

EUSEW Energy Days 2023

Title: People - the real fuel in the Energy Transition

Date and time: 15 May, 15:30-17:00 CEST

Venue: online

Concept and focus

To decrease Europe's dependence on fossil fuels, the voices for a rapid clean energy transition have never been clearer and stronger. Local actions, e.g. energy saving measures or prosumer activities, taken by citizens and consumers are crucial for the clean energy transition. Transnational technology and innovation programs can offer a strong platform for generating research, development and innovation actions, which can be adopted by municipalities, their utilities and citizens.

The general framework conditions for inclusion of citizens in the energy system are set by nation states. But the closest to them are municipalities. They can implement strong incentives through land use planning and development contracts. They can be a role model in their own premises and motivate through appropriate communication. Where the legal framework allows, they can become members of energy communities or even take on a leadership role. In any case: they need to know the needs and expectations of multiple stakeholder groups in town.

Objectives of this sessions are:

- Identify and discuss real needs of citizens and consumers to take local actions for the energy transition
- Identify and discuss incentives and standards offered by municipalities and their energy utilities to empower citizens and consumers
- Identify and discuss key findings from national, transnational and international RDI projects and programs that support EC's idea of "consumer in the center".

The target groups are:

- decision-makers on local, regional, national and EU-level
- research and innovation institutes
- transnational technology and innovation programs
- local consumers and citizens or their associations.

Inclusion of participants is key for this session and is planned with interactive polling built into the panel discussion. They also receive room for discussion within a Q&A session.

Agenda

Moderation: **Andreas Corusa**, B.A.U.M. Consult, JPP SES Knowledge Community

15:30: Welcome

15:35: Key note: What are needs and expectations of citizens and consumers for the clean energy transition? (**Dr. Cecilia Katzeff**, Interactive Institute and Adjunct Professor at KTH School of Computer Science and Communication, Sweden)

15:50: Latest results presentation: Characterizing the stakeholders of the future energy system (**Minna Kuivalainen**, Smart Innovation Norway, BRIDGE Working Group Consumer and Citizen Engagement)

16:00: Panel discussion: People - the real fuel in the Energy Transition

- a) Consumer and Citizen Involvement for lower bills and greater skills? An open-source decision support platform for local energy systems
(**Dr. Claire Bergaentzlé**, Technical University Denmark, Project manager FlexSUS project)
- b) How can municipalities empower citizens to become active prosumers?
(**Dr. Sabine Rödel**, Mayor of Bad Hindelang)
- c) Transnational technology and innovation programs as accelerator for an affordable and inclusive clean energy transition (**Kristina Starborg**, Swedish Energy Agency, Clean Energy Transition Partnership, TRI 5)
- d) Diving deeper into the needs and expectations of citizens and consumers for the clean energy transition (**Dr. Cecilia Katzeff**, Interactive Institute and Adjunct Professor at KTH School of Computer Science and Communication, Sweden)
- e) Who are the real key players in the energy transition? (**Minna Kuivalainen**, Smart Innovation Norway, BRIDGE Working Group Consumer and Citizen Engagement)

16:45: Q&A session and wrap-up

17:00: Closing of the event