



AREZZO, Italy



The territory of Arezzo, located between the plains of the Chiana Valley and the hills and mountains surrounding the city, is housing half of its population (97,000 inhabitants) within the city, the rest is concentrated in hamlets or fewer units. The city is classified as Class E with regard to heat regulation, and started to support citizens with the replacement of boilers and access to social bonuses for electricity and natural gas supply.

The municipality aims to establish **Renewable Energy Communities** to support energy-poor households, using numerous properties and roofs. The project involves the municipal waste company for the installation of the plant, a service company for the management of the energy communities, and the municipal foundation 'Arezzo Comunità' for managing relations with citizens and the development of the networks. The municipality will have the crucial role of not only supporting the setup of the communities but also acting as a regulator between producers and pure consumers and creating a fund to encourage investments in the energy efficiency of community buildings. Finally, citizens will be informed and accompanied thanks to the creation of a **one-stop-shop**.

The technical assistance will support the sustainable implementation of the energy community model, the promotion and stimulation of the start-up phase of the project, and the design and launch of the one-stop-shop, training of practitioners, as well as the identification of funding solutions.

