


# REScoop.EU

EU federation of citizen energy cooperatives

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## Energy Communities and Prosumers in Europe

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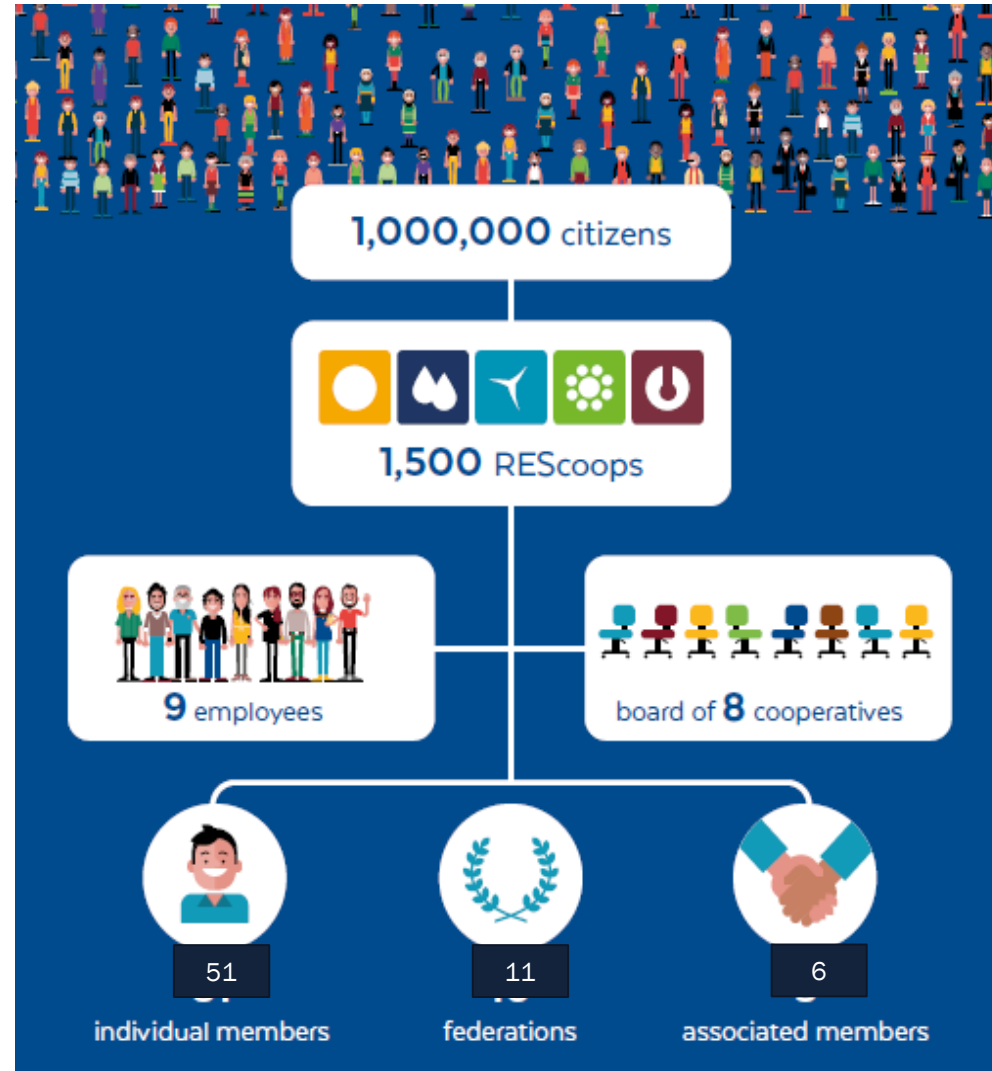
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# Who is REScoop.eu?





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The map displays the geographical distribution of wind turbines across Europe. The data is categorized by turbine type, represented by different colors and shapes: teal for standard three-bladed turbines, orange for square-shaped turbines, and dark blue for turbines with a circular hub. The distribution is highly concentrated in Western and Central Europe, with a particularly high density in the British Isles, France, Germany, and the Benelux region. Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean coast show a much lower density of turbines. The map includes labels for major countries, seas, and a Google Maps interface at the bottom.

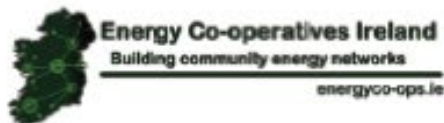
## Federations



## Individual members



Carbon Co-op





## Individual members



## Associated members

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Argyll, Lomond & the Islands Energy Agency

 **BBEn**  
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# Collaborations with others

- Community Power Coalition
- Cooperatives Europe
- Coalition for Energy Savings
- BRIDGE
- Small is Beautiful Campaign



# To do what?

Through REScoop.eu, we wish to make our voices heard in the European energy debate. Citizens after all are the ones who will be paying for the transition to a more sustainable energy system. REScoop.eu empowers them and wants to achieve energy democracy.

Our federation has four well -defined objectives:

- **We represent the voice of citizens** and citizen energy cooperatives to European policy makers
- **We support the start -up of new REScoops** and provide them with useful tools and contacts
- **We provide services for the European REScoops** , e.g. we are currently working on a financial tool
- **We promote the REScoop business model** throughout Europe

# To do what?





# Clean Energy 4 all Europeans directives

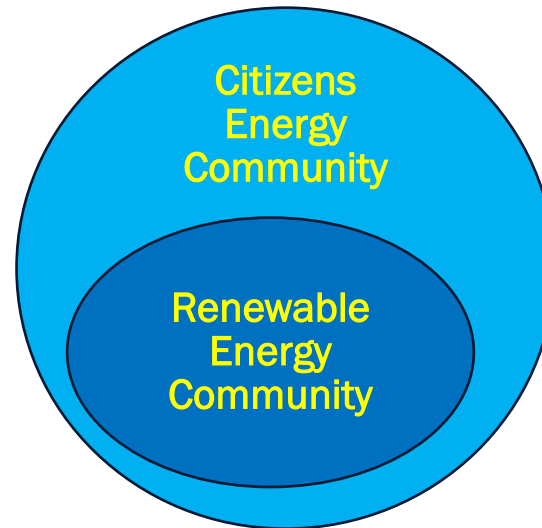
## Citizens energy community

a legal entity:

which is based on voluntary and open participation, effectively controlled by shareholders or members who are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or small enterprises and microenterprises.

The primary purpose of a citizens energy community is to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits for its members or the local areas where it operates rather than financial profits.

A citizens energy community can be engaged in electricity generation, distribution and supply, consumption, aggregation, storage or energy efficiency services, generation of renewable electricity, charging services for electric vehicles or provide other energy services to its shareholders or members.



## Renewable energy community

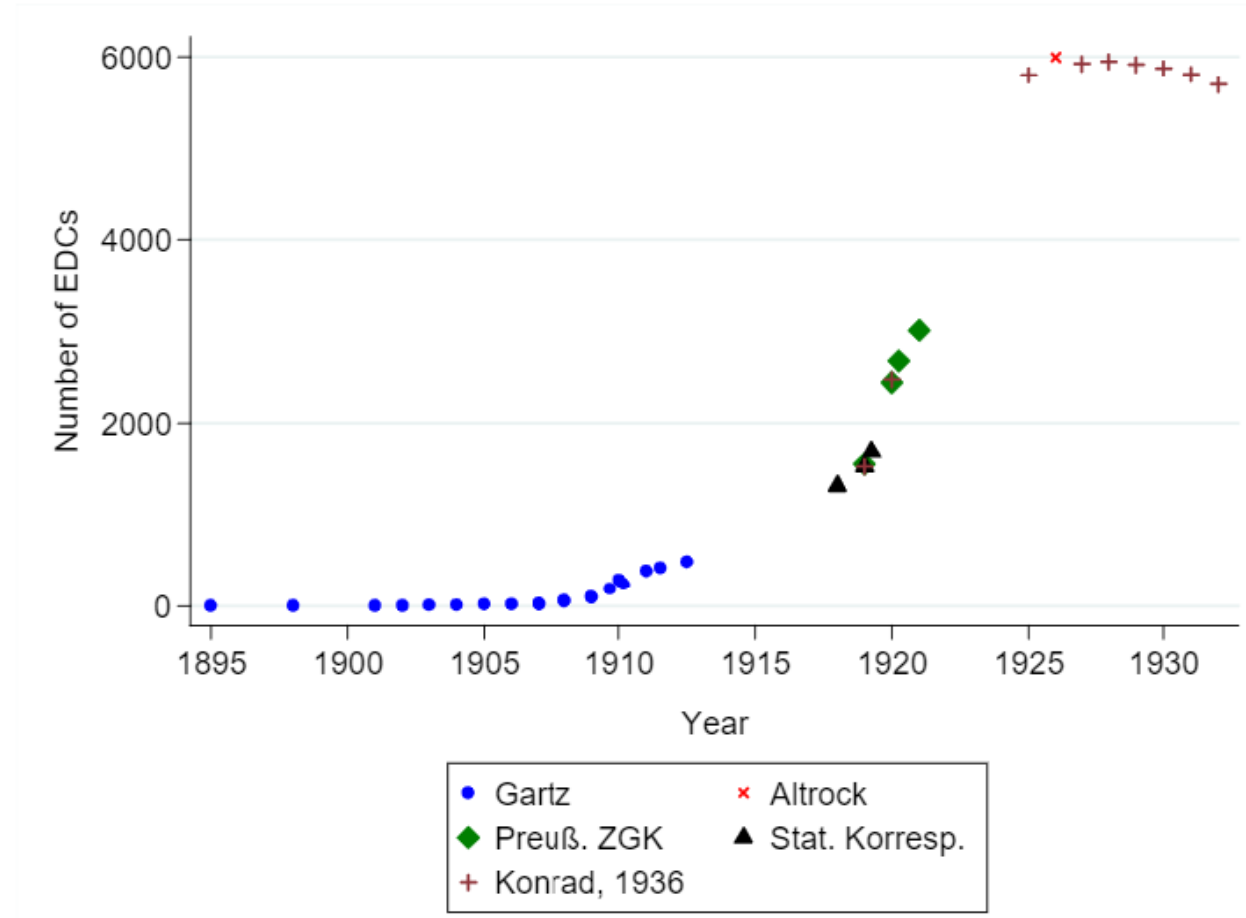
a legal entity:

which, in accordance with the applicable national law, is based on open and voluntary participation, is autonomous, and is effectively controlled by shareholders or members that are located in the proximity of the renewable energy projects that are owned and developed by that legal entity;

the shareholders or members of which are natural persons, SMEs or local authorities, including municipalities;

the primary purpose of which is to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits for its shareholders or members or for the local areas where it operates, rather than financial profits.

# Something new these energy communities ?



**Figure 1: Numbers of Electricity Distribution Cooperatives (EDCs) in Germany until 1934**

Sources: Gartz (1910, 1911, 1912); ETZ (1920a [Statistische Korrespondenz], 1920b [Preußische Zentralgenossenschaftskasse], 1921 [Preußische Zentralgenossenschaftskasse], 1926 [Altrock, 1926]); Konrad (1936).

# Looking ahead : The Green New Deal

Transposition : supporting members

- Electricity Directive (end of 2020)
- Renewables Directive (31 June 2021)
- Scotland as example

Influencing State aid guidelines revision

LIFE Programme

Engaging with regulators (CEER)

Sector Coupling strategy

Buildings Renovations Wave



# How can EU -MS support energy communities?

Following the EU's Clean Energy for All Europeans legislative package, EU Member States are currently working on transposing the definitions of Renewable Energy Communities and Citizen Energy Communities into their national laws.

If done right, these definitions will allow citizens to become active participants in and owners of the energy transition, and will make community energy projects flourish throughout Europe.

But how can openness, democratic governance and autonomy be reflected in national level definitions of energy communities?

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## Energy Communities under the Clean Energy Package

Transposition Guidance



# How can EU -MS support energy communities?

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## Example 30: Revolving funds to help de-risk investment in community renewables projects

A number of different funds have been established in the UK in order to help community energy projects get off the ground.

In Scotland, there are a number of funding opportunities provided under the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). First, local non-profit community groups, community benefit societies and cooperatives, housing associations, faith groups and local authorities are eligible to receive up to GBP25k enablement grants, which can fund feasibility for energy systems or renewable energy projects, investigation of shared ownership opportunities or work to maximise the impact of community benefit societies with renewable energy projects. Second, these groups, along with rural businesses, are eligible to receive a loan of up to GBP150k for renewable energy projects with a reasonable chance of success. The loans can include a write-off facility that allows development risk to be mitigated.

# The Green New Deal post COVID -19

## A resilient EU economy must be built on strong local communities

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and democratization of the green energy transition

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- DAY 1: European energy communities today and in the future
- DAY 2: Regulation of energy communities and national implementation of EU directives
- DAY 3: REScoop.eu annual general assembly (members only)

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