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STEPS TO YOUR ENERGY COMMUNITY

Why start?

- Strengthen community bonds
- Control of your energy future
- Save money on energy bills
- Reduce carbon footprint

Get inspired!

- Look at successful Energy Communities
- Identify community strengths & resources
- Visualize the positive impact together

**Ready to turn this dream into reality?
Let's get started!**



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● LEGAL STATUS



Creating an Energy Community is an exciting voyage toward a sustainable future. Ensure you have the right legal status to comply with your country's & the EU's rules. This will empower you to produce & distribute energy effectively.

Key points to consider:

Legal Framework:

Austria, Czechia, Germany, Slovakia & Slovenia have well-established laws, making it easier to start. In Bulgaria, Croatia or Romania, the framework is evolving. Hungary, Moldova & Serbia are developing their laws, while Montenegro is at early stages.

Crafting your Statute:

A solid statute is essential. Go beyond basic legal requirements by including aspects like profit-sharing, job creation & community engagement for long-term success.

Energy Communities forms:

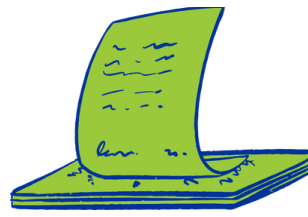
Your community can be a cooperative, non-profit entity, limited liability company or even a public-private partnership. Each form has unique benefits & requirements.

Building an Energy Community takes time and may face legal changes.

Seek guidance from legal advisors, energy regulators & local authorities to navigate the landscape & ensure compliance. Your dream of a sustainable, locally-driven Energy Community is within reach!

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!





2.

SHAPE YOUR GOVERNANCE MODEL

Creating a robust governance model is crucial for the success of your Energy Community. A good framework shapes decision-making, fosters engagement & supports growth.

HERE'S HOW TO DO IT EFFECTIVELY:

Governance Structure:

Choose between a centralized model (executive board) or a decentralized model (all participate in decision-making). The right structure can simplify processes & boost participation.

Engagement:

Involve the community in governance discussions from the start. This inclusive approach fosters ownership & trust.

Voting Rights:

Clearly outline roles, responsibilities & decision-making powers. Transparency builds trust & ensures everyone knows how they can contribute.

Inclusivity:

Ensure the governance system is open & transparent. Encourage active participation to build a connected & strong community.

Communication:

Keep communicating straightforwardly. Regular updates & open dialogue are key to building trust.

A well-designed, adaptable governance model will help your Energy Community thrive & evolve.

BUILD A GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT EMPOWERS!

3. CHOOSE YOUR TYPE!



TYPES:

Renewable Energy Communities (RECs)

MEMBERS:

private households, municipalities or local businesses collectively invest in & manage renewable energy installations

GOALS:

Energy from wind, solar, hydro, biomass
Reduce carbon footprint
Decrease reliance on conventional energy
Share ownership of energy facilities
Foster local energy independence
Contribute to national & EU sustainability

Citizen Energy Communities (CECs)

MEMBERS:

citizens rather than commercial organizations, non-profit community-driven initiatives

GOALS:

Generate, consume, store & share energy
Provide energy savings
Access to renewable sources
Improved energy security
Sense of community responsibility
Shared ownership

Match your community's goals with the right energy technologies & involve local stakeholders.

YOUR ENERGY FUTURE STARTS HERE!



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FROM PLANNING TO BUILDING IT!

Creating an Energy Community is more than just setting up renewable energy systems; it's about building a sustainable environment that benefits everyone. This involves designing infrastructure, identifying funding & coordinating efforts among various groups.

Key points to consider:

Infrastructure:

This is the backbone of an Energy Community, shaped by the type of energy used. It's essential to create a flexible infrastructure that meets current needs & supports long-term energy objectives.

Funding:

Many countries in the Danube Region offer grants to support renewable energy. Take advantage of different incentives to start your community on a strong financial basis.

Cooperation:

Governments, companies, experts & community members, all play vital roles. Involve them early in the process, define roles to minimize conflicts & ensure commitment to the community's success.

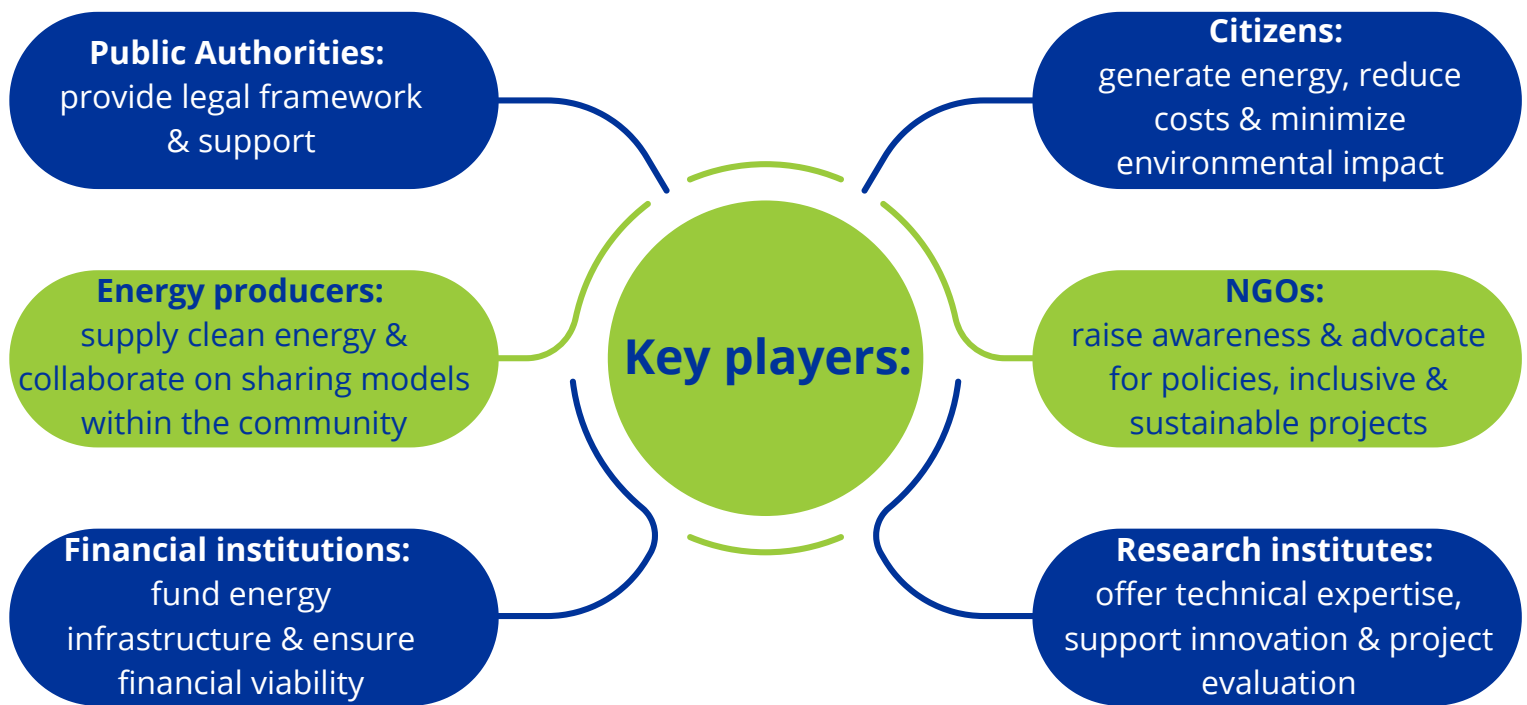
To ensure your success, start with a clear plan & defined responsibilities to avoid misunderstandings. Transparency builds trust & keeps the project on track. Funding & strong partnerships will deliver sustainable energy solutions for years to come.

START BUILDING A GREENER, MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TODAY!

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● FIND KEY STAKEHOLDERS!

Energy Communities thrive when local people & groups come together. This includes residents, businesses, non-profits & local governments. By uniting, they share resources & ideas to create energy solutions tailored to the community's needs.



YOU CAN CREATE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL!





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