



# Scaling up energy communities in Bulgaria

REGIONAL ONLINE EVENT

21 October 2021



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10:00-12:00 Sofia / 9:00-11:00 CET



➔ **Registration:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrc-GrqjMsGNLgesThNkl8l4o-5w81QxhK>

### About the event

An event packed with know-how, practical tips, and resources, to foster local, community-led renewable energy in Bulgaria. Community energy is key to a decarbonised economy and a crucial step in tackling climate change. This is about more than windmills and solar panels. Community energy can help find a new balance between local economies and the global economy. The EU has set the direction, but with the Bulgarian transposition of its Renewable Directive being late, fast action is urgently required. Community energy leads to energy democracy, holding the promise of an economy and society based on co-operation rather than competition, within the boundaries of planet earth.

**Audience:** Bulgarian cities, cooperatives, civil society groups, co-owner associations, renewables professionals, green electricity suppliers, public companies (district heating etc.), SMEs

**Language:** Bulgarian (simultaneous translation from Bulgarian to English)

**The community energy guidebook:** <https://energy-cities.eu/publication/community-energy/>



## AGENDA

Thursday 21 October 2021 10:00-12:00

10:00-10:20	<b>Welcome and introduction: Embarking on a renewable energy journey</b> Moderator – Atanas Genkov Little intro quiz to check knowledge around prosumers/cooperatives/communities
10:20-10:30	<b>From Brussels to Sofia: Overview on the policy environment for community energy</b> Teodora Stoyonova (including info on legal and organisation forms)
10:30-10:45	<b>It's up to us! Private prosumers - new opportunities for businesses and citizens</b> Todor Galev, Center for the Study of Democracy
10:45-11:00	<b>Q&amp;A with audience</b> <b>Facilitator – Atanas Genkov</b>
10:50 – 11:00	Screen break
11:00-11:50	<b>Energy Communities in neighbouring regions – Meet the innovators (this session will be translated from English to Bulgarian)</b> <b>Panel conversation with</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mario Rajn – Mayor of Križevci (Croatia)</li> <li>- Nikos Mantzaris - Green Tank (Greece)</li> <li>- Ana Dzokic - Elektropionir (Serbia)</li> </ul> Brief reaction/analysis of on the ground experiences by Dragomir Tzanev (EnEffect) Q&A with audience
11:50 -12:00	Wrap-up – Atanas Genkov
12:00	End

## Organisers



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## Useful resources

- The Community Energy Handbook: <https://energy-cities.eu/publication/community-energy/>
- “Bulgaria - Czech Republic – Greece: National contexts for energy communities” (CONGREGATE report): <https://cutt.ly/mcDRwEK>
- “Scaling-up Distributed Solar PV in Bulgaria” - report (in English and Bulgarian) by E3Analytics: [www.e3analytics.eu/project/scaling-up-energy-communities-in-bulgaria/](http://www.e3analytics.eu/project/scaling-up-energy-communities-in-bulgaria/)
- <https://thegreentank.gr/en/> Environmental think tank in Greece
- “Scaling-up decentralized solar PV in Bulgaria” – report by E3Analytics which provides a lot of background for the energy community work: [www.e3analytics.eu/project/scaling-up-decentralized-solar-pv-in-bulgaria/](http://www.e3analytics.eu/project/scaling-up-decentralized-solar-pv-in-bulgaria/)
- "[Development of Small-Scale Renewable Energy Sources in Bulgaria: Legislative and Administrative Challenges](#)". Also available in [Bulgarian](#) language.

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