MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Replicating the successful approaches of the DECIDE project pilots in new Energy Community and Collective Action contexts

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This "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)” is an agreement shared between the DECIDE Project and the Replicant[[1]](#footnote-1). Its purpose is to outline the commitment of both parties to establish a replication process of the successful approaches developed within the pilot activities in the frame of the DECIDE project - Developing Energy Communities through Informative anD collEctive actions (until May 2023). In particular, these include the identification of stakeholders and appropriate communication, the selection and establishment of optimal organisational structures, the definition of business models, including assessing impact of rebound in case of vulnerable consumers & prosumers and the development of cooperation contracts.

Ultimately, the effort serves to improve the communication and interaction with the targeted stakeholders of the replicant and increase the overall impact of the Energy Community or Collective Action in question.

declaration

As selected replicant:

* We recognize the importance of the overall objective to improve the outreach, reach, targeted communication and overall set-up of Energy Communities and Collective Actions.
* We guarantee a continuous and timely communication throughout the lifetime of the cooperation hereby established.
* We ensure to allocate the resources needed for a fruitful engagement in the project. This includes the availability of an appointed person of our staff that will serve as reference point for any communication, having English as the main language of exchange.
* We agree with providing the background information needed to build a tailored replication strategy.
* We commit to actively engage in the peer-to-peer knowledge exchange set-up within the DECIDE project and make use of the capacity building events and materials provided. In particular, we guarantee the active presence in the coffee shop with at least one interaction per month and the active participation of a minimum of five workshops and training organized within DECIDE.
* We commit to provide feedback towards improving the capacity building events and materials.
* We commit to applying the DECIDE approaches listed above.
* We understand that, in case of not compliance with one or more of the aforementioned points, the DECIDE staff might decide to replace the selected replicant with another eligible applicant.

The DECIDE project will support selected replicants by:

* Providing dedicated and tailored advice.
* Putting at service the expertise of the project partners.
* Applying the knowledge gained thanks to the work carried out with the pilots.
* Assisting in drafting the plan for the uptake/scale up of the replicant.
* Following the implementation of the plan.
* Offering several opportunities for exchange with peers thanks to the coffee shop and other joint activities.
* Sharing capacity building opportunities, also beyond the scope of the DECIDE project.
* Creating opportunities to profile in national and European events.

signatories

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Background

This MoU is being signed within the frame of the DECIDE project. DECIDE is a Horizon 2020 project that aims to gain a better understanding of how energy communities and energy efficiency services are established and managed. It also intends to identify which kind of communications and interactions work best to encourage participation in energy communities for specific types of individuals and groups, and to test and transfer knowledge in pilot projects across Europe.

1. Please find detailed information on the concept of replicants and the related call for replicants to which this Memorandum of Understanding refers to on the DECIDE website: https://decide4energy.eu/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)