

# After the transposition deadline: characteristics and needs of energy communities in Eastern Europe.

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Event duration: 10.00-11.30 CEST

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## Webinar description

Within 30 June 2021, European Member states are requested to transpose in their national law the recast Renewable Energy Directive 2018/2001/EU (RED II) which introduces the legal entity of Renewable Energy Communities (RECs), while the deadline for implementing the new concept of Citizens Energy Community (as provided in the Electricity Market Directive) was already the end of 2020. Both directives are a stepping-stone that recognize among others, the possibility for citizens, local governments and SMEs to actively participate in the energy market and contribute to achieving the higher EU climate ambition for 2030.

The webinar, happening right after the deadline for transposition of the REDII, wants to offer an overview of approaches across EU member states in transposing RECs and CECs within their national law, with a particular focus on Eastern countries and their recently published regulatory frameworks. Experts from Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Croatia will contribute to the discussion on specific challenges and opportunities for new member states.

## EVENT AGENDA

- 10:00 h**      **Welcome and general introduction**  
Silvia Assalini, ICLEI Europe
- The DECIDE project**  
Lucija Rakojevic, Th!nkE
- 10:10 h**      **Overview of the transposition of the EU directives in EU member states**  
Andreas Türk, Joanneum Research  
Presentation on the status of the transposition of RED II across Europe
- 10:30 h**      **An outlook for new member states**
- *Community energy in Bulgaria- public attitudes and prospects for future development*, Prof. Mariya Trifonova, Sofia University
  - *Perspectives from the Czech Republic*, Jiří Karásek, SEVEN
  - *Emerging regulatory framework in Croatia*, Goran Cacic, Green Energy Cooperative
- 10:50 h**      **Open discussion**
- 11:25 h**      **Closing**