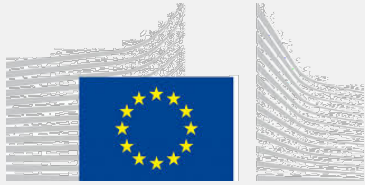


Taskforce on Energy Communities

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- Crosscutting work in the framework of Bridge
- What happens in the different MSs?
 - Good and inspiring examples
 - Analysis on legal existing and upcoming framework
- Recommendations expected
 - Replicability and upscaling needs and potentials
 - Research and demonstration needs
- Working Group “Regional Matters” with Taskforce “Local Energy Communities”
- Knowledge Generation from and for JPP SES projects
- Spotlights and Policy Briefs
 - for academia
 - funding programs
 - legislation (on MS level)
 - practitioners (energy, ICT)

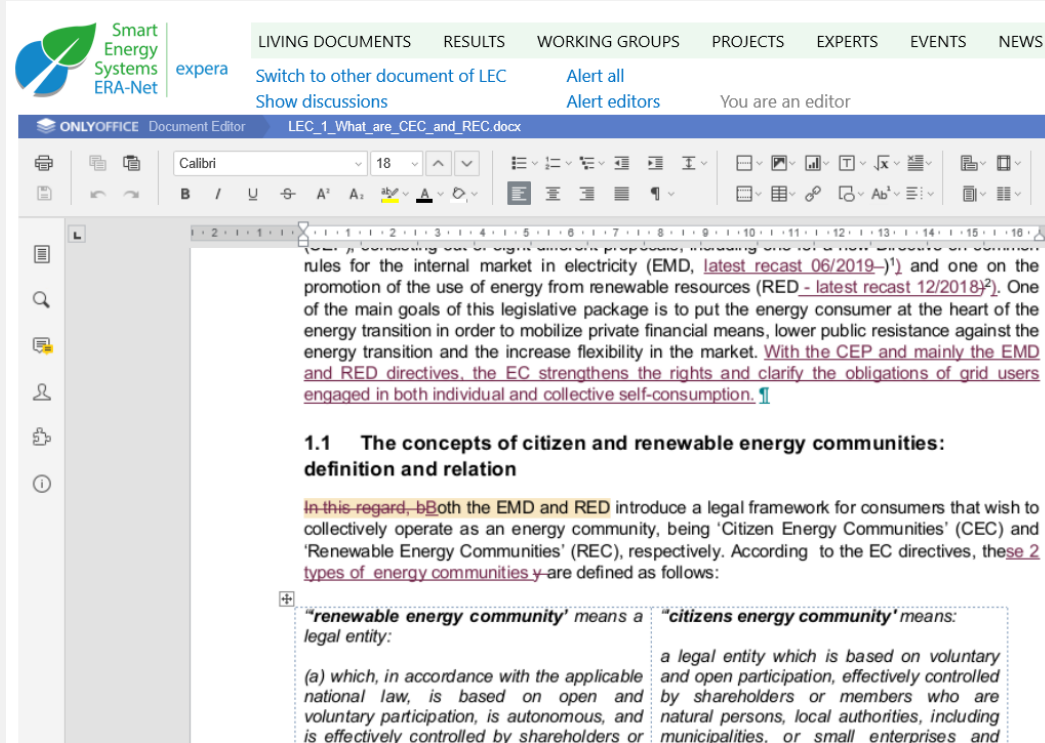
Topics (identified by core-team of taskforce)



1. What are Energy Communities?
2. Which potential for renewable energy use can be triggered by a CEC or REC in addition to existing organisations?
3. What would be benefits and options for a CEC to operate its own (sub) grid?
4. What are benefits of CEC or REC in relation to existing means and measures of citizen involvement?
5. Which overall cost savings can be expected from CECs compared to existing schemes?
6. What are feasible tariffs to allow for the implementation of a CEC as part of the overall energy system?
7. How can candidates be supported to establish a CEC or REC?
8. What are requirements to ICT solutions for the implementation of a CEC or REC?
9. How can data collection and management be limited and data security be ensured in a CEC or REC?
10. What is the national situation of Energy Communities in the context of the CEP?
11. Cases and Experiences
12. Conclusions and Recommendations



Participation!



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considering six or eight different proposals, including one for a new directive on common rules for the internal market in electricity (EMD, [latest recast 06/2019](#))¹) and one on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable resources (RED - [latest recast 12/2018](#))²). One of the main goals of this legislative package is to put the energy consumer at the heart of the energy transition in order to mobilize private financial means, lower public resistance against the energy transition and the increase flexibility in the market. [With the CEP and mainly the EMD and RED directives, the EC strengthens the rights and clarify the obligations of grid users engaged in both individual and collective self-consumption.](#) ¹

1.1 The concepts of citizen and renewable energy communities: definition and relation

[In this regard, b](#)Both the EMD and RED introduce a legal framework for consumers that wish to collectively operate as an energy community, being 'Citizen Energy Communities' (CEC) and 'Renewable Energy Communities' (REC), respectively. According to the EC directives, [these 2 types of energy communities y](#) are defined as follows:

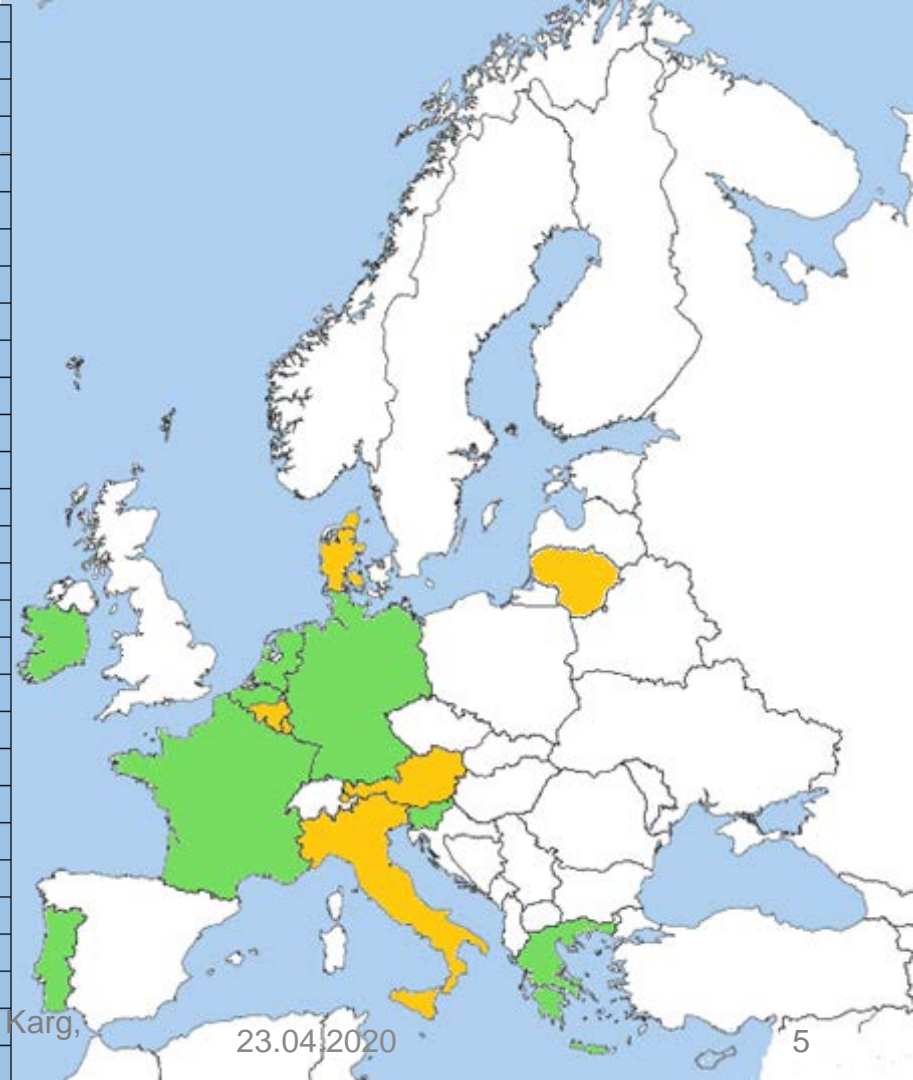
"renewable energy community" means a legal entity:	"citizens energy community" means:
(a) which, in accordance with the applicable national law, is based on open and voluntary participation, is autonomous, and is effectively controlled by shareholders or	a legal entity which is based on voluntary and open participation, effectively controlled by shareholders or members who are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or small enterprises and

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- taking part in online discussions

Countries Investigated for Intermediate Report

- Intermediate results
 - countries with existing framework
 - countries with emerging framework
 - countries implementing RECs / CECs
- Outlook
 - expand target group: government officials, regulators
 - new methodology: semi-structured interviews

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Active support for CEC/REC



- clear legal framework
- financial support for setup
- financial support for operating
- capacity building for key actors
- capacity in terms of time
- counselling with models / templates
- network for knowledge exchange
- umbrella to reduce risks, costs etc.
- electrical technology
- software for operating the community
- clear positioning of DSO / TSO

Support Needs – assessed for ...

The Netherlands

No	Name	whether active	and consumers	with multiple dwell-	their energy supply	be operated	and grid operation under	Investment in organisation etc.)	M&Es and municipalities, possi-	crowd-funding	services (e.g. Grouping of EV	management services)	andbox-model	ai on Pla	cert - not	gener; in	districts systems	real island: standalone	existing orga. citizens' contr	a "community" ment in gener	citizens jointly inv. bly in their own re	all types of commer charging stations, ag	all types of digitally cc chain), these days pos	clear legal framework	financial support for setup	financial support for operating	capacity building for key actors	capacity in terms of time	counselling with models / templates	network for knowledge exchange	umbrella to reduce risks, costs etc.	electrical technology	software for operating the community	clear positioning of DSO / TSO		
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Recommendations

1. Draw on the **experiences of existing energy community initiatives**, or create a temporary space for them to emerge in
2. Dare to **be ambitious** to maximize the potential of energy communities, but adequately differentiate between types
3. Specify principles of ‘autonomy’, ‘effective control’ in order to **avoid elite-capture**
4. Define the concept of ‘**locality**’ for **collective self-consumption and energy sharing** in line with grid topology, but do not equate it with the element of ‘proximity’ for REC
5. Put in place participation **mechanisms for energy poor and vulnerable** households
6. Consider the **value that CEC and REC can provide** to the public network
7. Consider the **value of REC and CEC to the community**
8. Pro-actively **support** the set-up of REC and CEC
9. Consider a separate auction-based support scheme for REC
10. **Streamline, simplify and make less burdensome** licensing and network connection procedures
11. **Do not reduce the concept of CEC and REC to mere collective self-consumption and vice versa**

Classes of Energy Communities

<i>No</i>	<i>Name</i>	LEC Taskforce
class 1	Collective generation and trading of electricity	all types of territorial or commercial groupings of generators – whether active on the market or under feed-in mechanisms (often called Virtual Power Plants)
class 2	Generation-Consumption Communities	certified sourcing of electricity in a closed group of generators and consumers - not necessarily in proximity but including local or regional energy markets
class 3	Collective residential & industrial self-consumption	generation, storage and consumption in residential cases with multiple dwellings; includes Tenant-Power (Mieterstrom) - models
class 4	Energy positive districts	districts with residential and business entities operating their energy supply systems under their own regime
class 5	Energy islands	real islands or parts of the distribution system that can be operated standalone (e.g. cellular system as in SINTEG, holonic model as in PolyEnergyNet)
class 6	Municipal utilities	existing organizations for energy production, supply and grid operation under citizens' control – directly (e.g. cooperative) or indirectly (e.g. controlled by local government)
class 7	Financial aggregation and investment	a “community” of investors joins to scale the amount of or manage the investment in generation systems (without further involvement in organisation etc.)
class 8	Cooperative Financing of Energy Efficiency	citizens jointly investing in efficiency means of SMEs and municipalities, possibly in their own region (e.g. contracting / ESCO, crowd-funding)
class 9	Collective service providers	all types of commercial groupings of energy services (e.g. grouping of EV charging stations, aggregation of demand side management services)
Class 10	Digital supply and demand response systems	all types of digitally controlled energy systems (e.g. implemented with blockchain), these days possibly operated as a sandbox-model

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