

INFORSE-Europe International Network for Sustainable Energy - Europe Annual Report - 2022-2023 Report of Activities

Period: 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023



INFORSE EU policy press releases

Ban Fossil Fuel Ads

In April 2022, INFORSE-Europe, along with 35 other organizations and networks, as well as more than 210.000 people, signed the EU Citizen’s Initiative entitled “Call for a New EU Law to Ban Fossil Fuel Advertising and Sponsorships”.

This initiative calls on the European Commission to propose a legislative act prohibiting advertisements for fossil fuels and fossil fuel powered transport by air, road, and water (other than transport services of general economic interest), advertisements from undertakings active in the market for fossil fuels, and sponsorships by undertakings active in the market for fossil fuels, using trademarks or commercial names used for fossil fuels.



EU Energy Ministers: Commit to Higher Ambition on Energy Now!

In December 2022, we signed the joint statement of more than 100 businesses and civil society organizations asking EU Energy Ministers to commit to 50% renewable energy and 20% energy efficiency targets for 2030.



Euratom Treaty

In December 2022, we co-organised an international conference in the Danish parliament building, joined by some of Europe’s most recognized energy and constitutional law experts as well as representatives of eleven NGOs from around Europe. At the conference, the problems the EURATOM Treaty was highlighted. This includes the distortion of competition in favour of nuclear, which can be an obstacle for renewable energy and the fast transition to renewables.



See all press released on https://www.inforse.org/europe/eu_policy_press.htm

100 % Renewable Scenarios

INFORSE-Europe continued to develop the **CLEVER (a Collaborative Low Energy Vision for the European Region) Scenario**, which aims to propose an ambitious and realistic decarbonisation pathway for Europe. The work is coordinated by Negawatt and being developed through a bottom-up approach that starts with the national trajectories constructed by 20+ national partners from the academic world, research, or civil society.



See more: <http://www.inforse.org/europe/clever-scenario.htm>

Side events at UNFCCC SB56 in Bonn and COP27 in Egypt

UNFCCC SB56 BONN, GERMANY
International Network for Sustainable Energy
INFORSE - SUSWATCH - SE - NFRE SIDE EVENT
Saturday, 11 June, 2022
Time: 11:30-13:00 Room: BERLIN

Local Climate - Sustainable Energy Solutions in GST, 100%RE, Sufficiency: East Africa, South Asia, Europe

Speakers: Gunnar B. Olesen SE & INFORSE, Mary Swai, INFORSE-East Africa, TaTFDD, Tanzania; Richard Kimbowa, UCSD, Uganda; Nobert Nyandire, SusWatch Kenya; Stephen Nzioka, Ministry of Energy, Kenya; Sanjiv Nathan, INFORSE South Asia, INSEDA, India; Judit Szoleczky, INFORSE-Europe, NFRE, Denmark

www.inforse.org/SB56.php

ONLINE CATALOGUE OF LOCAL SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS:
East Africa: localsolutions.inforse.org
South Asia: www.inforse.org/evd

On June 11, 2022, INFORSE-Europe organized a **side event at the UNFCCC SB56 in Bonn, Germany**, entitled “Local Climate – Sustainable Energy Solutions in GST, 100% RE, Sufficiency: East Africa, South Asia, Europe”, in cooperation with INFORSE, SusWatch Kenya, SustainableEnergy (VE) and Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy (NFVE).



On November 12, 2022, INFORSE organized a **side event at the UN Climate COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt**, entitled “Local Climate – Sustainable Energy Solutions in Global Stocktake (GST): Why, How and from Where”. The event was organized in cooperation with INFORSE, INSEDA, SusWatch and SE.

UNFCCC COP27 SIDE EVENT: 12/11/2022
15:00-16.30 Room: Memphis (Blue Zone)

Local Climate Sustainable Energy Solutions in Global Stocktake (GST) Why, How and From Where

Welcome by the organisers: INFORSE - SusWatch Kenya, - INSEDA - SE

East Africa:
Promoting local solutions as important climate and development solutions in East Africa
Mary Swai, TaTFDD, INFORSE-East Africa, Tanzania (@)
Launch: 100 % Renewables Scenario – Uganda
Richard Kimbowa, UCSD, INFORSE East Africa Choir (@)

Local Solutions in GST, in 100 Renewable Scenario Kenya, Key message from East Africa.
Nobert Nyandire, SusWatch Kenya

Europe: Paris compatible scenarios for reducing emissions with transition to 100% RE, EE, sufficiency, key message for GST from Europe.
Gunnar Boye Olesen, Sustainable Energy, Denmark INFORSE-Europe

South Asia
Promoting local activities in South Asia supported by eco-village development initiatives: Anzoa Sharma, CRT Nepal
Successes with local solutions in South Asia & their promotion
Sanjiv Nathan INFORSE South Asia & INSEDA, India
Launch of database, documenting successful local solutions
Abdul Anif, Gramatan Shakti, Bangladesh
Local Solutions in the GST, Why and How
Duminda Herath, IDEA, Sri Lanka

Comments:
Stephen Nzioka, Ministry of Energy, Dep. RE Kenya
Dr. Thushtha Sugathapala, from Sri Lanka Delegation

Dialogue, Conclusion

Proceedings: www.inforse.org/cop27.php

Thanks to: CISU, OVAL SOCIETY FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



At these UNFCCC side events, we presented policy proposals to promote local solutions in NDCs and Global Stocktake, drawing on local climate solutions from three continents, for example a 100% renewable energy scenario for Kenya and eco-village developments in South Asia. We also proposed to include these solutions in the Global Stocktake and encouraged countries to base their climate plans on them in their ambition to develop sustainable energy solutions.

More: <http://www.inforse.org/INFORSE-UN.php3>

Projects in Ukraine

Change Agents for a Green Society with Focus on Renewable Energy for District Heating in Ukraine

In collaboration with the Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy, Ecoaction, and the Renewable Energy Agency NGO, between August and December 2022, INFORSE-Europe launched a proposal of several simple solutions for energy economization in connection with district heating in Ukraine. Among these solutions are the use of solar power, heat pumps, biogas, and the optimization of superfluous energy from existing heating systems.

In the context of this project, we have organized 2 large webinars on September 12 and December 20, 2022 on heat pumps and solar energy with simultaneous English-Ukrainian translation, where many interested Ukrainians participated. In addition, an informative event was established in Aarhus and online on the 19th of December.

For an overview of the results, see website: https://www.inforse.org/europe/ChangeAgents_Ukraine.htm

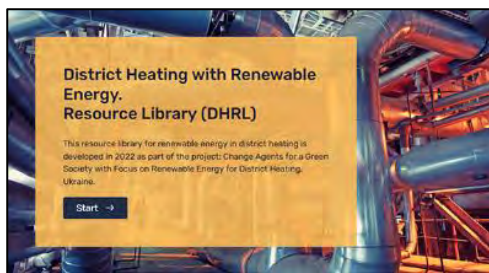


Civil Society for Sustainable Energy – Local to National in Eastern Europe (SELNEE)

The SELNEE project, started in May 2020, was extended until March 2023, but no longer includes Belarus. This project works for the increase of national sustainable energy actions in Ukraine, a more ambitious municipal transition to renewable energy, and increased CSO and citizens involvement in the sustainable energy transition.

As part of the projects in Ukraine, two databases were established, which are available also in English, and Ukrainian:

District Heating Resource Library



<https://dhrl.rea.org.ua/en/>

Catalogue of Local Solutions What you can do?

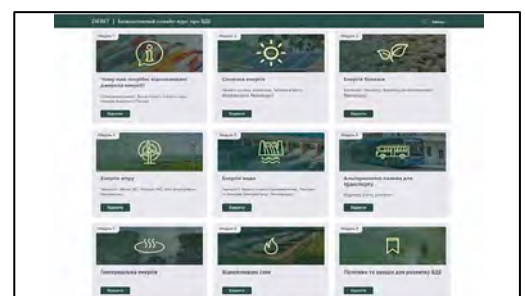


<https://selnee.rea.org.ua/en/>

and the online **DIERET** educational material on renewable energy got updated and translated to Ukrainian.

<https://dieret.rea.org.ua/uk/>

SELNEE Project: <http://www.inforse.org/europe/SELNEE.htm>



FULFILL project continued



INFORSE-Europe's participation in the **FULFILL Project** continues. From August 2022, we gathered data on sustainable lifestyles characterized by the use of fewer resources in daily life. In this context, we and our project partners conducted interviews, online surveys and created workshops with citizen-driven initiatives from all over Denmark to learn about the results of these initiatives.

As a part of the FULFILL project, we also had a meeting in November 2022 at the Jacques Delors Institute in Paris, France, where we also organized a Sufficiency Walk around the city and discovered some of the sufficiency initiatives that have been implemented in the City of Light. The FULFILL project is supported by EU Horizon program. The partners are: Fraunhofer Institute (lead) and Wuppertal Institute in Germany; Negawatt and Jacques Delors Institute in France, Eurac research and Politecnico Milan in Italy, Green Liberty in Latvia, and INFORSE-Europe in Denmark. More: <http://www.inforse.org/europe/FULFILL.htm>



Information and debate about the EU in Denmark

In Denmark, INFORSE-Europe organized several debates and information activities on EU and sustainable energy together with the Danish INFORSE members. The activities were funded by a 3-year grant from Europa-Nævnet, which is a fund for information and debate on EU in Denmark in 2021-2023.

On June 18, 2022, INFORSE-Europe participated at the annual **People's Political Festival (Folkemødet)** on the island of Bornholm, where we organized a debate on the efforts and capabilities of the EU concerning sustainable consumption. In this context, we had invited member of the European Parliament Niels Fuglsang (Social democrats) and active members of UngEnergi to discuss with the participants and provide feedback on the EU's new strategy for sustainable consumption.

On December 12, 2022, we also organized a workshop in Skjern entitled "The EU's Climate and Energy Policy: How is the Crisis Handled? Possible local outcomes? Energy communities?"

<http://www.inforse.org/europe/europa-naevnet.htm>

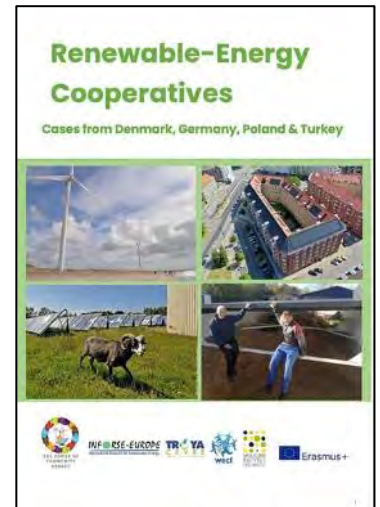


Renewable-Energy Cooperatives

On April 27-28, 2022, INFORSE-Europe participated with 5 persons at the **Power of Community Energy Project Conference and Study Tour in Canakkale, Turkey**. Following this conference, on August 31st, 2022, we launched the publication of a Collection of Cases of Renewable Energy Cooperatives, with contributions from Danish INFORSE-Europe members, WECF (Germany), Troya Environment Association (Turkey), and Social Ecological Institute (Poland).

This event and the publication are part of the “Power of Community Energy” project, which is financially supported by the EU’s **Erasmus Plus Programme**, and includes examples of local heating plants, district heating, and wind power solutions.

Link: http://www.inforse.org/europe/POWER_CE.htm



European Sustainable Energy Week

Between the 26 and 30 of September, 2022 the INFORSE-Europe Board and Secretariat participated with an exhibition at the **European Sustainable Energy Week**, dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use, and comprised of a series of activities aimed at building a secure energy future for Europe.



Cooperation with other INFORSE-regions

The INFORSE-Europe's Secretariat cooperated with INFORSE regions in South Asia and East Africa on promotion of low-carbon developments and on local eco-village developments as climate solutions.

INFORSE-Europe continued its 3-year NGO cooperation project **East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy & Climate Action (EASE-CA)** lead by Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy with support from CISU, Denmark. The East African partners are: JEEP, UCSD (Uganda), Suswatch (Kenya), TaTEDO (Tanzania). The project meeting was in March 2022 in Tanzania.



EASE-CA Project's web site: inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm

INFORSE-Europe continued the 4th phase of the NGO cooperation project on **Eco-Village Development (EVD) with INFORSE South Asia**. The projects is led by DIB (Denmark) and now runs until 2023. The South Asian partners are: INFORSE South Asia members, and national focal points: INSEDA (India), IDEA (Sri Lanka), CRT (Nepal), Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh and CANSA. The project meeting was in April 2022 in Nepal.



The EVD Projects web site: inforse.org/asia/EVD.htm

As part of the two regional projects two online databases were established, and updated:

80+ Local Sustainable Solutions in East Africa

In Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania

www.localsolutions.inforse.org

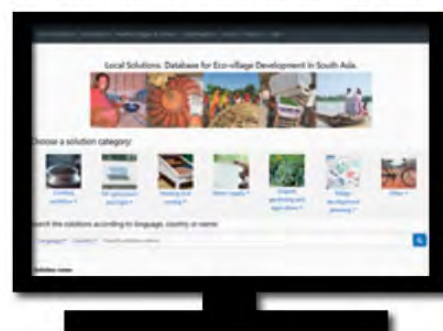


<http://www.inforse.org/evd>

65+ Eco-Village Development solutions in South Asia

in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Database: www.inforse.org/evd



<http://www.localsolutions.inforse.org/>

INFORSE Synergy Cooperation Across Continents

INFORSE Synergy Project: In 2022-2023, INFORSE has a new project with cooperation among INFORSE regions, East Africa (TaTEDO), West Africa (ENDA), South Asia (INSEDA) and Latin America (REDES).

In the framework of this project, we have a series of webinars and we are developing training and advocacy material on local sustainable energy solutions.

<http://www.inforse.org/synergies.php>



Outreach: Sustainable Energy News

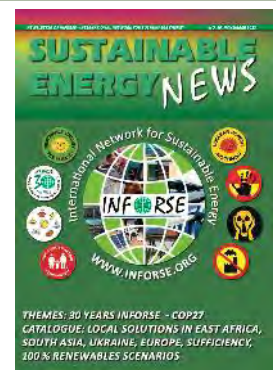
Newsletter: With support from the projects, the 86th issue of Sustainable Energy News was published in November 2022. It includes news from the network, and projects of the members. It was printed in 1500 copies and mailed to 900 organisational receivers.

The issue had a special section on INFORSE 30-year anniversary 1992-2022.

Links:

<https://www.inforse.org/doc/SEN86.pdf> and

https://www.inforse.org/europe/word_docs/SEN_86_contents.doc



Outreach: Home page and Social Media

Website

The website was updated with new events, activities, and projects as well as the online contact database.

www.inforse.org/europe www.inforse.org

www.inforse.org/asia www.inforse.org/africa

www.inforse.org/latinamerica (in Spanish) new

Social Media:

The Facebook and twitter accounts were updated regularly.

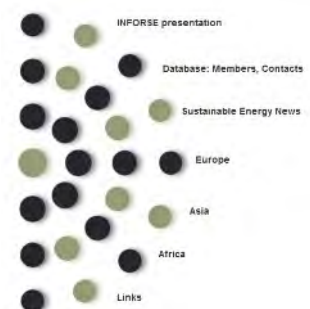
twitter.com/INFORSE_EU and facebook.com/INFORSEEurope

facebook.com/INFORSE and twitter.com/INFORSE_org

INFORSE has a linkedin page, where we start to be active.

Updated by regional coordinators: INFORSE South Asia has a facebook page

INFORSE East Africa has a twitter and facebook page.



Organisational Development

At INFORSE-Europe's office we have had several volunteers, trainees, and students who contributed to the work during the year. A researcher joined the FULFILL project. We also got a new accountant.