

Engaging women to DECIDE on energy transition

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2022

Event time: 10:00-11:00 CET

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

DECIDE 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.

This webinar, hosted on 8 March -International Women Day- has the intention of highlighting the importance of women role in the European energy transition. At first glance this transition seems to be growing at a vertiginous path creating a variety of upcoming opportunities. However, gender equality needs to be considered if a just and inclusive shift towards a decentralized and more sustainable energy system is to be achieved.

There are clear gender differences relating to participation of women in the current energy transition, not only in the overall participation but also at decision making levels. Still, energy is used by people from all genders, which means that those who represent the energy sector do not reflect the demographics of energy users. For that reason, discussing methods to inspire and equip women to engage in the energy transition will be one of the main topics of the event.

Women face several gender related challenges, from vulnerability and energy poverty issues to representation at decision making levels. [DECIDE](#), [PowerPoor](#) and [W4RES](#) representatives, together with our other experts in the field will discuss these barriers and will inspire and equip women to engage and tackle gender inequality.

AGENDA (all times indicated in CET)

- 10:00 Welcome and general introduction**
Silvia Assalini and Valeria Eirin – ICLEI Europe
- Overview of DECIDE project**
Marta Veronesi - Th!nkE
- 10:10 The role of women in the European Energy transition**
Ioannis Konstas - Q-PLAN on behalf of W4RES project
It is a fact that women are involved in the energy transition, but how much? Is there enough female representation? This intervention will try to answer this questions also based on the research developed by W4RES Project on this topic.
- 10:15 How is energy poverty affecting women?**
Alis-Daniela Torres, ICLEI Europe on behalf of PowerPoor
Get to know why gender is an important factor in terms of energy poverty and the difficulties that female energy users face.
- 10:20 Question round**
The attendees are encouraged to ask questions to the speakers.
- 10:25 Overcoming the bigger challenges**
Sonja Klingert - University of Mannheim
Mona Bielig – Privatuniversität Schloss Seeburg
Get informed about engaging methods and how to inspire particularly women into energy transition.
- 10:32 Practical example**
Our DECIDER/Pilot project will explain how they tackle gender inequality and how they ensure women's engagement.
- 10:37 Question round**
Our speakers will answer questions on their interventions.
- 10:37 Open discussion**
All speakers will engage into a discussion on the topics touched in their interventions and will answer the questions coming from the audience.
- 10:55 Wrap-up and closing**

THE EXPERTS

In this workshop, there will be opportunities to listen to five different experts. Different experts are present more or less during the whole workshop, but everyone will be involved to answer your questions. Find out about the background of these experts:

- **Marta Veronesi** Project Assistant at **Th!nk E**, DECIDE project coordinating partner
- **Ioannis Konstas** is Project manager at **Q-PLAN**, Coordinator of W4RES project
- **Alis-Daniela Torres** is Senior Officer of Sustainable Resources, Climate and Resilience at **ICLEI Europe**
- **Sonja Klingert** is Project Lead for University of Mannheim RENErgetic and DECIDE projects at **University of Mannheim (Germany)**
- **Mona Bielig** is Research Fellow for RENErgetic and DECIDE Project at **Privatuniversität Schloss Seeburg (Austria)**

THE PROJECTS BEHIND THE WORKSHOP & OUR MODERATORS

The workshop is part of the capacity building activities organized by the DECIDE project and is supported by two other energy-related projects where ICLEI is involved.



DECIDE - Developing Energy Communities through Informative and collective actions

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.

More about the project in the [DECIDE official webpage](#).



Power Poor – Empowering Energy Poor Citizens through Joint Energy Initiatives

The main aim of PowerPoor is to support programmes/ schemes for energy poor citizens and encourage the use of alternative financing schemes (e.g. establishing energy communities / cooperatives, crowd funding). PowerPoor will facilitate experience and knowledge sharing, as well as the implementation of small-scale energy efficiency interventions and the installation of renewable energy sources, increasing the active participation of citizens.

More about the project on the [Power Poor official webpage](#).



W4RES – Women for market uptake of renewable heating and cooling

W4RES #Women4RES is a 3-year-EU-funded project, which aims at scaling-up the involvement of women in the market deployment and uptake of Renewable Heating and Cooling (RHC) solutions via replicable support measures tested and validated across the 8 European countries. The basic project concept stems from the recognition that women hold great promise as agents of change, helping us progress faster towards our climate and energy targets for 2030.

More about the project on the [W4RES official webpage](#)

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