



Developing support mechanisms for energy communities and other citizen-led initiatives in the field of sustainable energy

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Energy communities

- Speed up the uptake of renewables and energy efficiency measures by mobilising private capital
- Increase public acceptance of the energy transition
- Be a tool to increase the flexibility of the market
- Other socio-economic benefits (social cohesion, energy poverty alleviation, distributional impacts)



Renewable energy
communities
*(revised Renewable Energy
Directive)*

Citizen energy
communities
*(Internal Market for Electricity
Directive)*

Objective

Support actions that foster the collaboration between local and regional authorities and energy communities and/or actions that develop integrated services to facilitate the emergence and growth of community energy projects

- Cities are uniquely well-placed to support, partner and invest, and to provide a positive planning and policy environment to help drive community energy.
- Some energy communities face important obstacles to take projects off the ground and integrated support services by public or private actors (in collaboration with LAs) could support the growth of community projects.



Two scopes

- **Local authorities collaborating with citizen-led-initiatives**
- **Developing integrated services to support community energy**



1. Local authorities collaborating with citizen-led-initiatives

Participation/ Set-up

- municipal energy initiatives / energy communities
- Hybrid forms of collective ownership



Supportive local policy framework

- community participation/ investment quotas
- simplified procedures
- dialogue facilitation among different actors

Support using public resources

- guarantees, seed funding
- technical advice
- local energy procurement

Training

- capacity building for local and regional authority officials, local communities, etc.
- promotion of citizen participation

**foster the collaboration
between local
authorities and energy
communities**



2. Developing integrated services to support community energy (by public or private actors in close coordination with local and/or regional authorities in targeted territories)



Information
and capacity
building



Connecting
actors



Aggregating projects
and/or supporting
commercialisation



Development of
financial tools

develop integrated services to support energy communities that lead to local sustainable energy investment pipelines



General requirements

- Justify how selected pilots fit either the definition of “renewable energy community” and/or “citizen energy community”
- Cover any area related to sustainable energy
- Demonstrate the support of key stakeholders
- Include policy feedback to improve public policies, legal and regulatory environments in the field of community energy across Europe.
- Adapt solutions if replicating existing models
- Include an action plan to communicate experiences and results towards potential replicators across the EU



Impacts

- # Primary energy savings / Renewable energy generation triggered by the project (in GWh/year)
- # Citizen-led initiatives supported and/or created as a result of the project
- # Citizens taking part in energy communities as a result of the project
- # Actors with increased skills in the area of community energy
- # Number of local and regional authorities committed to replicate best practice experiences
- # Investments in sustainable energy triggered by the project (cumulative, in million Euro)
- # Number of operational integrated service hubs at the end of the project (scope 2).
- # Locally-developed sustainable energy investment pipelines (in million Euro of investments within the first 5 years) (scope 2).

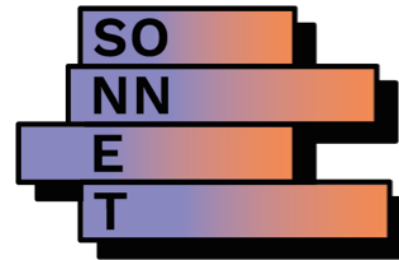


When you prepare your proposal

- Build a Consortium with relevant stakeholders necessary to implement what you propose
- Consider European added value of proposed action
- Think about the project's legacy from the start
- Credibility and clear calculations are key when assessing impacts
 - Substantiate the foreseen energy savings (present clear baselines, benchmarks and assumptions) & demonstrate a clear link to the proposed activities
- Build on existing projects



Some past projects to look into



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