

PROFESSIONAL ONLINE ROUNDTABLE ON CREATING APPROPRIATE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN THE DANUBE REGION

in the framework of Activity 1.5 - Joint design of the appropriate legal, operational and financial environment for the creation of energy communities on roundtables

Organised by:

STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency, the Lead Partner of NRGCOM

Date: 11th September 2024

09:00-12:45 CET

Platform: ZOOM

Meeting agenda

Registration link: https://forms.gle/rYxZyCrnkGNdZff67

Link to the virtual meeting: registered participants will receive the access link

in the week prior the event **Moderator**: to be announced

8:45-9:00 Entry in virtual "lobby"

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Opening Speech, Introduction

Greetings, introduction of the main themes of the discussion and overview of the agenda

9:10-9:20 Introduction of the NRGCOM project results

Speaker: Representative of STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency, the Lead Partner

Section 1 – Legal Forms of Energy Communities

9:20-10:05 Three case studies of successful implementations in the Danube Region

Overview of Legal Structures

- Introduction of different legal structures for energy communities (e.g., cooperatives, non-profits, limited liability companies).
- Advantages and disadvantages of each form.

Regulatory Frameworks

- Overview of national and EU regulations affecting energy communities.
- Key legal requirements and compliance issues.
- Impact of regulatory changes on the formation and operation of energy communities.

10:05-10:15 Q&A Session

Further discussion of the legislative background of energy communities in the Danube Region

10:15-10:25 Break

Section 2 - Stakeholders and Networks

10:25-11:10 Three best stakeholder management practices in the Danube Region

Identification of Key Stakeholders

- Identification of key stakeholders (e.g., local authorities, community members, investors, utility companies).
- Roles and interests of different stakeholders in energy communities.
- Strategies for effective stakeholder engagement.

Building and Maintaining Networks

- Importance of networks in supporting energy communities.
- Methods for building robust networks (e.g., partnerships, collaborations).

11:10-11:20 **Q&A Session**

Further discussion on stakeholder engagement and networking strategies

11:20-11:30 Break

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Section 3 - Establishment of Energy Communities

11:30-12:15 Three case studies on successful energy community establishment

Steps to Establish an Energy Community

- Step-by-step guide to founding an energy community.
- Initial planning, community engagement, and resource mobilisation.
- Practical challenges and solutions during the establishment phase.

Financial and Technical Considerations

- Funding options and financial models for energy communities.
- Technical requirements and considerations (e.g., infrastructure, technology choices).
- Integration of renewable energy sources and sustainability practices.

12:15-12:25 Q&A Session

Further discussion of the practical aspects of establishing energy communities

12:25-12:45 Final remarks



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