



# Citizen

## Empowerment Kit

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Empowerment (Psychology):

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In your context, have you noticed if people with different socio-economic backgrounds have different environmental concerns or perceptions about the energy transition? If yes, how can that knowledge be used to engage more people in your community?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Empowerment (Psychology):

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Can you think of examples of socio-economic backgrounds that can be found in your community? What might stop individuals from specific groups from joining your community energy initiative? What actions can be taken to overcome this?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Empowerment (Psychology):

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Who represents your community energy initiative to the outside world? Are these people representative of the socio-economic diversity of your community? Are they trusted actors that can help in building connections and foster participation?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Finance/economic:

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In your context, are there electricity price regulations in place? Are these prices encouraging citizens in investing in Renewable Energy and taking part in community energy initiatives?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Finance/economic:

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In your context, are there financial schemes and incentives available to support individuals' engagement and investment in community energy initiatives or renewable energy? How can they be improved? (e.g. Public virtual communities\*, virtual prosumerism\*, low-interest loans funded with CO2 emissions rights\*, zero VAT or VAT deduction, public organisations to support ECs creation)



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## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Finance/economic:

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Does the state provide smart meters to citizens and enough/clear information/training about their use to monitor financial benefits?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Legal:

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





## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Legal:

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In your country, are laws for founding/joining a community energy initiative consistent, or can you observe different regulations based on the region or province? Are these laws taking into account and overcoming the socio-economic differences that might exist between these areas?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Knowledge and skills:

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In your local context, is it simple to access all the information, knowledge and skills needed to become members or founders of a community energy initiative? Is information and training provided in different formats? Is the language used easy to understand and accessible?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Knowledge and skills:

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How do you advertise and increase the visibility of your community energy initiative and its membership? Is it tailored to the different socio-economic backgrounds of your context? Are the objectives relatable?

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

### Participation:

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What is the organisational structure of your community energy initiative in terms of decision-making? How much can individual members with different financial backgrounds participate?

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### Participation:

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Is an initial economic investment required for participating in your community energy initiative? Which are the benefits of joining?



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