- Good collaboration and dialogue with all stakeholders



# Guidebook: How to develop SECAP

## The 10 CET steps - to quantify



Adapted from: Bertoldi P. (editor), *Guidebook 'How to develop a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) - Part 1 - The SECAP process, step-by-step towards low carbon and climate resilient cities by 2030*, EUR 29412 EN, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2018, ISBN 978-92-79-96847-1, doi:10.2760/223399, JRC112986

# Tell as many as we can

Final aspect of the RECET project is dissemination and communication

During the project we have ambitious goals to reach a broad audience  
Spreading the message with relevant information for rural communities on CET plans

Coordinated effort with all partners, sharing lessons learned and results

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# Thank you



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