



Let's talk about community energy!

Community Energy Pathfinding Forum

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Community Power Coalition

- Promotion of the development of citizen and community ownership.
- Diverse network of 40+ like-minded organisations across Europe
- Energy cooperatives, cities and local authorities, the renewable energy industry, legal experts & NGOs



**PUTTING PEOPLE,
COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AT THE HEART
OF EUROPE'S ENERGY
TRANSFORMATION**

COMMUNITY POWER COALITION - VISION STATEMENT



Our activities

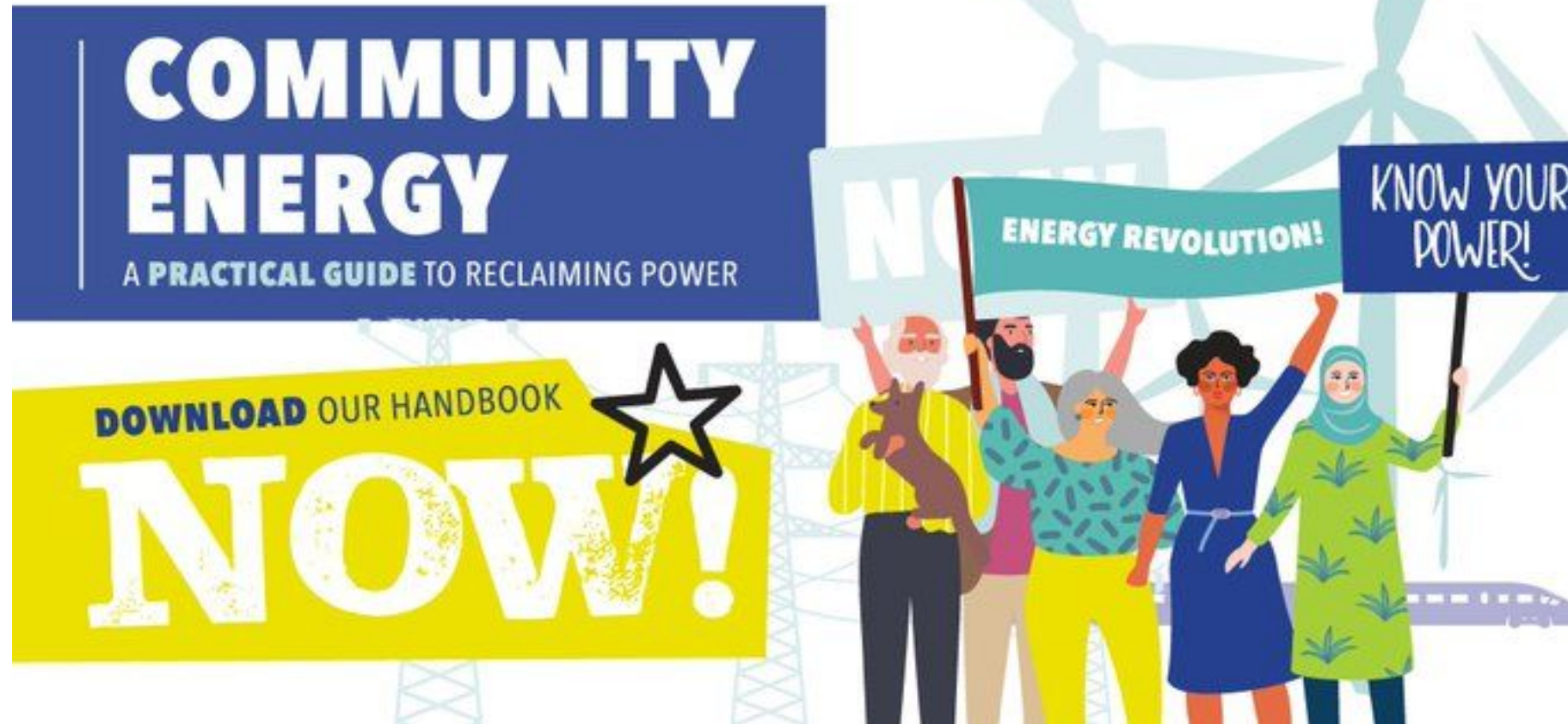
- Advocacy work
- Communications
- Capacity building





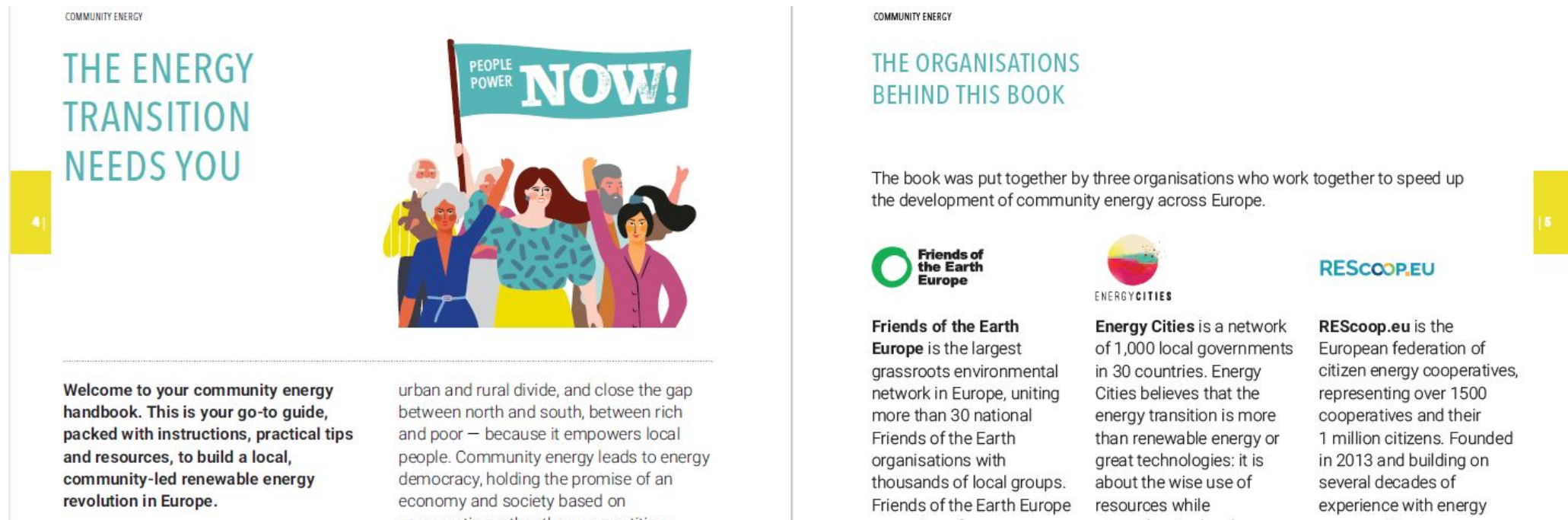
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Community Energy Guide



Why did we write a book on Community Energy?

We wanted to capture some of the learning and wisdom that has come from those who have already worked hard and learned a lot

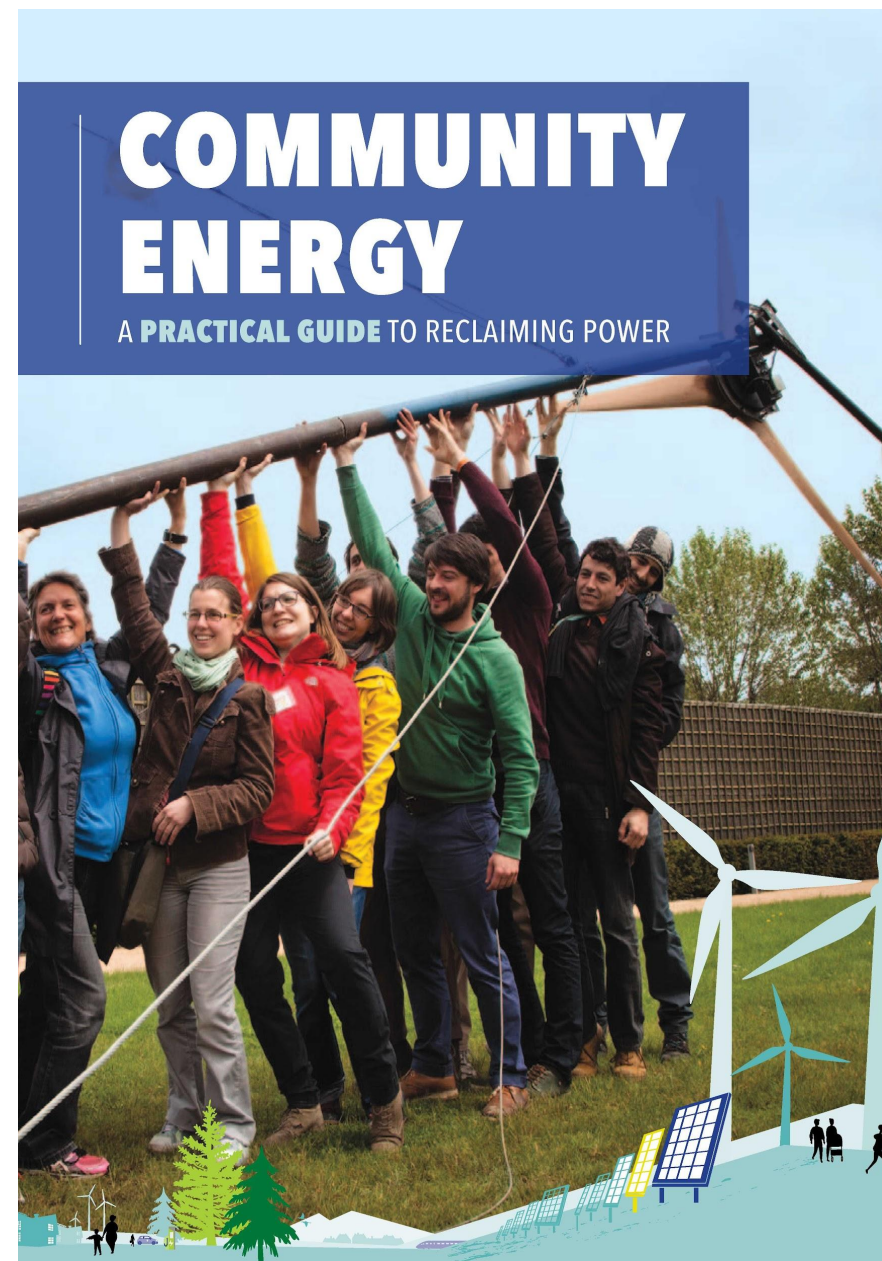


Why work on Community Energy?



A handbook filled with practical tips and wisdom from projects all across Europe

- 26 chapters
- 22 inspiring success stories
- Over 80 links to additional resources



Community Energy guide

1. Context
2. Different forms
3. Growing your organisation
4. Choice of activities
5. Choice of technologies
6. Maken it happen



1. Context: energy Revolution: it's up to us

- Response to a problem: e.g. we are dependent on fossil fuels and the money flows out of our community
- Initiative to tackle problem
- Sometimes the initiative comes from a public player



MUNICIPALITIES &
LOCAL AUTHORITIES:
AN IDEAL PARTNER
CHAPTER 7



2. Community energy: different forms



In all these legal entities collaboration between citizens, SMEs and local authorities is possible

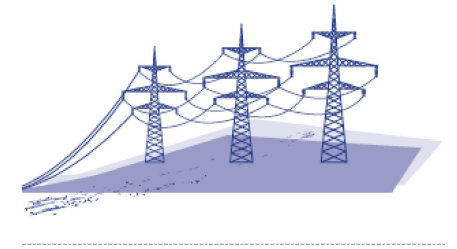
3. Growing your organisation

- with who?
- group dynamics
- how to keep the group together
- how to involve the wider community?



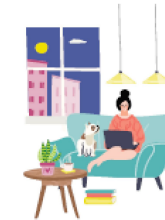
4. Choice of activities:

production of renewable energy, distribution of energy/electricity, supply of energy, energy efficiency , energy poverty, heating and cooling, flexibility/self consumption/storage, transport and mobility



5. Choice of technologies

wind, solar, small hydro, biomass, geothermal, riothermal, aquathermal, ...



6. Make it happen

BARRIERS & CHALLENGES: BE PREPARED CHAPTER 23



The path to a successful community energy project is not always an easy one. Many barriers and challenges await you.

New EU directives should make it easier for you, as national governments must assess barriers to local community energy (see text box). Checking if your government has already carried out this work, and published it, could be one step towards identifying these barriers.



- Chapter on barriers and challenges
- Prepares you for some of the **main barriers** that you will face
- It covers 7 key barriers that are common across Europe

New rights for communities

- The Renewable Energy Directive II gives you the right to be part of a community energy project
- New rights for communities
 - Citizens and communities **recognized** as actors in the energy system
 - Citizens are explicitly given **the right to produce, store, consume and sell** their own renewable energy
 - Governments must create **an enabling legal framework** to support citizens
 - Governments must **simplify administrative proceedings** for citizen and community projects
 - Governments must **assess the barriers** and potential of community energy



Get Active and get in touch!

- Hold the your government to account, make sure there is pressure and attention on them.
- Read the book, take the first steps in your community
- Get in touch with us!





Thank you!

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