

Editorial

Dear Citizen-led renovation community,

As autumn approaches, we are delighted to share some inspiring updates from the Citizen-led Renovation initiative. We have selected six new pilot projects from across Europe, including Italy, Spain, Belgium, and Austria. These projects will bring fresh energy and innovation to our community. You can learn more about them on their individual pages on our website.

In addition to the pilots, we have also welcomed 15 learners and 38 followers. These participants will benefit from our comprehensive support, helping them to lead and replicate energy renovation projects in their own communities. The learners will receive tailored training and resources to build their capacity in citizen-led renovation, while the followers will engage in peer exchanges and collaborative activities to share best practices and insights.

Join our upcoming <u>EURegionsWeek close to you webinar</u> on 21 October, where we will explore community-driven renovation actions and share best practices. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Your support service for Citizen-led renovation team

News from the support service for Citizen-led

renovation

Empowering Communities: Six Pilot Projects Selected

The Open Call targeted established and prospective energy communities, inviting citizen groups, local authorities, NGOs, and other organisations to lead renovation projects. Among the many applications, six pilots have been chosen for Phase II of the support service for Citizen-led renovation.



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Empowering Communities: 15 Learners Selected for the Citizen-Led Renovation Initiative

Fifteen Learners have been selected to participate in Phase II of the support service for Citizen-led renovation. These Learners are working to implement the Citizen-led Renovation concept but represent less developed initiatives or those with more limited resources.



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Empowering Communities: 38 Followers Selected

In the spring of 2024, the support service for Citizen-led Renovation launched a call to support established and prospective energy communities in leading energy renovation projects. Pathway 3 (Followers) includes 38 followers who are at an early stage of their Citizen-led renovation journey but demonstrate a clear interest in this area



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News from the Pilots

Triple SEC: Phibsboro Village SEC Hosts Informative Retrofitting Walk

Phibsboro Village SEC, part of Triple SEC, recently organised an insightful retrofitting walk, showcasing practical energy-saving measures in the community. The event began with a tour of a typical red brick house, where Dr Gerry Wardell, a founding member of Phibsboro Village SEC, shared his personal experiences with home energy retrofitting.



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Renovation Efforts by Izgrei Energy Community

The Izgrei Energy Community, founded in 2021, has made significant strides in its mission to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in Bulgaria with the help of the support service for Citizen-led renovation. Izgrei's first pilot project near Plovdiv, Bulgaria, included the installation of solar panels and minor renovations to a single-family house.



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Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on Castello Green House

Castello Green House from the Emilia Romagna region in Italy is a cooperative focused on mutual benefits, aiming for environmental, economic, and social gains for its members and local communities. It



promotes eco-friendly and participatory renewable energy sources (RES).





Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile di Antrodoco

Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile di Antrodoco, from the Lazio region, aims to deliver environmental, economic, and social benefits through renewable energy projects. They support pilot projects to enhance renewable energy usage.



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Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile di Postua e Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile di Guardabosone

The Renewable Energy Community (REC) of Postua and Guardabosone, both from the Piedmont region in Italy, is forming to improve energy efficiency (EE) in 15 residential buildings, including 5 families experiencing energy poverty.



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Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on Diputació de Girona

The Girona Provincial Council, through its Environmental Service, is dedicated to



promoting energy transition, renewable energy, and efficiency enhancement across the province. They aim to foster the participation of the five different energy communities they have supported.





Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on ZuidtrAnt

ZuidtrAnt has been actively involved in numerous projects, including solar roofs, school initiatives, renovation coaching, battery storage, and energy-positive circular hubs. Their current project, Burenwerf, focuses on the renovation of residential buildings in close collaboration with local municipalities.



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Announcing the Selection of Pilots for Citizen-led renovation: Spotlight on Wohnungseigentümergemeinschaft der Liegenschaft 1020 Wien Ybbsstraße 6

The project aims to renovate a residential complex consisting of 31 apartments. The planned interventions include comprehensive renovation work and the installation of photovoltaic (PV) panels. It has a projected budget of €591,000 for upgrading the heating systems and an additional €830,887 for insulation.



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News from our Partner Network

oPEN Living Lab Pamplona Completes the BIPV Roof Installation



This newly installed photovoltaic roof generates 60 kWp of renewable energy by utilising all available roof space, even in suboptimal orientations. This achievement required a meticulous design process, optimising string configuration and inverter selection.

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Join the Follower Islands Programme: A New Call from the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat as Part of the "30 for 2030" Initiatives



The Clean energy for EU islands secretariat is excited to announce a new opportunity for islands: the Follower Islands programme. This call invites islands to apply and take part in the ambitious "30 for 2030" initiative to fast forward their decarbonisation plans and learn from the 30 pioneering islands.

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Events

European Week of Regions and Cities

The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement the European Union Cohesion Policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.



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Citizen-Led Sustainability: Integrating Social Science into Energy Community and Building Initiatives

This event will delve into the vital role of social science in fostering sustainable energy communities and buildings, showcasing innovative approaches and tools developed through Horizon H2020 and Horizon Europe projects and Citizen-led renovation perspectives.



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10/10/2024



Smart Cities Marketplace Webinar on Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities

This event will equip you with practical knowledge and strategies for enhancing your city's development through private financing.



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15/10/2024



Atelier Webinar E-mobility in the transformation towards energy neutral cities

ATELIER is organising a webinar on the topic of e-mobility and its role in the transition towards energy neutral cities. In this webinar they will present the challenge of e-mobility (EV) integration in a local energy system.



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17/10/2024



CLR: EURegionsWeek close to you webinar

The Support service for citizen-led renovation projects is collaborating with the EU-funded LIFE Programme project RENOVERTY to organise a EURegionsWeek close to you webinar.



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21/10/2024



World Sustainable Energy Days 2025

The 2025 World Sustainable Energy Days will show how to realise the high policy ambitions and how to strengthen the clean energy markets.



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05/03/2025 - 07/03/2025



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