



INTERPED

Interoperable cloud-based
solution for cross-vector
planning and management
of Positive Energy Districts

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Welcome to the third edition of the InterPED Newsletter!

As we move into a new year, this issue looks back at a particularly active and impactful period for the project. Over the past months, InterPED has brought partners together on site, strengthened collaboration across Europe, contributed to major policy and research discussions, and shared new scientific outputs and visual material with the wider community.

In this edition, you will find highlights from our **4th Plenary Meeting in Findhorn**, our participation in key **European clustering and policy events**, major **conference contributions**, newly published **scientific papers**, and our latest **project video**. We close with warm wishes for the year ahead as InterPED enters 2026 with strong momentum.

We hope you enjoy the read,

The InterPED Team



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Project Highlights | July – December 2025

InterPED's 4th Plenary Meeting in Findhorn

9–10 July 2025 | Findhorn Ecovillage, Scotland

In July 2025, the InterPED consortium met at the Findhorn Ecovillage for its **4th Plenary Meeting**, hosted by partner **FIRE**. The two-day General Assembly brought together all work packages to review progress, align priorities for the second reporting period, and engage directly with one of the project's flagship pilot communities.

The meeting combined an on-site pilot visit with coordination updates and a dedicated pilots workshop, where all four InterPED pilot sites shared progress and lessons learned. Breakout discussions fostered cross-pilot exchange on citizen engagement, flexibility, interoperability, and monitoring. The second day focused on technical progress, validation, dissemination, and exploitation planning, reinforcing collaboration and alignment for the next project phase.



[Read more about InterPED's 4th Plenary Meeting](#)



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InterPED at the 2nd CINEA Cluster Meeting on Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts

29 September 2025 | Brussels, Belgium

InterPED participated in the 2nd [CINEA](#) Cluster Meeting, joining Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects working on Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts. Contributing to the Interoperability, Energy Systems Integration session, InterPED shared insights on cross-vector integration, flexibility, and scalable solutions.

During roundtable discussions, the project highlighted the importance of layered communication of results and the integration of social sciences to support replication and long-term citizen uptake. The meeting strengthened InterPED's engagement with policymakers and peer projects across Europe.



[Read more about InterPED at the CINEA Cluster Meeting](#)

InterPED at Sustainable Places 2025

8–10 October 2025 | Milan, Italy

At [Sustainable Places 2025](#), InterPED contributed to high-level discussions on **energy flexibility** and **citizen engagement** in Positive Energy Districts. The project participated in two workshops focusing on operational, governance, and digital approaches to flexibility, as well as participatory design and social acceptance in PEDs.

InterPED showcased its cross-vector energy management approach and shared experiences from pilot sites such as Findhorn, reinforcing the importance of citizens as co-creators in sustainable urban energy systems.

Day 2 | 9 October 2025 | 16:00–17:30 CEST | Room 1

 Watch the recording here: [YouTube Video](#)

Day 3 | 10 October 2025 | 14:00–15:30 CEST | Room 4

 Watch the recording here: [YouTube Video](#)



 [Read more about InterPED at Sustainable Places 2025](#)

InterPED at Enlit Europe 2025

18–20 November 2025 | Bilbao, Spain

InterPED joined [Enlit Europe 2025](#) as part of the EU Projects Zone within the joint booth “**Flexible Solutions Empowering Citizens**”. Alongside ten Horizon Europe projects, InterPED presented interoperable technologies supporting flexibility, optimisation, and citizen participation.

The project also contributed to a panel and roundtable discussion on citizen-centred PEDs, highlighting lessons from participatory design workshops and the role of communities in driving long-term district-level energy transitions.



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[Read more about InterPED at Enlit Europe 2025](#)

InterPED at BEHAVE 2025

11–12 December 2025 | Paris, France

InterPED took part in **BEHAVE 2025**, the flagship European conference on behavioural insights in energy and climate policy. Represented by **Heriot-Watt University**, the project presented its work on participatory visioning and energy literacy in energy communities.

The conference reinforced the message that achieving climate neutrality requires not only efficient technologies, but also sustained participation, learning, and lifestyle change at community level.



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New InterPED Publications

Empowering cities through Positive Energy Districts: Strategies and implementations from PED projects of EU climate neutral and smart cities

An open-access review paper analysing PED and PCED strategies across Europe, featuring InterPED and other EU-funded projects.

<https://zenodo.org/records/18128532>

Physics-Informed Neural Network for Building Energy Demand Prediction

A scientific publication exploring physics-informed neural networks for efficient energy demand prediction, supporting data-driven PED planning.

<https://zenodo.org/records/18127236>

New InterPED Video

Discover InterPED in Action

Watch our latest project video showcasing InterPED's vision, pilot sites, and citizen centred approach to Positive Energy Districts.

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fONma5KWti8>

Looking Ahead – Happy New Year

As we enter 2026, we would like to thank our partners, pilot communities, and stakeholders for their continued collaboration and trust. We wish you a happy, healthy, and inspiring New Year, filled with positive energy and new opportunities for cooperation.

 **Happy New Year from the InterPED Team!** 

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