



Citizen

Empowerment Kit

Empowerment (Psychology):



In your context, is it possible to notice an increase in homeowners turning (or willing to turn) to green energy alternatives? Is your community/town/city supporting this? How? (e.g. by increasing support and resources available, by changing regulations, by providing incentives)

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Empowerment (Psychology):



Which different housing settings (e.g. urban, rural etc.) and types (e.g. single-family house, multi-family house etc.) can be found in your community energy initiative? Are they representative of the wider energy initiative context?

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Finance/economic:



In your context, are small installations and individual citizens eligible for incentives, interest-free loans and VAT deductions?

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Finance/economic:



Are members of your community energy initiative treated the same way in terms of taxation and incentives/deductions, regardless of whether they live in single or multi-family houses?

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Legal:



Is the right to choose the energy supplier legally enshrined and respected in your context? Are there clear rules that regulate the tenant-owner relationship on energy matters? Are redress or complaint mechanisms in place in case of non-compliance?

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Legal:



In your town/city, is it required to obtain permission/consent from owners/co-owners for installing a generation plant? Is there a clear and easy procedure to follow?



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Legal:



When a generation plant is installed, who is the owner and who benefits from its production?
Is there clear enough information about ownership and its transfer?

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Legal:



In your community, are there different energy production systems and member contracts available to meet the needs of different resident types?

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Knowledge and skills:



Do tenants and owners have access to clear information regarding renewable energy production and its benefits? Is there a comprehensive platform for information and knowledge, such as one-stop-shop?



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Knowledge and skills:



Who takes care of the management and accounting in your community energy initiative? In your context, could you imagine assigning this responsibility to housing co-operative boards or other existing systems/groups in charge of building management/?



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Participation:



Is it possible for tenants to participate in the community energy initiatives you know without owning a suitable building or piece of land (e.g. virtual prosumer, crowdfunding, rental)?



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