

NECP policy process

What happens between now and then?

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Some dates

- **End 2018: submission of first drafts**
- **First half of 2019 review by the Commission (DG CLIMA and ENER)**
- **Now: ISC consultation**
- **18 or 19 June: EC official publication of recommendations**
- **June 20/21: European Council**
- **June 25/26: Energy and Environment Councils**
- **End of 2019: MS review and finalise their plans**
- **UNSG meeting in September: EU commitments ahead of COP in Chile to be « Paris proof »**



Process

- **Official publication will include three documents:**
 - Commission communication including overall recommendations
 - 28 specific recommendations
 - Annexes (methodologies for the assessment of national EE and RE contributions, specific objectives and KPIs)
- **Possible overall messaging ??**
 - Plans will deliver 40% GHG emission reductions
 - NOT insisting on the fact that plans are not ambitious enough to deliver new RES and EE targets (30% and 32.5% by 2030)
 - Specific analysis on RECs comes to similar conclusions as rescoop/FoEE regarding community energy



Next steps in Brussels

- **Sharing analysis with relevant officials in the Commission**
- **Press work and social media work**
- **Messaging : exposing champions (EL) and laggards (DE)**



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Messaging

Key take-aways:

- Awareness of energy communities is moderate, but actual planning is low.
- There is a lack of clarity regarding the use of terminology, lack of distinction between energy communities as an organisational concept and other technical activities such as renewables self-consumption.
- There is insufficient acknowledgment of the role that energy communities can play in energy efficiency, and addressing energy poverty.
- Several Member States demonstrate strong commitment and can be looked at for best practice (e.g. Greece).
- Several Member States completely disregarded the role of energy communities in their energy system (e.g. Germany, Malta, Sweden).

Main recommendations for Member States:

1. Introduce **quantitative policy targets/objectives** for energy communities.
2. Further **clarify terms and concepts**: distinguish between energy communities and related concepts such as self-consumption.
3. Improve the level of **detail for proposed policies and measures** for enabling RECs and CECs.
4. Better acknowledge **how community energy can** contribute to national energy efficiency objectives and **address energy poverty**.
5. **Facilitate citizens' involvement in further development and finalisation of the NECPs**.

CZ, ET, DE,
LV, MT, SK,
SL, SE (8)

BE, BG, CY,
DK, FI, FR,
HU, IT, LT, LX,
PL, PT, RO,
ES, UK (15)

AT, HR, EL,
IE, NL (5)

¹ The full report is available on [the REScoop.eu website](https://rescoop.eu). It includes a detailed picture with summarised comments in the high-level assessment (section 1). Annex 2 compiles relevant information and comments on the 28 NECPs.



Next steps on national level

- **Meet your government officials on NECPs and ask for more ambition on**
 - **energy community development** across Europe through defining a target for community energy.
 - **the right to energy** by banning disconnections and provide families in need with financial support.
 - **phasing out of fossil fuels** by outlining current fossil fuel subsidies and a plan for phasing them out including an end date.
- **Meet them before and after summer**
- **Developing guidelines on transposition**
- **Info on focal points ??**



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- The Community Power Coalition brings together a diverse network of like-minded organisations which share a common goal of promoting the development of citizen and community ownership in the urgently needed energy transformation towards a 100% renewable energy system. The Coalition includes associations representing energy cooperatives, networks of cities and local authorities, consumer organisations, the renewable energy industry, legal experts and diverse environmental NGOs.



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