

ThermEcoWat

Dear ThermEcoWat partners,
Dear partners of Thermauvergne,
Dear beneficiaries of the Interreg SUDOE programme,

For this second edition of the ThermEcoWat project newsletter, we have put together **articles that highlight the actions carried out by the consortium.**

In recent months, the partners and territories involved in Spain, Portugal and France have presented the project at several events, testifying to the **collective energy and international dimension of the project.**

Happy reading !



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ThermEcoWat in São Pedro do Sul combined expertise for the climate adaptation of spas



Transnational Workshop
in São Pedro do Sul, april 2025

From 8 to 10 April, the European consortium ThermEcoWat met in Sao Pedro do Sul, the largest spa resort in Portugal, to share innovative solutions in sustainable thermal water management.

Experts from France, Spain and Portugal studied the pilot cases of Chaudes-Aigues, Caldes de Montbui and Sao Pedro do Sul, in order to optimise the energy performance and adaptation to climate change of the spas of South-West Europe.

An [aftermovie video](#) highlights this workshop, which is a decisive step towards making spa destinations more sustainable, resilient and energy-efficient, for the benefit of the territories.

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Auvergne spa resorts a focus group to imagine their climate adaptation

As part of the ThermEcoWat project, a collaborative focus group was organized on February 27 in Royat, France, to collectively reflect on the adaptation of spa resorts to the challenges posed by climate change.

Moderated by Sylvia Becerra, sociologist of the environment and risks at the CNRS in Toulouse, this meeting brought together actors from the thermal sector and local elected officials from the Auvergne Thermale. The objective was to identify together the vulnerabilities, sensitivities and adaptive capacities of spa resorts, in order to co-construct sustainable solutions to the climate emergency.

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Caldes de Montbui preserving the thermal future in the face of the climate challenge

The municipality of Caldes de Montbui actively participates in the European project ThermEcoWat to better understand and protect its thermal resource in the face of climate change. Thanks to this project, the city benefits from in-depth scientific analyses on the quality and management of its thermal waters, which are essential to its identity and local economy.

The installation of digital meters makes it possible to measure water flows in real time, facilitating more efficient and sustainable management. Caldes is also exploring new energy uses for thermal water, with a view to ecological transition. By hosting European workshops and collaborating with international experts, the municipality is strengthening its capacity to adapt and affirming its desire to preserve and enhance its thermal heritage in the long term.

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ThermEcoWat at Geo-RIN

ICGC and LNEG present solutions to better manage thermal resources and innovate for the energy transition as part of the Green Deal

At the Geo-RIN congress in Benasque, the ICGC presented its work on the management of thermal resources in Catalonia and other pilot regions. Emphasis was placed on the need to adapt the exploitation of thermal waters to enhance their energy potential, while respecting European regulations.

In addition, LNEG exhibited its research in S. Pedro do Sul, Portugal, where geophysical methods have improved the understanding and protection of thermal resources in the face of climate challenges.

[about the ICGC presentation ...](#)

[about LNEG's overview ...](#)

Heading for Davos

the ThermEcoWat project, a European model of climate adaptation presented at the IAHS2024

The ThermEcoWat project was presented at the IAHS2024 Congress in Davos, highlighting the resilience of thermal territories to the challenges posed by climate change. This presentation, in the form of a scientific poster, clearly exposed the key issues, the decision-making tools developed, as well as the adaptation strategies envisaged. The main objective was to raise awareness and make these complex issues accessible.

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presented at the International Congress of Thermal Tourism in Budapest

On the occasion of the Budapest International Congress of Thermal Tourism organized in Budapest, the European ThermEcoWat project was presented as an example of the mobilization of thermal resources for the ecological transition and local development.

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ThermEcoWat at the CISCA conference

crossing scientific and territorial perspectives to think about the climate adaptation of spas

On June 11 and 12, 2025, the ThermEcoWat project team participated in the symposium "Shared knowledge and collective actions to project the territories of tomorrow", organized by the Centre d'Innovations Sociales Clermont Auvergne (CISCA). It was an opportunity to share an in-depth reflection on the contribution of the social sciences to the climate adaptation of spa resorts and on the modalities of co-construction of territorial solutions.

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