

The 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' package: opportunities for European citizens and their cooperatives if... implemented in the member states

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How can NECPs influence national policies on prosumers?

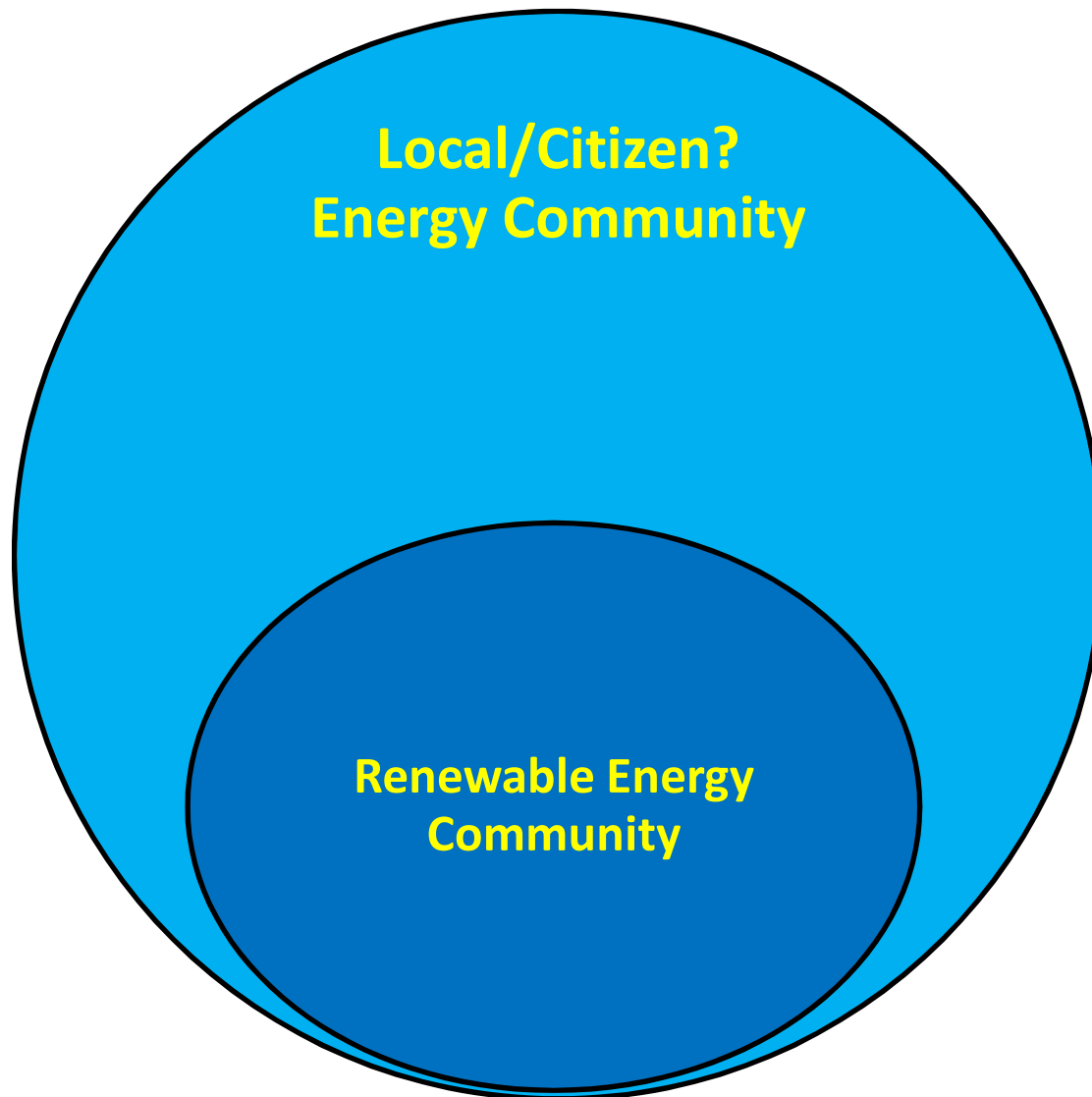
- The place of prosumers in national plans (NECP's, LTS)
- What information and ideas on prosumers should/could be included in NECP's?

First things first!

- Secure a good definition of local/renewable/citizen? energy community



Important: Giving REScoops a name in EU legislation



'local energy communities' or 'citizen energy communities'?

Focus: elements that distinguish REScoops from traditional commercial energy companies:

- **The members:** non-professional citizen investors
- **Governance:** equal decision-making
- **The aims:** local social, economic, environmental benefit

'renewable energy communities'

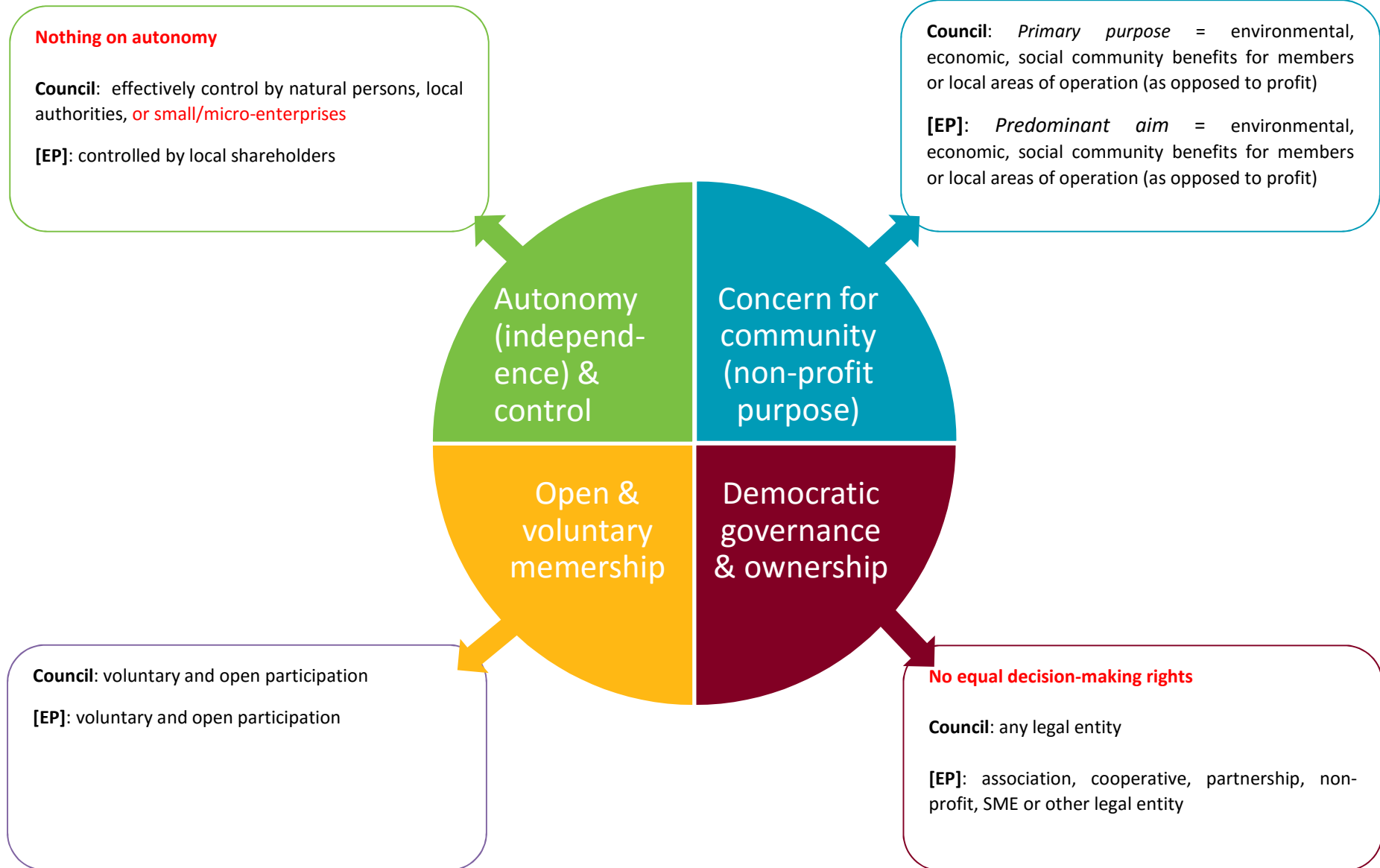
Focus:

- criteria on local participation, control /ownership and size
- RES production & supply

Giving REScoops a name in EU legislation: e.g. in the Electricity Directive

| | Commission's Proposal | Council's General Approach | European Parliament |
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| Definition: 'local/energy community' - Electricity Directive | <p>'local energy community' means: an association, a cooperative, a partnership, a non-profit organisation or other legal entity which is effectively controlled by local shareholders or members, generally value rather than profit-driven, involved in distributed generation and in performing activities of a distribution system operator, supplier or aggregator at local level, including across borders;</p> | <p>'[] energy community' means: [] 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 an 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. An energy community can be engaged [] in [] electricity generation, distribution and supply, consumption, aggregation, storage or energy efficiency services, generation of renewable electricity [] or provide other energy services to its shareholders or members [];</p> | <p>'local energy community' means: an association, a cooperative, a partnership, a non-profit organisation, SME or other legal entity which is based on voluntary and open participation and effectively controlled by local shareholders or members, the predominant aim of which is to provide local environmental, economic or social community benefits for their members or the local area or areas where they operate rather than generate profits, and which is involved in activities such as distributed generation, storage, supply, provision of energy efficiency services, aggregation, electro-mobility and distribution system operation, including across borders;</p> |

Definition of 'Local/Energy Communities' in the Electricity Directive



Giving REScoops a name in EU legislation

REScoop/Energy Cities/FOEE proposal ED/ 'final' text RED2

‘**citizens** energy community’ means a legal entity which is autonomous, based on voluntary and open participation, and 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 distributed electricity generation, supply, consumption, aggregation, storage or energy efficiency services, generation of renewable electricity, electro-mobility, distribution system operation, or provide other energy services to its shareholders or members;

Link: <https://www.rescoop.eu/policy>

‘renewable energy community’ means a legal entity;

which, according to 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 owned and developed by that community;

whose shareholders or members are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or SMEs;

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

Link:

<http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10308-2018-INIT/en/pdf>



Main opportunities for energy coops

1. A right for communities to have non-discriminatory access to 'all organised markets' (e.g balancing) through a supplier or aggregator
2. Fair, proportionate and transparent procedures, cost-reflective charges
3. Entitlement to an enabling regulatory framework and to remove barriers to participation
4. Entitled to own, establish, lease, autonomously manage 'community networks' (i.e. micro-grids)
5. Entitled to engage in energy sharing



Main challenges for energy coops

1. Procedural Requirement to 'consider' community participation in support schemes (and EU State aid guidelines)
2. Engagement with national regulators and energy network operators
3. Development/management of new national level definitions on renewable/ local/citizen energy communities (implementation) and inclusion in NECP's

Example: NECP Netherlands



Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

Target: all new renewable energy installations to be 50% community-owned

'The control over and revenues from renewable energy projects where citizens, farmers and local entrepreneurs can attain ownership, benefit directly the local community. This ensures the role of communities as an essential partner in renewable energy projects. A good collaboration between the market and the community can and will accelerate the energy transition.'

Siward Zomer, representative of Energie Samen



Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

Target: all new renewable energy installations to be 50% community-owned

"Now, the communities have to take this opportunity and fulfill their potential. This agreement does not mean that renewable energy projects are offered on a silver platter, we really have to bundle forces and work together."

Siward Zomer, representative of Energie Samen



Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

By stipulating that half of all new renewable energy generation should be produced by citizens, a concrete interpretation is given to one of the main pillars of the new Climate Agreement:

the transition to a carbon free electricity system needs to be a **democratic transition**, giving all citizens the opportunity to participate.

Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

Citizens' organizations will also play an important role in the field of energy efficiency and gas-free neighbourhoods. As part of the overall agreement, they are committed to implement within three years a transition plan for 500 districts enabling housing without natural gas. To obtain that objective, housing coops and community initiatives will collaborate with local municipalities and other parties.

Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

The community power movement will soon be represented in all 33 Dutch regions where regional energy strategies are under development. Citizen initiatives will work hard to make sure that the commitments of the Climate Agreement are met, including the 50% ownership of the community - and that the energy projects are carefully integrated in the local community.

Proposal Dutch Climate Agreement

Every citizen should get the chance to actively participate in the energy transition.

‘Energie Samen’ and its members will work hard to encourage everyone to become a member of a renewable energy cooperative or to start a sustainable energy project.

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