



## On the road to a successful Energy Community. Answering important questions!

Date: Tuesday 15 February 2022    Event time: 9:00-11.30 CET

### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The energy transition is a fundamental step to reach a sustainable future. Energy communities and Collective Actions are the pivotal point of this epochal shift that can only be realized with the engagement of people in the active production and responsible consumption. The awareness around the potential of energy communities is rising but even though more and more people are convinced by the economic, social and environmental benefits of setting up such structures, many can find themselves lost when it comes to pass from theory to action.

*Where to start? What are the key elements to secure? Which expertise are needed?* These are some of the questions that three examples of energy communities and collective action that approached the challenge to create energy communities will share in this virtual workshop.

During the 2.5h participants will have the chance to learn about different challenges, hardship, barriers and setbacks but foremost, to ask questions and get some hints on how to move the first steps towards creating an energy community or collective action.

### DRAFT AGENDA (all times indicated are in CET)

**09:00    Welcome and general introduction (5 min)**

Philipp Hartmann, Kilian Karg, *B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH*

**99s self-introduction by experts (10 min)**

Ludwig Karg, *B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH*

Rita Dornmaier, *B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH*

Hanna Rasper, *ECOPA - Energia. Colletiva. Palermo, Italy*

Gerhard Meindl, *Wunsiedel, Germany*

Esther Hardi, *Energiecooperatie 2030 (tbc)*

**09:15    Three Stories of Energy Communities – The introduction (15 min)**

*Get insight into three groups on their way to form an energy community. What where the first big challenges? Where did they get support and help and what was*



*surprisingly easy to accomplish?*

Three experts share their stories, successes and failures.

**09:30 Neighborhood talks: Discussion Round 1 (15 min)**

*Discuss and note your questions, barriers and constraints in break-out sessions of three people each. Talk about your impressions from the first round of storytelling.*

- What is holding you back from starting an energy community?
- What is your biggest fear when thinking about starting an energy community?
- Where do you see a big challenge?

**Answering your questions: Round 1 (15 min)**

*Share your questions with everyone in the chat*

**10:00 Coffee Break (10 minutes)**

It's time to enjoy a coffee, tea or hot chocolate after so much input. Recharge your batteries.

**10:10 Two Stories of Energy Communities – Overcoming the bigger challenges (15 min)**

*Get insight on the way to form an energy community. How did they continue after the first setbacks? What helped them?*

**10:25 Neighborhood talks: Discussion Round 2 (15 min)**

*Discuss and note your questions, barriers and constraints in break-out sessions of three people each. Talk about your impressions from the first round of storytelling.*

- How did the challenges change?
- What is became important in the second part of the stories?
- What would hold you back and what encourages you at this stage?

**Answering your questions: Round 2 (15 min)**

*Share your questions with everyone*

**10:55 Panel Discussion and Answers to More Questions (20 min)**

*Our panel of experts will answer more of the questions*

**11:15 Wrap up and closing**