



# GRANALUR's Knowledge Transfer Accelerator

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## Advancing Climate Neutrality in EU Rural Areas

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**Empowering** rural islands for  
Climate Action

## What is ICONIC?

ICONIC is a forward-looking project designed to enhance energy independence, climate neutrality, and sustainable development in rural and island communities across Europe.

## Why ICONIC Rural Islands?

Across Europe, many rural islands face limited economic opportunities, social isolation, and dependence on external energy sources.

Their unique geography and climate can be a double-edged sword: while isolation can increase social and energy vulnerability, it also gives islands great potential to become climate-resilient and self-sufficient.



- Climate Neutrality
- Empowering Rural Islands
- Fostering Innovation
- Innovative Governance Spaces
- Spreading the word!

ICONIC will deploy social and technological innovations:

- **Technological innovations** → implemented to promote energy independence, such as the deployment of renewable **energy** systems, smart **water management**, off-grid **biogas systems**, and **sustainable mobility** solutions
- **Social innovations** → **Climate municipal working groups & Multi-actor climate assembly**

These innovations are tested through real-world pilot demonstrations in rural islands across Europe where the project works closely with local stakeholders:





**Thank you!**  
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