



Building energy citizenship: inclusive housing approaches for energy citizens and communities

Live session for the HOUSING module

28th June 2023, 10-12 CET

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What to expect from the live training session?

Which housing-related barriers hinder people's participation in the energy system? How can municipalities use (social) housing to tackle energy poverty and foster energy transition? What is the potential of different housing models in fostering energy citizenship and the emergence of community energy initiatives?

Housing law is often overlooked in energy community policies. However, it represents one of the major barriers to energy citizenship and community energy initiatives. Housing regulations at the national and local level affect people's opportunities to engage in energy systems - for example, via property rights, standards of housing, tenure types. In addition, housing is strongly linked to socioeconomic inequalities, making it an important factor to tackle when addressing energy poverty and protecting vulnerable households.

The goals of this session are i) to explore and understand the boundaries and opportunities posed by housing regulations for community energy initiatives and energy citizenship, and ii) to navigate the multiple and alternative existing housing models, as well as iii) discuss how they can contribute to energy transition and citizenship.

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 EC²-project.

Agenda

10:00	Welcome and introduction Benedetta Buccolini, ICLEI Europe
10:05	Keynote: Housing Law, barriers and opportunities for energy citizenship and community energy activities + Q&A Celin Gutschi, University of Graz
10:25	Presentation and panel discussion: Exploring different housing models as tools for community energy initiatives and energy citizenship + Q&A Mara Oprea (ENPOR project): Private tenure measures for energy citizenship Jordan Young (DuneWorks): Different housing forms for energy citizenship and communities
11:05	Group discussion: Identifying housing barriers to energy citizenship for different demographics in different contexts
11:50	Wrap up

