

1 Municipality – 1 REC, can it be done?

Exploring drivers and barriers for large-scale uptake of RECs

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PLACE: Brussels, Belgium-L42 Business Center & Workspaces, B-1040, Rue de la Loi 42

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The EU Solar Energy Strategy calls for the establishment of **at least 1 renewable energy community (REC) per municipality above 10.000 residents by 2025**. This comes at a timely moment as increased energy prices, security of supply and energy system resilience are higher on the agenda than ever. Renewable energy communities, all over Europe, are contributing to more secure local energy systems, which are more resilient and more capable of absorbing external shocks. They are at the forefront of employing models which reduce citizen's energy bills, create local economic gain and encourage more energy sobriety.

However, in the absence of fully transposed enabling frameworks and a slow roll-out of conducive business models, reaching this goal seems ambitious. If this target is to be met, national enabling frameworks, but also new finance, business and (youth) engagement solutions need to be developed and broadly disseminated enabling energy communities to develop on the required large-scale. **Dedicated support for municipalities needs to be in place.**

Join us for this exciting workshop, where we will carry out a reality check and discuss transferable solutions, their barriers and drivers and what kind of policies need to be in place to enable RECs to truly contribute to making Europe more energy-resilient, more climate-friendly, more just and inclusive of younger and older generations alike.

The event aims to enhance the policy dialogue around the transposition and implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive and focuses on how enabling frameworks for RECs can be boosted in line with the urgency instilled by the EU Solar Energy Strategy and the REPower EU Plan. It is aimed at politicians, policy makers, policy advisory organisations at various governance levels, as well as community energy stakeholders across Europe.

Agenda:

Moderators: *Arthur Hinsch, ICLEI Europe and Stavroula Pappa, REScoop.eu*

08:30-09:00	Welcoming Coffee
09:00-09:05	Welcome & Setting the Scene <i>Maria Rosaria Di Nucci, Freie Universität Berlin & COME RES Coordinator</i>
09:05-09:20	Keynote: REPowerEU & EU Solar Strategy: what role for citizens? <i>Achille Hannoset, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG ENER</i>
09:20-09:35	Comparative Assessment of Enabling Frameworks for RECs in Europe: what is still missing? <i>Michael Krug, Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin</i>
09:35-10:30	The Round Table: How close are we to achieving 1 REC per Municipality and what can be done to boost enabling frameworks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dimitris Tsekeris, Climate Justice & Energy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe Coordinator, Community Power Coalition</i> • <i>Achille Hannoset, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG ENER</i> • <i>Matteo Zulianello, Researcher at Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico (tbc)</i> • <i>Dörte Fouquet, Lawyer, Becker Büttner Held</i> <p>Followed by moderated discussion with participants</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:45	Interactive Marketplace: Pitch Your Transferable Good Practice for Enabling RECs (5 min each) <i>Inês Reis, Project Manager, Porto Energy Agency (AdEPorto)</i> <i>Representative of City of Antwerp (representative tbc)</i> <i>Filip Koprčina, Founder of Energy Shift</i> <i>Johannes Slacik, Senior Expert for Energy Researcher, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz</i> <i>Followed by participants walking around the room and discussing with presenters</i>
11:45-12:15	Parallel Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to increase building renovation through better policies for renewable energy communities?

	<p>Hosts: Emmanuelle Causse, Secretary General, Internal Union of Property Owners Eleni Kanellou, Research Associate, National Technical University of Athens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transformative power of energy citizenship - How can energy citizenship inform better policy making? How can policies enable and support energy citizenship? <p>Hosts: Daniel Botha, Junior Officer, Governance & Social Innovation, ICLEI Europe Silvia Assalini, Officer, Climate Policy & Energy Governance, ICLEI Europe</p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Parallel Breakout Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to increase building renovation through better policies for renewable energy communities? The transformative power of energy citizenship - How can energy citizenship inform better policy making? How can policies enable and support energy citizenship?
13:00-13:15	Quick Reports from Breakout Sessions by Rapporteurs
13:15-13:20	<p>Wrap up & Conclusion <i>Maria Rosaria Di Nucci, Freie Universität Berlin & COME RES Coordinator</i></p>
13:20-14:00	Networking Lunch

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