European Commission’s view on energy communities

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Energy and Climate Objectives 2030

2020
-20% Greenhouse Gas Emissions

2030
≤ - 40% Greenhouse Gas Emissions

20% Renewable Energy

32% Renewable Energy

20% Energy Efficiency

32.5% Energy Efficiency

The European Green Deal
Climate neutrality
The Clean Energy Package

Enabling Framework

Energy Union Governance

Energy Efficiency

Renewables

Electricity Market Design

- Regulation and Directive on internal electricity market
- Regulation on risk-preparedness
- ACER regulation

Innovative

Inter-connected

Socially fair

Inclusive

Safe for all

Digital

Investment-friendly
Purpose of consumer empowerment

Empowering citizens

• Energy communities are an effective tool to increase project acceptance

• Energy communities are a tool to mobilise private capital for the energy transition

• Energy communities could be a tool to increase flexibility in the market
Consumer empowerment

Renewable Energy Directive: all types of renewable energy

Electricity Directive: all types of electricity
A social concept...

Article 2 on definitions: shows that the primary purpose of energy communities is social, environmental and economic rather than financial profits.

Article 22: states rights and obligations of energy communities.
Enabling Framework for RECs

- Promote and facilitate energy communities
- Participation is open to all customers
- Tools to facilitate access to finance and information
Next steps

Transposition deadlines:

- Electricity Directive: 1 January 2021
- RED II: 30 June 2021
Thank you for your attention