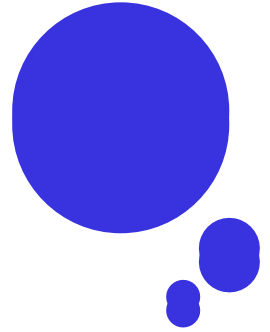


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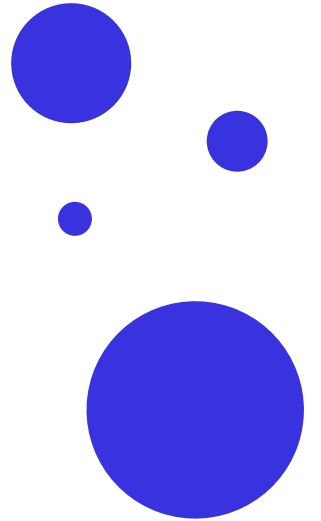


Energy poverty as a
social priority in the
context of a just
energy transition



Vulnerable consumers access to just energy transition

- Lack of access to information (complex procedures, language, asymmetric info,...)
- Financial barrier (can't access to credit, don't have cash,...)
- Limit to access grants for RES (tax penalty if 2 income-payers)
- Ownership patterns
- Housing conditions (limitations for RES installation)
- Difficulties to participate governance structures



Ecoserveis path
dealing with Energy
Communities and
vulnerable consumers

1

Projects with existing
communities (not
energy) 2018-2021

2

Participation of VC in
RES 2021-ongoing

3

Inclusive governance -
starting



Self-funded communities: learning from existing non-energy communities and testing with energy savings

Imagine a small box and a group of people who meet regularly to place their savings in it. This box will serve as a common fund for those who need to access to small loans.

These loans could be used to pay a domestic breakdown repair, unexpected bills or a RES installation.

This simple methodology has shown that communities of low-income people can fund themselves and have access to credit, without any external help.

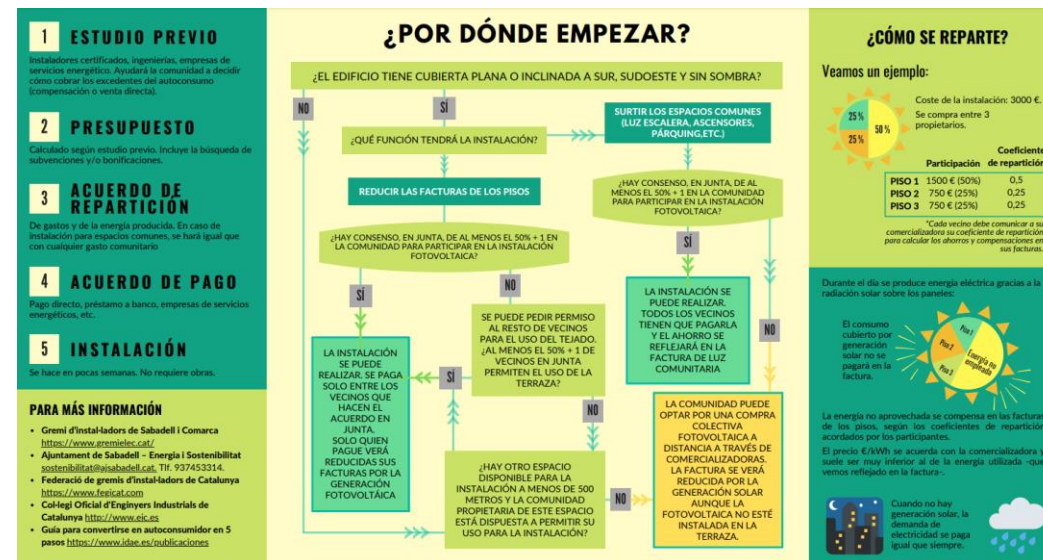
It already exists in 45 countries and so far more than 30.000.000 people are members of this kind of communities, especially in the African, American and Asian continents.





Learnings: it worked for the existing
communities, not for promoting new
ones

Energy communities in social housing: promotion of energy communities within vulnerable consumers on energy. 2019

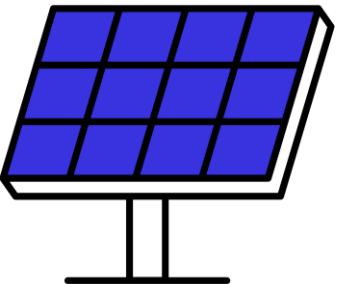


Funded by:



Learnings: - bottom-up vs up-down
- need of extra support and
tools

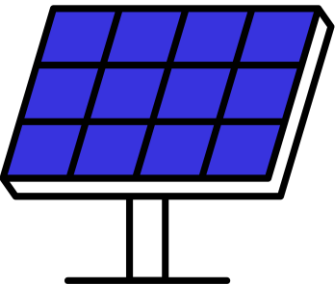
Participation of vulnerable consumers in public RES installations: Energy for all in Osona, a rural region in Catalonia 2020-2021



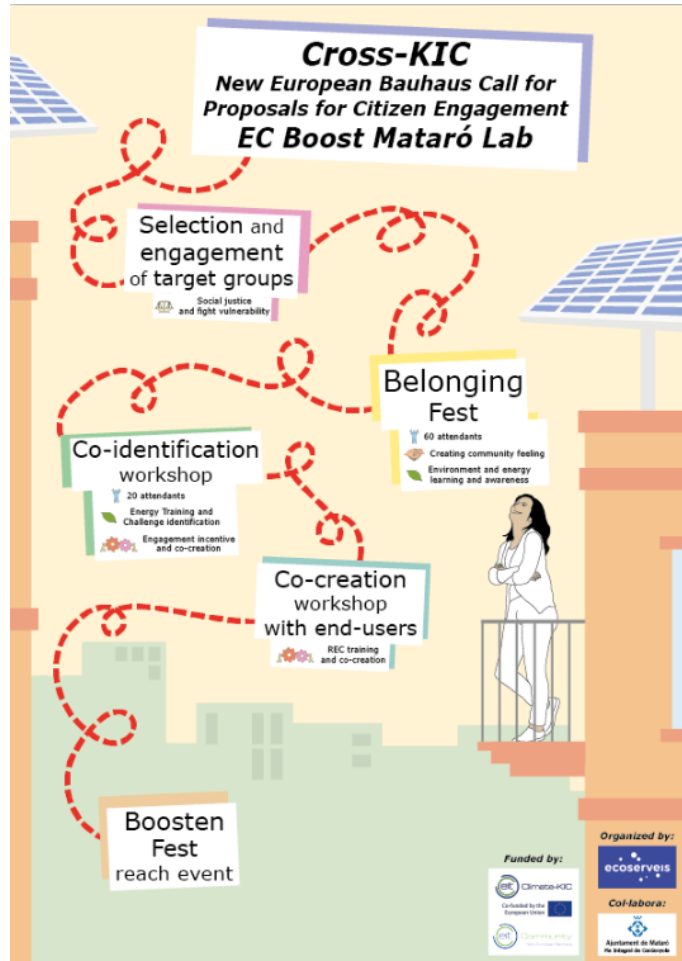


Learnings: participants gave more value to what they learnt on energy and the sense of community than for the € they received

Participation of vulnerable consumers in public RES installations: scalability at EU level



Participation of vulnerable consumers in public RES installations: support to municipalities in the engagement of vulnerable consumers on energy communities





Learnings: EnCom should be
multidepartmental if willing to involve
those in a situation of vulnerability

Next challenges...

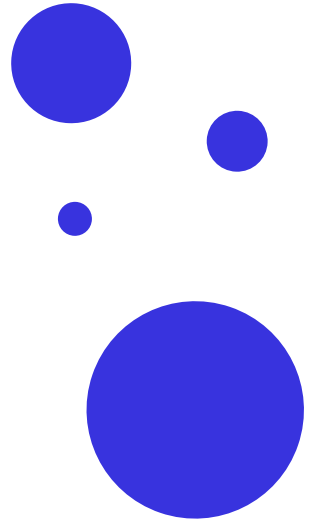
Inclusive governance of energy communities

It is not only about including them in the shares but also on the governance



Energy communities and energy poverty

- Energy poverty is not only about covering energy needs: it is about participation, influence and power.
- Energy communities are a good tool, but not enough.
- Energy communities is not only about RES.
- Energy communities don't not solve energy poverty, but help.





Thanks!

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