



Inclusive energy services to fight energy poverty and empower citizens

Capacity-building for municipal energy entrepreneurs with a social purpose

Time: 20 June - 9-12h (followed by a networking lunch from 12-13h)

Place: Artemisia room, Mundo Madou, Av. des Arts 7/8, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium

This workshop will take place during EUSEW (20 June 2023), but it is not part of the official program.

Why this workshop?

As the energy crisis touches more and more people, it becomes even more important to empower people in vulnerable situations to take ownership and benefit from renewable energy production. The previous winter has been hard. As summer comes in, different, but similar challenges lie ahead for certain parts of the population: people will suffer major hardship because of extreme heat or other weather disasters. The situation is systematically worse for specific parts of the population: people with low-income, specific health conditions or those who are part of a minority.

Short-term support doesn't go far enough. Structural changes in the energy supply are needed to truly improve the condition of vulnerable households. A whole new business scheme needs to be invented.

During this session, city experts involved in the POWER UP project will share how they currently design and test business models with a social purpose.

Other European experiences around energy solidarity and a more democratic energy market will be presented to inspire you – and hopefully to bring social innovation into the EU Commission's current electricity market design reform.



AGENDA

08:45-09:00 Welcome

09:00-10:15: Focus 1: Business models: scenarios for the community

Introduction by **Gabriele Fragonese** (SINLOC) presenting the innovative business model options (POWER UP experiences)

Reactions and additions from:

- **Patrick Maurelli** (Universita Degli Studi Di Roma La Sapienza. CITERA Centro di Ricerca Interdipartimentale Territorio Edilizia Restauro Ambiente) with the focus on the Sun4All pilot in Rome (Italy)
- **Heleen Schockaert** (REScoop.eu), bringing the focus on the added value of energy communities to increase energy justice

Interactions with the public

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 Focus 2: Public policy and legal frameworks: challenges for municipalities to implementing solutions to alleviate energy poverty

Introduction by **Heleen Schockaert**, RESCoop.eu (CEES)

Speakers:

- **Arturo Zea, Valencia Clima I Energia** (Valencia pilot in the POWER UP project), public procurement for energy services, challenges and opportunities.
- **Klervi Kerneis** (Notre Europe - Institut Jacques Delors), with the focus on the national regulatory frameworks on energy communities, drivers and barriers to energy community projects at national and local levels (four Sun4All pilot cases).

Q&A/group work



11:30-12:00 Focus 3: The co-creation challenge & engagement strategies

- **Sabrina Boudjemline**, Les 7 Vents (CEES project pilot) - identifying and engaging with people in energy poverty
 - **Fien Vanderbeke**, City of Eeklo (POWER UP project pilot - the Eeklo experience in engaging with households in vulnerable situations)
- Q&A

12h-13h30 Networking lunch

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

POWER UP – coordinated by ENERGY CITIES

The 6 POWER UP pilots explore business opportunities for energy efficiency services and renewables that benefit people in energy poverty. We co-design those services together with the most vulnerable. The project is co-funded by the EU H2020 program and runs until 2025.

www.socialenergyplayers.eu

CEES – coordinated by Snap Solutions

Solidarity is a key principle of the just, clean energy transition embedded within the Europe Green Deal, which specifically recognises an important role for community energy systems. CEES designs a toolkit of proven approaches by which community projects lift people out of energy poverty.

www.energysolidarity.eu

Sun4All – coordinated by ICLEI

Sun4All tests in the EU a support scheme helping vulnerable households to switch to renewable energy while reducing their energy bills. Building on the results of the testing phase in Almada (PT), Barcelona (ES), Rome (IT) and in the community of municipalities Cœur de Savoie (FR), the Sun4All support scheme will be scaled up across Europe. Co-funded by the EU Horizon 2020 programme, the project runs until September 2024.

www.sun4all.eu

