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# Accelerating Community Energy

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# The Challenges



Fossil Fuel Dependence  
=  
Wealth extraction



Price Volatility & Econ. Instability  
=  
Injustice



Climate Change  
=  
Air Pollution



Energy Poverty  
=  
Health Crises



**How DECA aims to activate  
community-led renewable energy  
action**



## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENERGY?

### Community Energy initiatives:

- Initiated, led and governed by citizens
- Strong community-benefit objectives behind business models
- Action in the energy sector



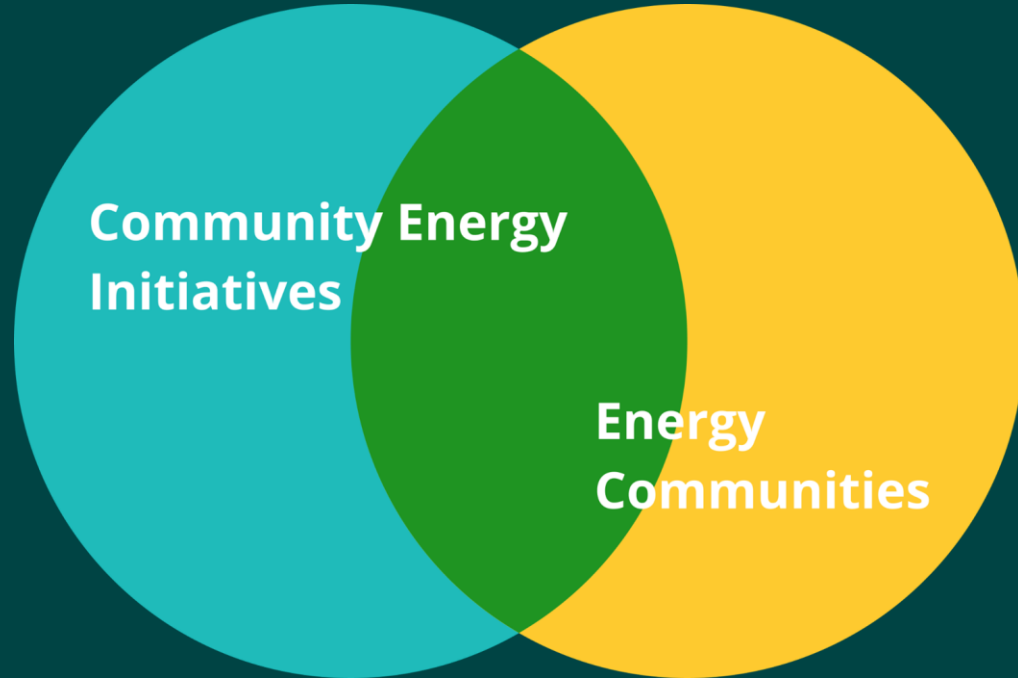
## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENERGY?

### Common features:

- Shared ownership
- Collective community financing
- Non-profit overall
- New business models
- Local training & skills building
- Leading-edge innovation
- Advocacy and activism



ENERGY COMMUNITIES



## ENERGY COMMUNITIES



<https://www.rescoop.eu/policy/transposition-tracker>

## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENERGY?

### Why?

- We need energy systems that are: clean, secure and affordable
- Question is: Why don't we already?!





## WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENERGY?

### Why?

- **Citizen-led community energy can prove possibilities, while challenging underlying failures of the current system to deliver what is needed for all.**



## OUR APPROACH

1. Awareness raising and communications to get more citizens interested and excited about potentials of community energy action
2. Training Programme to build capacity for leadership of local community energy initiatives.



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3. Co-creation and project development workshops and formats to bring people into the process and grow a pipeline of potential community energy action.
4. Coaching and advising community groups as they develop energy actions, initiatives and enterprises (guided by toolkit)



## OUR APPROACH

5. Setting up to sustain acceleration support for community energy action through national hubs and a regional alliance.
6. Learning labs, policy labs and scoping collective investment options.



**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, it is the only thing that ever has.**

**- Margaret Mead, Anthropologist**

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# Thank you.

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