A new governance approach:  
how a local community has developed  
an energy policy to deal with climate change

Miro Kristan, EMC Braganca 2016
Context of the initiative

• Climate change is here – what now?
• Who should take action?
• Energy...
• Mountain areas more affected – Alpine space as a case study, role model.
• Bottom up – Alpstar project – connecting ambitious regions.
• NW Slovenia as the pilot (5 municipalities)
The process ...

- Convenant of mayors
- Low carbon strategy
- Alpine town of the year (Tolmin 2016)
Examples of results (Tolmin municipality)

- Bohinj railway – car train, multimodality
- Cycling as transport in rural areas
- E-mobility
- Refurbishment of public buildings
- Public lighting
- Mapping of RES potential (GIS)
- ... (user behavior)
Innovative points

• Not a project but a process
• Public participation, bottom up
• Commitment of single stakeholder
• Energy is hidden in all sectors, importance of cross sectorial approach
• Regional approach for tangible results
Key elements for transferability

- Motivation of decision makers
- Make it an opportunity
- Work on simple measures
- Don’t start/stop with financing issue
Self – initiative & participation

What is my contribution?