



Editorial

Dear Citizen-led renovation community,

In April 2024, an <u>Open Call for Phase II</u> of the Citizen-led renovation initiative invited established and aspiring energy communities, citizen groups, local authorities, NGOs, and other organisations to lead renovation projects.

Today, we are pleased to update you on the outcome of the call by proudly announcing the selection of the six pilot projects for Phase II of the initiative.

Selected participants of the three pathways pilots, learners and followers will now receive tailored support for administrative, technical, and communication needs to ensure effective project implementation and replication from the CLR support service team and a vast network of experts.

In return for the comprehensive support provided by the CLR support service team, the selected communities will share information, engage citizens, host events, and demonstrate their replication potential. Moreover, the collaboration between the pilot initiatives aims to create a platform for mutual learning and exchange among groups of varying experience levels.

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We hope this sparks your curiosity about our new pilot projects, gets you excited about the support for learners and followers, and maybe even inspires you to start or grow your community-led renovation initiatives.

Kind regards,

Jan Bormans, CEO of Th!nk E and Project Coordination Lead of the Citizen-led renovation initiative

Free Support Services for your Energy Community

Empowering Communities: Six Pilot Projects Selected



The Open Call concluded on 17 June 2024, and we are proud to announce the selection of six pilot projects for Phase II. These pilots will receive comprehensive support in project development, implementation, and replication, providing a blueprint for other communities to follow.

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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.

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, founded in 2019 in Antrodoco, Italy, 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 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 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.

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).

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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. Their application aims to foster the participation of the five different energy communities they have supported.

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News from the support service for Citizen-led renovation

Enablers Board – Second Meeting of High-Level Members

On 07 May 2024, the Enablers Board of the support service for Citizen-led renovation received the progress reports from the four pilot communities at its second meeting and exchanged on their specific challenges.



Citizen-led renovation Participating in the 5th Annual Political Dialogue - Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition

James Roscoe, representing the support service for Citizen-led renovation, participated in a panel discussion titled "Combatting Energy Poverty in Coal+ Regions through Energy Efficiency of Buildings and Citizen Empowerment."



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Empowering Citizens through Renovation - Insights from the EUSEW Session

The recent EUSEW session on "support services for Citizen-led renovation" moderated by Stefan Scheuer from the support service for citizen-led renovation projects focused on the significant role of citizens and local communities in accelerating energy renovations, which are essential for meeting the EU's climate and energy targets.



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Enhancing Citizen Engagement: Insights from IEECP's Workshop on Energy Communities

The workshop helped participants learn more about how to engage neighbors in energy community activities and different ways to involve fellow citizens. It also focused on engagement strategies targeting different generations.



News from the Pilots

Pilot Triple SEC goes Stoneybatter Festival with a Cosybatter Walk & Talk Tour

The 2-hour tour provided practical, real-world examples of energy efficiency improvements, making the information accessible and actionable for attendees. The participants were guided by members from Triple SEC.



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News from our Partner Network

Let's Talk About Energy Use



Energy security is considered to be a critical part of the energy transition and ensures that we have a diverse range of energy sources, whilst reducing our reliance on oil, gas and coal. But do you know where the energy you use comes from?

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metaCCAZE Design Activities: Tailoring Mobility Solutions to City-Specific Needs



Projects often fail to deliver effective solutions due to a lack of specificity and grounding in real problems and needs. To address this, metaCCAZE has developed an innovative approach to tailor each project's final output to the specific needs of participating cities.

MOBILITIES FOR EU Joins Forces at Cities Mission Conference in Valencia



MOBILITIES FOR EU played a significant role throughout the conference, sharing a booth with its sister project, metaCCAZE. This shared space not only highlights the collaborative spirit of these initiatives but also provides a platform to present their innovative solutions and strategies for sustainable urban transport.

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Missed the Smart Cities Marketplace Webinar on Technical Assistance?



The recent Smart Cities Marketplace (SCM) webinar provided invaluable insights for EU cities looking to leverage technical assistance facilities for smart, sustainable and inclusive development

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Events

European Week of Regions and Cities

The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy.



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07/10/2024 - 10/10/2024

World Sustainable Energy Days 2024

The 2024 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 - 08/03/2025



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