

# On the road to a successful Energy Community: Identifying and overcoming potential barriers and challenges

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

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Energy communities and Collective Actions – the pivotal point of the 21<sup>st</sup> century energy transition. We need decentralized renewable energy and people working together to achieve the energy transition. Even though a directive in the EU exists the regulations and barriers are as different as can be in the different European countries.

Follow three examples of communities who approached the challenge to create energy communities and learn from their experience. Learn about different challenges, hardship, barriers and setbacks. Ask questions and get the most important ones answered to help you on your way towards an energy community or collective action.

## AGENDA (all times indicated are in CET)

### 09:00    **Welcome and general introduction**

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

### **99s self-introduction by experts**

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

*Hanna Rasper, ECOPA (Energia. Colletiva. Palermo).*

*Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop (European federation of citizen energy cooperatives)*

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

*Esther Hardi, Energiecooperatie 2030*

*Gerhard Meindl, Stadtwerke Wunsiedel, Germany*

### 09:15    **Two Stories of Energy Communities – The introduction**

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

*Two experts join our workshop and share their stories, successes and failures.*

*Hanna Rasper, ECOPA (Energia. Colletiva. Palermo)*

*Gerhard Meindl, Stadtwerke Wunsiedel*

**09:20 Neighborhood talks: Discussion Round 1**

*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**

*Share your questions with everyone in the chat and vote on the most important questions. The first will be answered by our panel.*

**09:45 Coffee Break**

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

**09:55 Two Stories of Energy Communities – Overcoming the bigger challenges**

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

*Hanna Rasper, ECOPA (Energia. Colletiva. Palermo).*

*Gerhard Meindl, Stadtwerke Wunsiedel*

**10:05 Neighborhood talks: Discussion Round 2**

*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 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**

*Share your questions with everyone in the chat and vote on the most important questions. The first will be answered by our panel.*

**10:25 Panel Discussion and Answers to More Questions**

*Our panel of experts will answer more of the leftover questions. You have the chance to rank them by voting for the most popular ones. Our experts will try to answer as many questions as possible in the remaining 20 minutes of the workshop.*

**11:15 Wrap up and closing**

## THE EXPERTS

In this workshop, there will be opportunities to listen to seven 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:

**Ludwig Karg** is CEO of **B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH**, Germany

**Hanna Rasper** is Co-Founder at **ECOPA (Energia. Colletiva. Palermo)**

**Dirk Vansintjan** is CEO of **REScoop (European federation of citizen energy cooperatives)**

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