Provocations for Mainstreaming Prosumerism towards 2050

Prosumers: collective actors who produce and consume renewable energy There is no perfect way to mainstream prosumerism towards 2050. Different actors will have different preferences, and anyway, the future is uncertain. Instead, we should discuss with governments and institutions what values we prioritise. The 10 provocations below are starters for the conversations that citizens and policyworkers need to have, about why and how we want to mainstream prosumerism.

We invite you to use them for interviews, workshops or water cooler conversation. This way, we democratize and explore the road to the future, together.

Find the PROSEU policy recommendations here



Citizens should be given the choice to become prosumers, and governments should provide practical and financial help where needed.

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Prosumers, such as those in energy communities, need to be protected players in the energy market until they produce the majority of all energy.

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Private companies should fund and develop prosumerism until 2030 for scaling up, after which they should be replaced by non-profit citizen organizations.

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Prosumer installations should be remotely controlled and managed by external professionals.

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By law, municipalities should be obligated to develop local, non-profit energy systems.

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All new buildings & residential developments should be designed "prosumer-ready" by default, facilitating energy generation, self-consumption, sharing & saving.

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Energy data should be owned and managed by prosumers themselves.

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Municipalities need to play an active role in supporting innovative finance options for prosumers through initiating investment schemes.

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Exclusive experimentation zones for prosumerism should be available across the EU.

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Prosumer collectives must have memberships that reflect their broader community, in terms of gender, ethnicity, income and other characteristics.

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