



Citizen-led renovation



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Editorial

Dear Citizen-led renovation Community,

As we approach the conclusion of Phase I of the Citizen-led Renovation initiative, we would like to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our pilot projects: Triple SEC, Izgrei, Coopérnico, and Energent. These communities have demonstrated the power of collective action in driving sustainable energy solutions and building a greener future.

Triple SEC brought together energy communities in Dublin to retrofit homes, saving over 77 million kWh annually and advancing solar energy adoption. Izgrei launched solar installations in Bulgaria and created tools to empower more energy communities. Coopérnico, a Portuguese renewable energy cooperative, has supported six Renewable Energy Communities while fostering solar PV in the social sector. Energent in Belgium focuses on group renovation efforts reaching 31 towns and 1.5 million residents.

As we transition to Phase II, we extend our appreciation to Triple SEC, Izgrei, Coopérnico, and Energent for their dedication and pioneering spirit. Coopérnico and Energent joined us at our

Learners event in Lisbon, where they passed on tips and shared their experiences with the Phase II Learners.

Kind regards,

Your Citizen-led renovation team

News from the Support service for Citizen-led renovation

Power of Communities: Co-Creating Pathways to Climate Neutrality

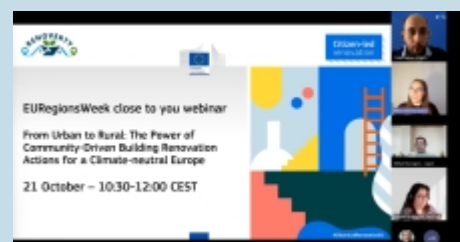
At the Smart City Expo World Congress 2024, a group of EU-supported projects hosted a panel discussion titled Power of Communities: Co-Creating Pathways to Climate Neutrality, including the Support service for Citizen-led renovation. The session tackled a key challenge for climate-neutral and positive energy districts: connecting stakeholders to foster meaningful, sustainable change.



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EURegionsWeek close to you webinar - From Urban to Rural: The Power of Community-Driven Building Renovation Actions for a Climate-neutral Europe

The Support service for Citizen-led renovation projects was collaborating with the EU-funded LIFE Programme project RENOVERTY to organise a EURegionsWeek close to you webinar on 21 October, titled "From Urban to Rural: The Power of Community-Driven Building Renovation Actions for a Climate-neutral Europe"



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Highlights from our Citizen-led renovation Event

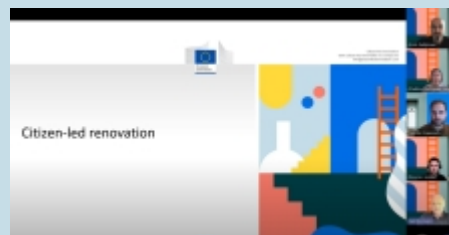
October's Citizen-led renovation event in Lisbon brought together stakeholders from across Europe to explore solutions and share experiences on driving community-led renovation projects. Participants engaged in various interactive sessions, focusing on overcoming challenges, enhancing knowledge sharing, and strengthening community engagement.



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Citizen-led renovation - Followers Onboarding

The Support service for Citizen-led renovation hosted an engaging and informative onboarding event for its new followers. The primary goal of the onboarding event was to introduce the new followers to the Citizen-led renovation project, its objectives, and the support available to them.

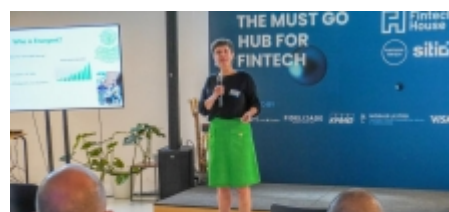


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News from the Pilots

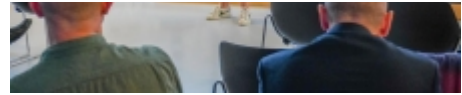
Energent's Final Event Marks a Milestone in Citizen-Led Renovation Phase I

The event was a pleasant and productive meeting, underscoring the value of exchanging experiences at the European level. Participants were particularly intrigued by the concept of personas, with many



organisations expressing interest in the personas defined by Energent and how they are used in their daily work: "Everyone knows a Cédric."

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Coopérnico's Final Event Highlights Achievements and Challenges in Advancing Energy Communities in Portugal

Coopérnico, a pioneering cooperative in Portugal's renewable energy sector, hosted its final event in October under the Citizen-led renovation (CLR) initiative. At this event, the cooperative reflected on its journey and achievements while addressing the challenges ahead.

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Izgrei Energy Community Celebrates Milestone with Final Event

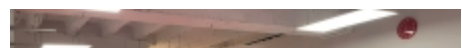
On 1 November 2024, the Izgrei Energy Community hosted its final event in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, marking the conclusion of its participation in Phase I of the Citizen-Led Renovation initiative. The event was filled with fruitful discussions and a positive atmosphere, reflecting the progress and potential of Izgrei's work.

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Warmer, Cheaper Homes: Triple SEC Retrofitting Event Empowers Communities

The "Warmer, Cheaper Homes" Triple SEC



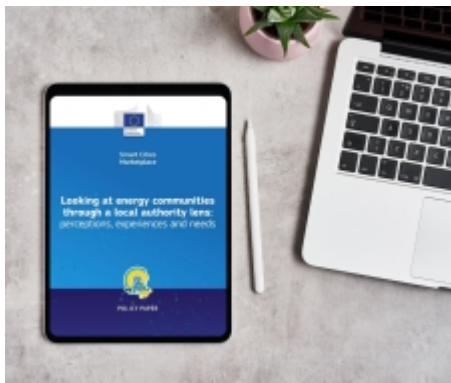
Retrofitting Event on 19 October marked a milestone in the Citizen-Led Renovation initiative, bringing together community members, stakeholders, and experts to celebrate the completion of Phase I.

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News from our Partner Network

New Policy Paper by Smart Cities Marketplace - Insights into Energy Communities from a Local Authority Perspective



The Smart Cities Marketplace has published a new policy paper titled "Looking at Energy Communities through a Local Authority Lens: Perceptions, Experiences, and Needs." This comprehensive study is based on interviews with 44 local authorities across Europe, providing a deep dive into their views on energy communities.

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New Policy Paper Highlights Path to Zero-Emission Buildings and Neighbourhoods by 2050



POLICY RECOMMENDATION PAPER

Speeding up the implementation of Zero-Emission Buildings and Neighbourhoods through targeted financial policies

Recommendations for national and regional policymakers in the EU

A new policy recommendation paper called "Speeding up the implementation of Zero-Emission Buildings and Neighbourhoods through targeted financial policies" illuminates critical policy recommendations for overcoming financial barriers to transforming Europe's building stock into zero-emission and energy-positive structures, a cornerstone of the EU's climate and energy goals.

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Events

Financing Deep Retrofit of Social Housing with a Holistic Neighbourhood Approach

The oPEN Lab project is hosting the last workshop of the roundtable series with the financial sector. Their partner BPIE will be organising this online workshop. This session addresses the challenges of social housing institutions when it comes to financing deep renovations and retrofits.



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16th Citizens' Energy Forum

The 16th Citizens Energy Forum will be co-organised by the European Commission and the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority. It will engage a wide range of local stakeholders, including NGOs, cities, communities, youth and businesses, as well as Energy Regulators and national policy makers



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Smart Cities Marketplace Financing Masterclass on the Energy Transition Process

This session will offer insights into effective practices from European smart cities that have successfully implemented energy transition strategies. Attendees will also learn about the critical requirements banks and investors consider when financing energy transition projects.



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World Sustainable Energy Days 2025

In 2025, the World Sustainable Energy Days will show how to gain momentum and present policies, programmes and innovation to reach our goals together. The World Sustainable Energy Days are a leading annual conference on the energy transition and climate neutrality with over 650 participants from more than 60 countries.



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European Sustainable Energy Week

The European Sustainable Energy Week Policy Conference is the biggest conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. The 19th edition of the Policy Conference will take place in a hybrid format in Brussels and online.



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