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Dear Citizen-led renovation community,

In 2024, the Citizen-led renovation initiative (CLR) aims to facilitate change in our communities' energy landscape. The launch of Phase II of the Citizen-led renovation support service offers a fresh opportunity for individuals and groups passionate about driving sustainable energy initiatives.

At the heart of the CLR initiative lies a commitment to citizen involvement in energy transitions. What sets Phase II apart is its expansion to include even more participants across three distinct pathways: Pilots, Learners, and Followers. This inclusive approach ensures that communities of all sizes and stages can access valuable support and networking opportunities tailored to their needs.

Hence, the CLR launched an Open Call for Applications for Energy Communities! Here, Communities can apply to participate as Pilots, Learners, or Followers. Whether you' are ready to lead the way, expand your knowledge, or engage with like-minded peers, there's a pathway tailored to your community's goals. (Link to Call page will be added)

If your Energy Community is thriving without our help or you want to connect with others, join the <u>CLR</u> Network: By becoming part of the CLR network, individuals gain access to a wealth of resources, workshops, and webinars designed to elevate their energy projects. The network serves as a hub for knowledge sharing and collaboration, connecting enthusiasts and experts across the EU.

We extend an invitation to established and emerging energy communities alike to join us in Phase II of the Citizen-led Renovation support service. Let's embark on this journey together, leveraging our collective strength to create a greener, more sustainable future for all.

Julien Tami, Policy Officer, European Commission

Citizen-led renovation initiative

Join our Open Call!



Together with Phase II of the Citizen-led renovation initiative, we are launching an Open Call for all Energy Communities in the EU! Through this call, you are provided with technical assistance and capacity building by our experts. Apply now for professional support.

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Become Part of Our Community!



We extend an invitation to both established and emerging Energy Communities across the EU to engage in Phase II of the Citizenled renovation support service.

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EUSEW: Citizen-led Renovation Leading the Way for Residential Renovation Actions



The CLR Team is organising a policy conference session at this year's EUSEW in Brussels, in coordination with the LIFE project BE REEL.

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Citizen-led renovation workshop series: Workshop #1
Overcoming Barriers and Challenges



This workshop is a great opportunity to learn about our Open Call! It will tackle barriers and challenges faced by organisations and energy communities. Through interactive activities and discussions, we aim to find collaborative solutions to overcome them.

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Successful Participation in World Sustainable Energy Days Conference



The recent World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) conference in Wels, Austria proved to be an encouraging gathering for stakeholders committed to sustainable energy solutions.

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News from the Pilots

Citizen-Led Energy Initiative in Bulgaria Recognised by Deutsche Welle for Innovative Work

In a recent article published by Deutsche Welle, the pioneering efforts of a grassroots energy project in Bulgaria have garnered attention for their significant impact on clean energy production.



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Local Success Stories Illuminate Path to Sustainable Energy: Turn Solar into Savings Webinar Recap

Local communities in Cabra, Cosybatter and Phibsboro Village recently came together for a webinar titled "Turn Solar into Savings." Hosted by the Irish pilot of the Citizen-led renovation initiative Triple SEC, Connecting Cabra, Cosybatter, & Phibsboro Village Climate Club SEC.





News from our Partner Network

KLAR! Project Supporting Climate Adaption in Austria



A recent report is revealing key insights from the KLAR! project shedding light on notable developments in sustainable urban planning. Central to the project's success was the emphasis on citizen engagement. Involving and engaging citizens from the project's outset led to increased acceptance.

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RECAH Releases Best Practice Reports and Guidance Documents for Rural Energy Communities



As part of the RECAH project, technical experts have produced a series of guidance documents aimed at supporting individuals and groups interested in establishing and managing rural energy communities.

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Events

Climate Congress Mechelen / Klimaatcongres Mechelen

The conference focuses on cooperation and the formation of coalitions, using various sessions and workshops. The CLR will present the Open Call to join the Citizen-led renovation programme during the conference in style of a PetchaKutcha presentation.



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26/04/2024



The Green Vision Summit & Expo

The Green Vision Summit & Expo stands out from typical conferences. It serves as a platform that integrates interactive and creative sessions, uniting individuals who take action, sustainability experts, and their solutions with decision-makers.



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30/04/2024 - 02/05/2024



Informative Webinar on the Support Service and Application Process

We are offering an informative webinar on 14th May 4-5pm CEST, where we will delve into the Citizen-led renovation concept, and provide a thorough overview of the support provided within the Call.



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Clean energy for EU islands forum

Discover the transformative potential of clean energy on EU islands at the Clean energy for EU Islands Forum 2024. Taking place in Pantelleria, Italy, this forum embodies the theme "The power of islands: building resilience through renewables."



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14/05/2024 - 15/05/2024



European Sustainable Energy Week 2024

This year, EUSEW comprises a high-level Policy Conference, the EUSEW Awards, and the fifth European Youth Energy Day as well as the Energy Fair.



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11/06/2024 - 13/06/2024



EUSEW Session: Citizen-led Renovation Leading the Way for Residential Renovation Actions

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