

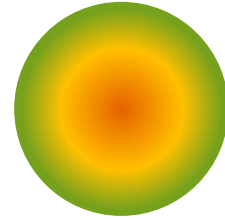


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Contribution of energy communities to the energy transition EnR Session: Challenges on local level

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How **energy communities** contribute to the energy transition

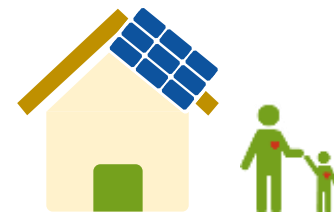
Activation of consumers

...is easier when they are members of supportive communities.
Increase public acceptance of RES, power grids,... → YIMBY



- ▶ Financial benefits are not main motivation, BUT
 - Security of prices
 - Support your local economy/community
 - Independence of autocratic systems
- ▶ Mobilise private capital for RES investement
- ▶ Utilise unused resources
- ▶ Tackle energy poverty
- ▶ Phase out fossil fuels
- ▶ Offer flexibility to the market

**Energy
Communities make
the Energy
Transition Work**



Challenges. The majority of potential energy community members lack resources, know-how or time



Two-speed energy world

Early Adopters



those who have the knowledge, access and opportunity to become a prosumer



ALL citizens

those who lack the resources, know-how, education or time to benefit from the new opportunities

Energy community as a niche product



Country wide application

Our target for the six participating countries: To make energy communities fly!



WHY

To engage **all citizens** in energy communities and collective actions, including those without the time, resources, information or digital skills to be an early adopter.

WHO

Local heroes: those potentially interested in setting-up or expanding an energy community/collective action.

WHAT

6 national Gateways (One Stop Shops) in partner countries
1 English blueprint

HOW

20 **pilots** in 6 countries
In close cooperation with **pioneers, national stakeholders, policy developers**

WHERE

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Georgia

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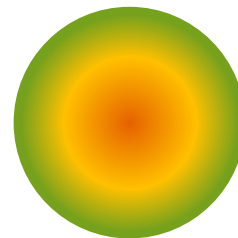
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