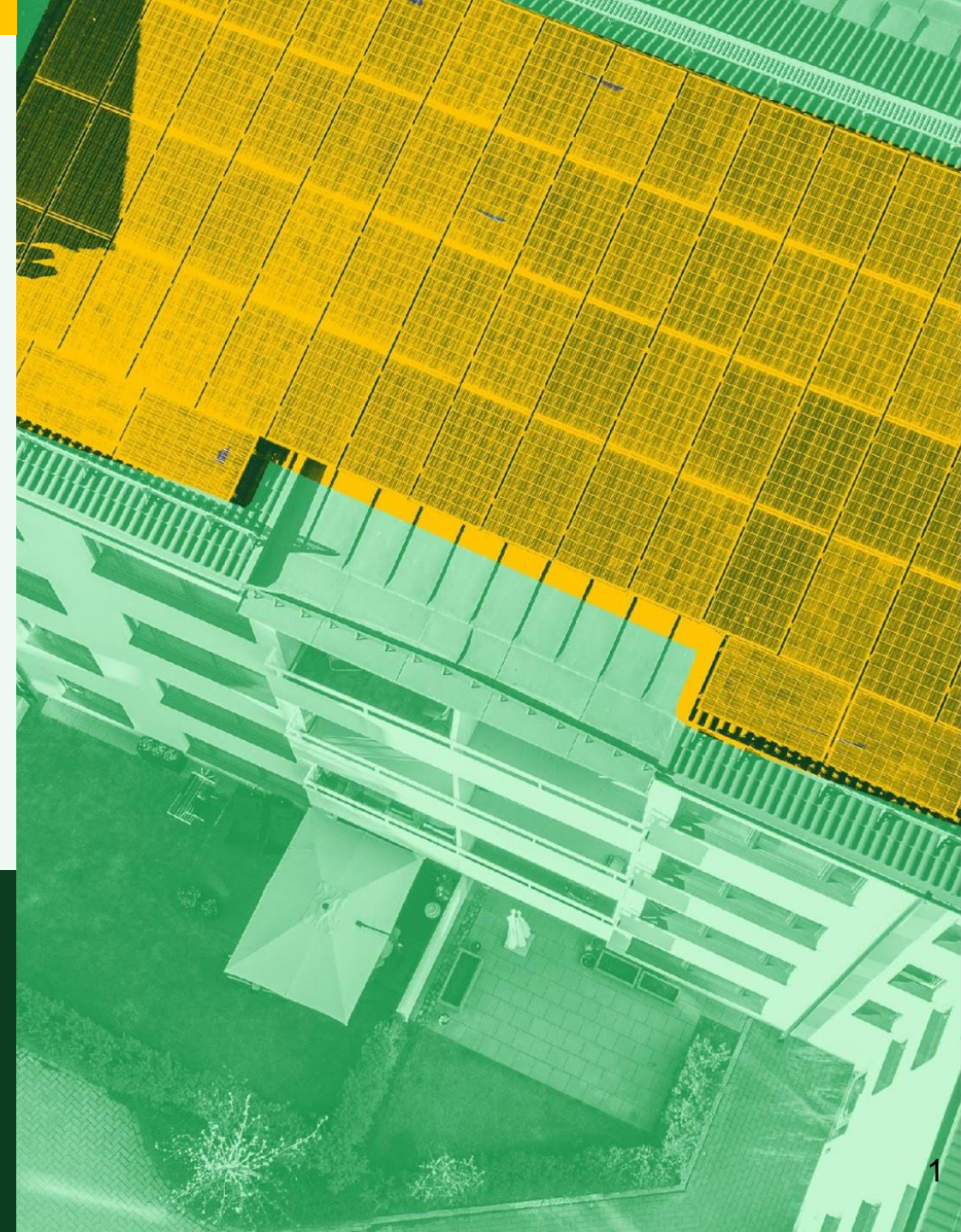


# Information and knowledge sharing - Experiences from Hungary



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# Who are we?

## Community Energy Service Company (CESCO)

- Currently a project consortium: FoE Hungary, SEC, Kazán
- 7 pilot community solar projects co-funded from a government grant
- Community solar business model development, financing and project management

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## Solidarity Economy Centre (SEC)

- Cooperative Development Agency for solidarity economy initiatives
- Research, consultancy, network development
- Pilot energy community project at Kazán Community Centre in Budapest



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# How to facilitate energy communities in Hungary?

What do you need to establish an energy community?

1. Business model
2. Legal framework
3. Financing
4. Specialist knowledge
5. Community

Information is crucial:

Democratising energy through making knowledge accessible

# What information?



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## Journey of prospective energy communities

1. Raising interest and inspiration
2. Viable project idea
3. Successful project
4. Fruitful operation

## Collecting information

- Responding to the emerging information needs
- Reinventing the wheel? Available EU best practices vs. country-specific circumstances

# How to share the word?

## What is the message?

1. For the general public: a story of democratic energy transition
2. For potential energy communities: a genuine community, a viable model
3. For policy makers and energy sector: a social innovation

## What channels to use?

1. Mainstream and social media
2. Topical information materials
3. Position papers, presentations



# Thank you for your attention!

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