



RE-energising Europe - Sharing ideas and knowledge

This 2-day event, organised by 7 EU-funded projects (Horizon2020), will bring together on stage speakers from the EU institutions, from the projects as well as key players from the energy market, to discuss how the work done in the past 3 years can support RE-energising Europe. Key topics related to energy in Europe will be tackled: (renewable)(bio) energy communities, energy efficiency, multiple benefits, RES, RHC, women, empowering people, energy behaviour, new trends of energy consumption (digitalisation, circular economy and more). To bring content to the discussions, our initiatives will present tools and models, one stop shops, awareness raising and nudging campaigns, showcased through inspirational presentations, a poster session and a field visit (Belgian energy community).

This event will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about the latest developments in these areas and exchange ideas and best practices. Both days complement each other and provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of research and policy recommendations in the energy field.

Venue: Atelier 29, Rue Jacques de Lalaing 29, 1000 Brussels

Target audiences:

Energy experts, researchers, energy communities, policy makers, industry

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Energy communities and renewable energy, accelerating Europe's transition towards a climate neutral, inclusive future



Organised by BECoop, NRG2PEERS, UP-STAIRS and W4RES

Moderator (day): Ioannis Konstas, Q-PLAN

8.45 - 9.00 - **Registration & welcome coffee**

9.00 - 9.15 - **Keynote** - Adela Tesarova, European Commission, DG Energy, Head of Unit for Consumers, Local Initiatives and Just Transition

9.15 - 9.40 - **Skill up! RECs, RES, inclusivity: What are we talking about? Fire pitching of the 4 projects** - *For more information about the projects, posters about tools, pilots and more will be hung in the event room.*

- Dimitrios Chapizanis, White Research (representing BECoop)
- Simona D'Oca, JLL (representing NRG2peers)
- Lorena Sánchez Relaño, IERC (representing UP-STAIRS)
- Giulia Zendron, White Research (representing W4RES)

9.40 - 11.00 - **Policy panel: Driving a clean energy transition through tapping the biomass potential, boosting rescops and empowering women as agents of change: discussing the projects' recommendations**

The projects will present their recommendations for policymakers and invite panellists to comment and discuss, on topics such as the role for energy communities and renewable energy in the energy crisis, tackling gender aspects to make the energy sector more inclusive, the link with energy poverty, and more.

Moderation: Pádraig Lyons, IERC

Fire pitch by project representatives:

- Diana Süsser, IEECP, for BECoop
- Anna Klöpffer, UIPI, for NRG2Peers
- Paweł Gilewski, Polish National Energy Conservation Agency (KAPE), for UP-STAIRS

- Rasmus LT Hedegaard, European Green Cities, for W4RES

Panel:

- Jutta Paulus, EU Parliament
- Stavroula Pappa, Policy Advisor, REScoop.eu
- Adela Tesarova, European Commission, DG Energy, Head of Unit for Consumers, Local Initiatives and Just Transition (tbc)
- Achille Hannoset, European Commission (tbc)

11.00 - 11.15 - **Coffee break**

11.15 - 12.15 - **Get inspired - Innovative Approaches, Success stories from the RES and RHC ecosystems**

The projects have tested different models and mechanisms in the deployment of RES and RHC systems across the EU. In this session, some of the pilot sites from all the projects will be introduced, presenting the most significant lessons learnt during these years, challenges and good practices. These innovative approaches and success stories will serve as inspirational examples for future projects in other regions willing to start community initiatives to foster the implementation of RES. From the projects to reality! Followed by a Q&A.

Moderation: Dara Turnbull, Housing Europe

- BECoop - From your morning coffee to heat: Vasilis Filippou, ESEK, Karditsa Greece
- NRG2peers - Lessons learnt from the pilot sites: Eelke Kingma, Schoonschip
- UP-STAIRS - One-Stop-Shops to empower community energy: Ivanka Pandelieva-Dimova (Sofia Energy Centre)
- W4RES - Elke Weidenfelder (Steinbeis Europa Zentrum) and Carina Holzapfel (H2MC)

12.15 - 13.30 - **Lunch + poster session**

13.30 - 14.30 - **The legacy of our projects / Looking forward - Once our projects end: what comes next? How can we replicate our projects' findings/work?**

The projects aim to achieve a sustainable and just energy transition and future. After developing tools and resources, spreading the word and supporting initiatives, it is now time to look beyond the projects' end. We will assess the results and identify the steps needed to reach inclusivity and sustainability in the (renewable) energy sector. What skills have been enhanced through our projects? Which tools, financial and technical support have we provided? What kind of financial and legal frameworks are needed to make the energy sector more inclusive and RE-energize Europe? Followed by a Q&A.

Moderation: Dimitrios Chapizanis, White Research

- Ioannis Konstas, Q-PLAN - The next steps for W4RES in terms of gender awareness in RES - The way to an inclusive energy transition
- Kostas Dasopoulos, Q-PLAN - Adjusted Business Model Canva for RESCoops (BECoop)
- UP-STAIRS: Joana Mundó Olivé, Ecoserveis Association
- NRG2peers: Stefan Kop, Spectral and Sylvia Breukers, DW - Tool and follow-up projects.
- Achille Hannoset, EU Commission - Tools, follow up projects, and more (tbc)

14.30 - 15.30 - **Networking session**

Poster presentations, world café discussions, access to computers to play with our tools, etc. Sister projects to join.

15.30 -18.00 - **Visit to an energy community**

Visit of the new citizen energy community in low-income housing near Gare du Midi.

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