



Empowering Renewable and Citizen Energy Communities

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Dear Reader,

welcome to the new version of our POWER-E-COM Newsletter.

In these pages we would like to introduce you to our project implementations and some of our events and news.

The POWER-E-COM project aims to foster cooperation between regional/local authorities and citizens to establish energy community projects in six different European countries. By supporting the development of models and tools that facilitate the creation of Energy Communities, the project aims to empower citizens to take a more active role in the clean energy transition.

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We hope you enjoy learning more about POWER-E-COM!



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POWER-E-COM aims

POWER-E-COM aims to foster the development of the energy communities by providing support and guidance to municipalities, existing energy communities, and engaged citizens.

DURATION:

01/10/2023 – 30/9/2026

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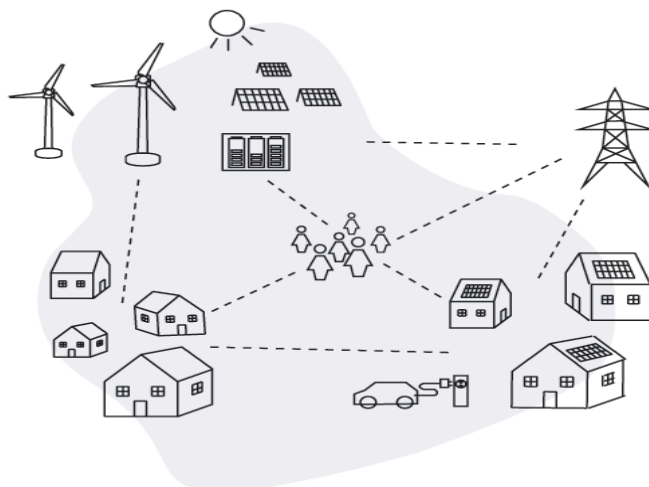
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Empowering Communities Through Renewable Energy: Stories of Local Initiatives in project pilots' countries

6 European countries are working together to foster cooperation between regional/local authorities and citizens to establish energy community projects.

Click on the videos below and discover new stories of local initiatives, the exchanged knowledge and experiences regarding Energy Communities from partners involved in POWER-E-COM.



Community Power in Ireland: The Story of a Community-Owned Wind Farm in Templederry



Pilot Region in Gabrovo, Bulgaria: Building Local Energy Communities for a Sustainable Future



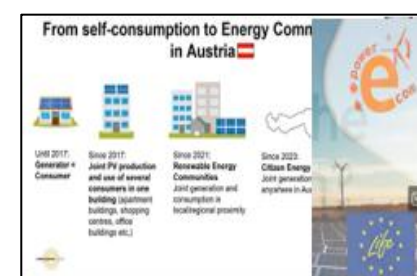
Spotlight on Rivas, Madrid, Spain: Harnessing Solar Power for Energy Independence



Schwabsoien and Schwabbruck in Bavaria, Germany: On the Way to a Climate-Neutral Community



Renewable Energy Communities in Slovenia: Challenges & Success Stories



Renewable Energy Communities Examples in Austria: Insights from the Mentoring Session with Christiane Egger

Discover more Inspiring Stories on the project website <https://power-e-com.eu/>, where you'll find a lot of engaging stories from all the regions participating in the project.

Learn more about our innovative pilot activities, training opportunities, and impactful initiatives that drive sustainable e-commerce solutions across Europe. **Join us on this journey and get inspired by real experiences, best practices, and cutting-edge developments. Visit #POWER-E-COM today and be part of the transformation!**

Events & News

Project meeting in Maribor, Slovenia

At the end of January project partners met at the project meeting in Maribor, Slovenia to review the progress of the project. On the first and second day the mentoring workshop with Slovenians stakeholders was organized. All project partners were present.

During the meeting they had discussions also on establishing energy communities in Slovenia. Participants visited the Fala Hydropower Plant and shared best practices.



POWER-E-COM at Annual Donor Meeting

POWER-E-COM was featured at Energiewende Oberland project partner's annual donor meeting, showcasing innovative approaches to establishing energy communities. The event highlighted the implementation of an Agri-PV system as part of sustainable energy solutions. The meeting gathered over 85 participants on-site and online.



Launch of CATALYST Office in Ireland

Irish partners; Tipperary Energy Agency, Technological University of the Shannon and Community Power Ireland launched CATALYST, an Energy Communities Transition Office, to support and empower communities in renewable energy projects. The event took place at the Sustainable Tipp forum, a collaborative platform for sustainable development.



Financing Energy Communities at "Enlit Europe" event

At Enlit Europe event, project partner from ESCAN, Francisco Puente led a panel discussion on financing energy communities. He shared insights from POWER-E-COM, addressing key challenges and funding models such as large funds and One Stop Shop approaches.



Workshop in Linz, Austria

Slovenian partners had the pleasure of attending the POWER-E-COM workshop hosted by Austrian partner OÖ Energiesparverband in Linz. Participants gained insights into local energy communities and grid operators' roles. The event emphasized reducing energy poverty and increasing sustainable energy participation.



POWER-E-COM was presented at the “Canagua y Energía” International Fair in the Canary Islands

Discussions were focused on the European Energy Directives and the role of energy communities in transitioning to clean energy. Francisco Puente, ESCAN shared how POWER-E-COM supports public institutions and other national initiatives in fostering secure, affordable, and clean energy systems for Europe.



The Role of Local Authorities in the Municipality of Gabrovo

A Bulgarian event highlighted the critical role of local authorities in citizen engagement and energy independence. The Municipality of Gabrovo declared its commitment by supporting its first energy community and adopting a roadmap for its development.



POWER-E-COM at TUS Research Week 2025

POWER-E-COM was featured during TUS Research Week 2025, highlighting EU-funded research and development efforts. The event showcased the role of renewable energy communities in accelerating the energy transition.

POWER-E-COM at World Sustainable Energy Days 2025

POWER-E-COM was featured also at the World Sustainable Energy Days 2025, one of the leading international conferences on the energy transition and climate neutrality in March 2025. Francisco Puente from ESCAN presented a poster showcasing how POWER-E-COM is driving change by empowering energy communities and promoted innovative solutions for a sustainable energy future.



Upcoming next steps

In the next steps partners will implement:

- Analysis of the Energy Communities and organizing workshops.
- Preparations for the development of the Replication programme.
- Next Project meeting from 14th to 15th of October 2025 in Thurles, Ireland.

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