Unlocking energy citizenship: Integrated knowledge and information tools for energy communities and citizens

Live session for the KNOWLEDGE module
31 May 2023, 10-12 CET
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What to expect from the live training session?

What knowledge and skills are crucial for setting up and/or joining energy communities? What are the knowledge barriers for energy citizenship? How to provide reliable information and facilitate access to energy knowledge for citizens and communities?

Easily available, understandable and reliable information plays a central role in strengthening energy citizenship and energy communities. There is a large gap in knowledge and skills (managerial, financial, and technological) between authorities and market actors who govern the energy systems, and citizens who seek to join or set-up and manage energy communities. On one hand, support at the information level and the operational level is needed. On the other hand, there is simultaneously a need to simplify and harmonize legal structures.

The training session aims to 1) provide structured understanding of different types of knowledge barriers for community energy and other citizen-led energy actions, and 2) explore the integrated approaches and tools in European (e.g. Energy Communities Repository) and national level (e.g. Austrian coordination office for energy communities) to better encourage citizens to take action, especially in setting up and mainstreaming community energy.

The session is part of the Community Energy Academy training programme (communityenergyacademy.eu). The session will be facilitated by ICLEI Europe and University of Graz as part of the EC^2-project.

Agenda

10:00	**Welcome and introduction** Yu-Yi Huynh, ICLEI Europe
10:05	**Keynote: Empowering energy citizenship and energy communities through overcoming knowledge barriers + Q&A** Negar Ghezel Sefloo, University of Graz
10:25	**Presentation and panel discussion: Get inspired! Examples of integrated tools for energy communities and energy citizen in national and european level + Q&A** Ian Turner (Energy Cities): Energy Communities Repository Daniel Berger (Energy and Environment Agency of Lower Austria): Austrian coordination office for energy communities Johanna Held (University of Graz): Prototype of EC2's co-created tool
11:30	**Group discussion: Share your experience! Collective stock-taking and sense-making exercise on knowledge tools**
11:50	**Wrap up**