



ENERGY COMMUNITIES EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE

RESCOOP.EU

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022

10:00 – 10:45h **Opening session**

General welcome by Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop.eu president, and keynote speech by Erinch Sahan, Business & Enterprise Lead of the Doughnut Economics Action Lab.

11:00 – 12:30h **Parallel workshops session 1**

OPTION A

Introduction to the Doughnut Economy Theory

The REScoop.eu Charter reflects the common identity of REScoop.eu members. The charter is in line with the Doughnut economics, a visual framework for sustainable development – shaped like a doughnut – that combines the concept of planetary boundaries with the complementary concept of social boundaries. Erinch Sahan from the Doughnut Economics Action Lab (DEAL) will further explore the alignment between the Doughnut economics and the REScoop.eu Charter.

OPTION B

Community-owned virtual power plants - lessons from a maturing concept

This session will explore what virtual power plants can do for energy communities, present some available tools, and share experiences from communities & academics that have been exploring this topic. This session will cover VPPs from different angles including legal, technical and service implementation perspectives from field actors. This session will be concluded with a panel and a Q&A session to cover larger issues.

13:30 – 15:00h

Parallel workshops session 2

OPTION A

Citizen-led renovation: energy cooperatives providing building renovation services

The REScoop.eu Citizen-led renovation working group will present how energy cooperatives in different regions and countries are delivering energy efficiency and building renovation services to their communities. There will be presentations from several members involved in the working group, and Sem Oxenaar REScoop.eu, project manager, will give a brief overview of what is happening at the EU level on building renovation.

OPTION B

How can businesses support the community energy movement?

By showcasing existing examples, this workshop will highlight possible partnerships between businesses and energy communities.

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022**13:30 – 15:00h Parallel workshops session 3****Option A Energy communities tackling energy poverty: financing for solidarity**

Community energy initiatives can play a meaningful role in empowering vulnerable households and addressing social justice issues. This workshop will explore existing community energy funding and financing schemes for tackling energy poverty in Europe, specifically focusing on where improvements are possible and barriers are currently encountered to boost solidarity activities.

Option B Smart home solutions - Can cooperatives make it happen?

In this interactive session, different cooperatives will present the statutes of development of their smart home tools enabling (collective) self-consumption and demand response. They will discuss successes and difficulties with participants and seek a common vision on the possible services of a European IT service provider.

16:00 – 17:30h Parallel workshops session 4**OPTION A Taking action for advancing gender justice in energy communities**

The REScoop.eu Gender Power working group will present its ambition statement and different speakers from the cooperative movement will share some good practices.

OPTION B Support schemes for energy communities

The goal of this workshop is to explain the new state aid guidelines (CEEAG) and to discuss different support schemes for energy communities around Europe, exchange best practices and strategise on how they can be replicated to other Member States.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL 2022**10:00 – 11:30h Parallel workshops session 5****OPTION A Understanding and assessing community development**

The goal of this workshop will be to present and discuss several approaches to assessing and tracking the development of energy communities in a given territory.

OPTION B Building member engagement in your energy community

This workshop will provide a structured approach to improve and enhance member engagement, value and growth. Some best practices from the REScoop.eu network will be shared to inspire participants.

12:00 – 13:30h Parallel workshops session 6**OPTION A How can rural communities help their municipalities achieve their energy & climate objectives?**

In this session, you will hear from rural communities that have worked hand in hand with their municipalities to help them achieve their sustainable energy and climate action plans. If you're looking for inspiration on how to better work with your municipality, this session is for you!

OPTION B The energy transition in the Balkans

The European Citizen Energy Academy aims to support the development of energy communities in the Balkans and the diversification of the movement (in terms of gender and activities) in the Balkans and beyond. This session will focus on the first achievements of the Academy and present the next activities. The focus will be on the Summer School in Thessaloniki, Greece.

14:00 – 15:00h

Closing session. 10 years of growing the movement: a trip down memory lane

We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of REScoop2020, the project that laid the ground for the creation of REScoop.eu. Ten years of growing the community energy movement and lots of great memories to show for it! We'll share some of our favourite moments, will you share some of yours? Join us!

Register for this online conference on the [REScoop.eu website](https://rescoop.eu) until 18 April 2022.