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# Implementation of energy communities – drivers, barriers, best practices, Denmark

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# **Svalin community > P2P Market**

- Bakketoppen (2015)
- Svalin (2013)

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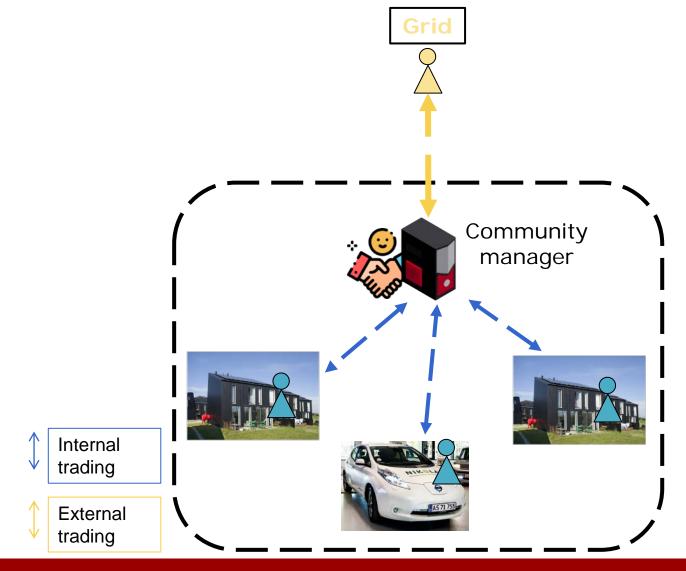




http://the-energy-collective-project.com/



# **P2P** market in Svalin



 Online P2P market for every 5 minutes

Autonomous agents
representing each house
and electric vehicle

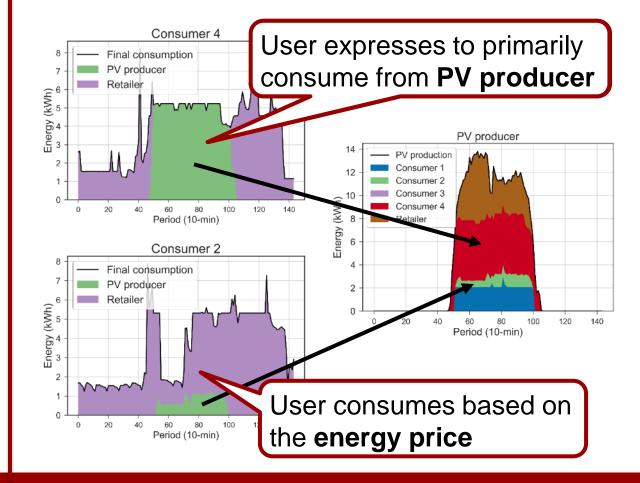




# Research: New network cost allocation

 Grid tariffs based on electricity distance Influences P2P trading to avoid **congestion** inter-lines Zone 2 Zone 1 Internal trading Zone 4 External trading Zone 3

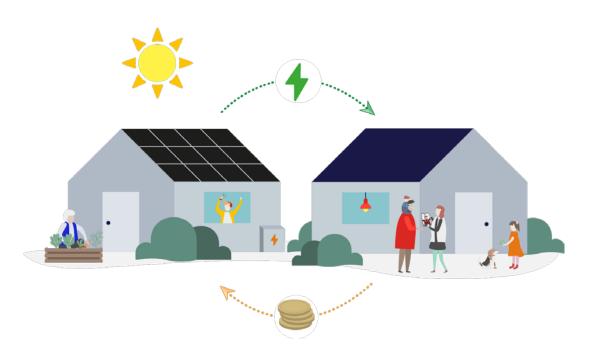
 Consumer preference towards sourcing of energy (solar, wind, etc)



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# The Delestrøm test case – As seen by an energy supplier



### Test specifications

Digital grid on top of the existing infrastructure

Approx 150 test customers signed up

100 are installed or in process (appox 20% PV owners)

### **Test Results**

Initial result shows an interest for local produced energy

Final result expected ultimo 2020 / primo 2021

### **Norlys Goals:**

Understand how a local energy community could benefit the area

Understand if a energy community would change the consumption pattern

Understand if there is a benefit in communicating when local green power is available

Understand if a strong local benefit would help engage customers/prosumers

### **Customer benefit:**

The possibility to support the local community

Support the green agenda in their local area

From individual to community





# Danish tech startup: Enyday.com

DIY Platform standardizing operations of energy communities in apartment buildings

## **Features:**

- Administrator tool
  - Billing with more prices: Solar vs. grid
  - Buying power to the building collectively
- Neighbour community overview
- Newsfeed to residents with notifications
- APIs to DERs, meters, prices...

# **Learnings:**

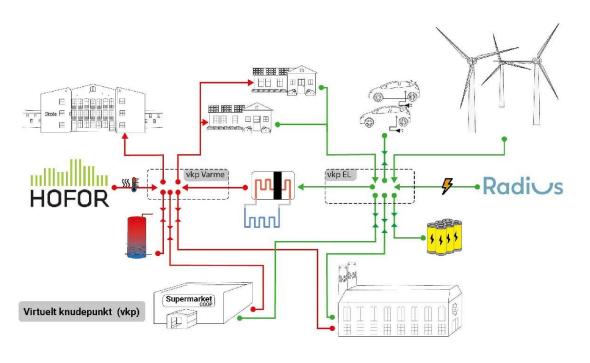
- Need professional platform
- Building owners need help to design and choose hardware
- The solution also need new business models for power

### **Barriers:**

- Unclear+uncertain regulation
- Existing net and metering companies need to collaborate to scale solution virtually



# Aligning actors and networks, a city perspective



- Copenhagen Municipality supports local energy communities involving tenant building, public institutions and local business
- Proximity of buildings and actors and load shifting for power and heat, 4 to 6 cases in project 'Sun over the City', includes renewable energy technologies
- Local involvement is crucial and possible. Can overcome barriers
- Actor alignment through economic gain in network efficiency and load shifting
- Institutional barriers and alignment of building structures, heat networks, power networks and ownership differences, can be overcome by operating the energy communities as virtuel (sub)networks.



# **Summary**

### Drivers

- Reduction of energy taxes (behind the meter solutions)
- Empowered guilds, owners associations, building cooperatives desire to contribute to the green transition
- Transparency, feeling of local ownership, preference on source or local power
- Delivery of flexibility services

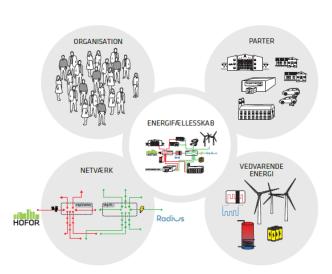
### Barriers

- Unclear+uncertain regulation
- Currently datahub doesn't provide real-time data
- Existing net and metering companies need to collaborate to scale solution virtually
- Not invented here + friction in regulated business
- Current legislation favors solutions behind the meter

### Best Practices

- Professional platform empowers communities
- Use well established organization forms (guilds, associations, cooperatives)
- Important to activate existing building stock (new town developments = few % per year)
- Diverse set of actors within the community







# Thank you

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