

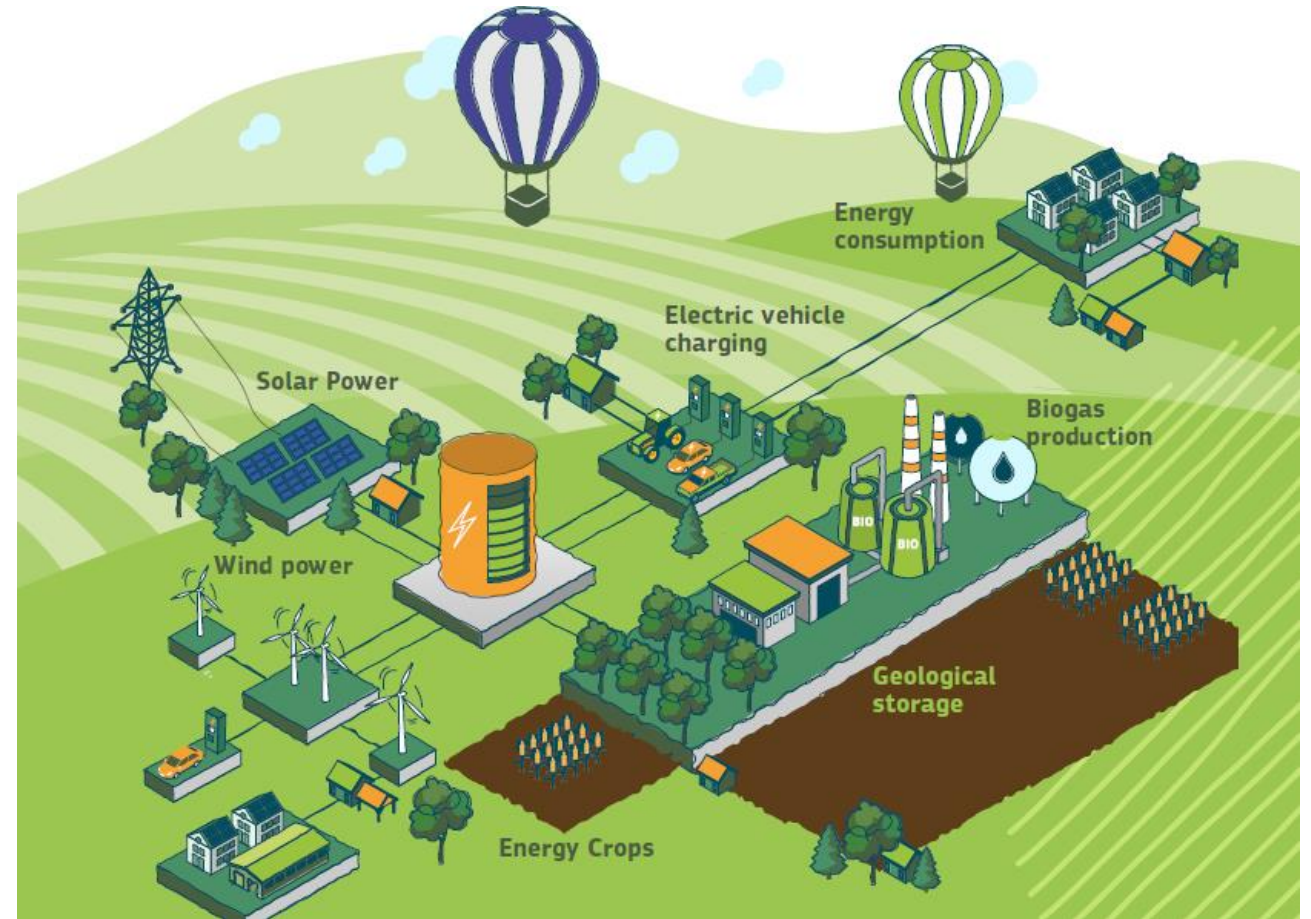
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Rural energy communities

- Are energy communities established in rural areas
- Engaging with stakeholders and actors who live and are active in these realities
- Due to their rural specificities, they face challenges such as physical constraints and interconnectivity limits



Rural energy communities are especially important in relation to the EU's climate objectives

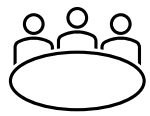
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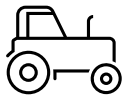
Active participation of local authorities and citizens



Ensure rural areas are not left behind



Operationalisation of local development plans



Input to common agricultural policy, rural development, and farm modernisation

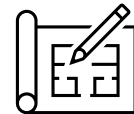
Challenges and barriers



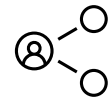
Physical constraints and interconnectivity limits



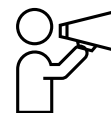
Socio-economic



Technical



Knowledge sharing



Engagement with right actors or institutions

What the Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub is for

The Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub is an initiative of the European Commission, which aims to **accelerate the development of sustainable energy community projects in European rural areas.**

The main activities of the initiative will be

- **Identification of best practices**
- **Development of guidance documents**
- **Provision of technical assistance**
- **Networking opportunities** to the energy communities and local stakeholders.



Identification of best practices

RECAH has published two best practice case studies. These aim to showcase the successful efforts of rural communities and provide inspiration and concrete guidance for prospective new or expanding rural energy communities.

The **Bad Hindelang** community is longstanding, founded in 1923. Created to establish energy independence, it operates as a cooperative. It is well-adapted to the rural context, allowing citizens to work for the cooperative alongside their other duties.

The **Chamole** community was born from the motivation of local people, under strong leadership, to have a say in the energy transition. They jointly purchased a wind turbine, with a cooperative being the majority owner and engaging citizens through “investment clubs”. The community has a strong emphasis on education around renewable energy.



The Best Practice Case Studies are now available to [download](#)



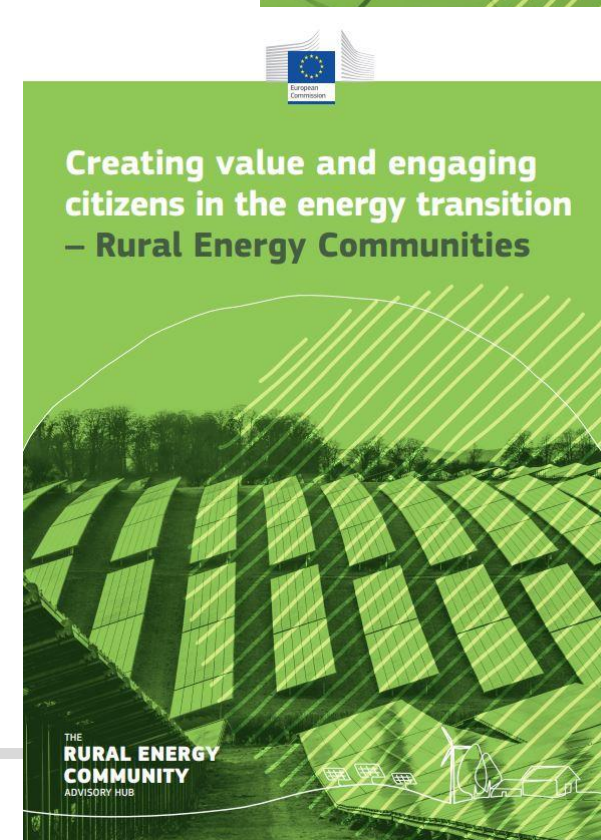
Development of guidance documents

The Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub (RECAH) is publishing a series of guidance documents, aiming to accelerate the renewable energy transition in rural areas.

The first three guidance documents, published over the past few months, are:

- Joining or setting up a rural energy community
- Creating value and engaging citizens in the energy transition - Rural Energy Communities
- Obtaining and managing finances for a rural energy community

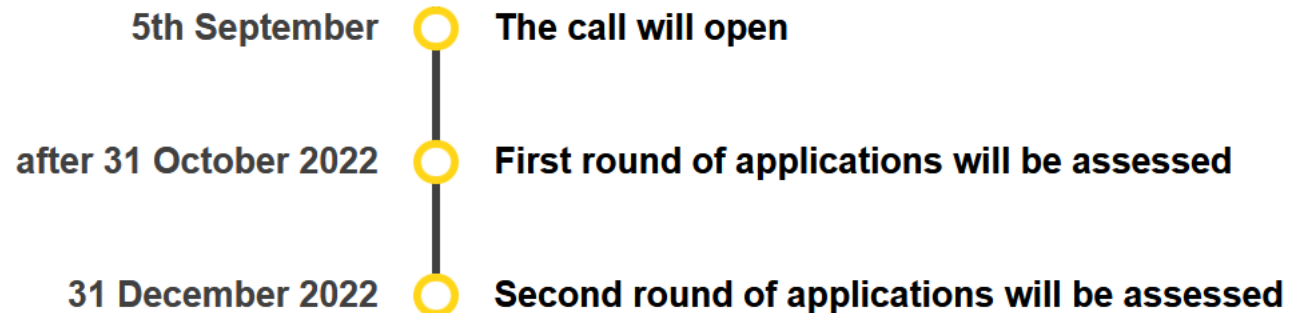
All of the guidance documents in the series are available for download from the RECAH website.



Provision of technical assistance

Further information on TA programme: on [the applications page](#) of the RECAH website.

Recording of the RECAH launch event and a the recent Q&A session can also be found on the website under [events](#) (make sure to select past events). Links to ppt and videos available.



1. Investment & financial advice
2. Technology- and system related advice
3. Legal / regulatory support
4. Communication support
5. Capacity development and knowledge transfer support

[Click here to access the Technical Assistance application form.](#)

[Click here to access the Guidance Notes, explaining all the application pages and questions. These are available in all languages.](#)

Call for experts: the Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub technical assistance programme

- The Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub (RECAH) is seeking experts to support the provision of technical assistance to energy communities in Europe's rural areas. The call for experts will remain open until 31 December 2022.



Interested in being an expert for this initiative?

Please fill in the form by **31 December 2022**.

[Call for Experts >](#)

The RECAH will provide direct technical assistance in the form of expert days to a select number of energy communities in Europe's rural areas.

The call for experts aims to identify experts that are interested in participating in the RECAH technical assistance programme.

[Find out how you can support RECAH and how to apply.](#)

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