

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ACTIVITY** LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

**VENUE** Intromac facilities **DATE** 4th October 2023

**PROJECT SEMESTER** S1\_ 13/12/2022 - 31/08/2023

PARTNER LP\_Consortium Extremadura Energy Agency INVOLVED STAFF Beatriz Rico, Ana Martinez and Rachel Tully.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 14

AGENDA No
ATTENDACE LIST Yes
EVENT'S BUDGET -

# THEMES AND EVENT CONTENT (Brief description)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, AGENEX held the first LSM of MonitorEE/ShareRES projects in collaboration with INTROMAC. The event served as a platform to introduce the MonitorEE/ShareRES projects to our regional stakeholders. The meeting revolved around:

1<sup>st</sup> - Introduction of the MonitorEE/ShareRES projects:

- Consortium.
- What are we aiming to achieve with the MonitorEE/ShareRES projects? Objectives.
- Regional activities and upcoming events.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Introduction of the EDEA project and its results.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional stakeholders' study visit (SV) to the twin buildings.
- 4<sup>th</sup> CIIAE staff introduced the Iberian Energy Storage research center.

SPEAKERS	Angeles Perianes	
	Breagán Pato	

## THEMES AND CONTENT related to the project topic.

- 1st EDEA Project: The EDEA project involves the monitoring of two twin buildings. The first, referred to as the "reference house," is constructed according to the specifications employed in Extremadura for the Special Plan. The second one is the "Experimental house," which incorporates various sustainable measures and renewable energy sources (RES). Both of these buildings are monitored to assess comparative data, which will enable the improvement of energy efficiency measures within public housing.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Iberian Energy Storage Research Center: The CIIAE is responsible for addressing technological and scientific challenges related to the management of green energy, including:
  - Energy storage utilizing various technologies.
  - Development of innovative concepts within the Circular Economy.
  - Hydrogen generation.
  - Thermal energy storage.
  - Technical-economic analysis, life cycle analysis, circular economy, and the analysis and regulation of energy systems.

## **OBJECTIVES TACKLE AND BENEFIT GAINED DURING THE EVENT**

The study visit enables regional stakeholders to become aware of the various projects currently underway in Extremadura. Furthermore, it serves as a platform for individuals from different entities to establish deeper connections and exchange experiences.

- Regarding the MonitorEE project, a new perspective on energy efficiency measures has emerged thanks to their monitoring.
- With regards to the ShareRES project, it was highlighted that energy communities models are an opportunity to involve citizens in the energy transition of the region.











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ACTIVITY LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING №1

**VENUE** Verde Office Centre, Riga

DATE 12-sep-23

 PROJECT SEMESTER
 \$2\_01/09/2023 - 28/02/2024

 PARTNER
 \$PP2\_Riga Planning Region

INVOLVED STAFF Krista Pētersone, Iveta Šķiliņa, Inese Pabērza, Ilgvars Francis

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** 43 (22 face-to-face and 21 online participants)

AGENDA Yes
ATTENDACE LIST Yes

**EVENT'S BUDGET** 

## THEMES AND EVENT CONTENT (Brief description)

The local stakeholder meeting aimed to bring together a diverse group of participants, including policy makers, project implementers, energy experts, activists, and municipal representatives. Its purpose was to provide updates on ongoing projects and facilitate discussions related to forthcoming regulations regarding the formation of energy communities and energy sharing among active customers. The event attracted substantial participation, underlining the presence of informed stakeholders who are open to collaboration in shaping policy and support the development of new energy community initiatives.

- 1. Iveta Šķilina, Riga Planning Region, Project coordinator
- 2. Ilgvars Francis, Riga Planning Region, Expert
- 3. Aija Zučika, Latvian Environmental Investment Fund, Project Manager
- 4. Ilvija Ašmane, Latvian Rural Forum, NGO, Project Manager
- 5. Inga Kreicmane, Zemgale Regional energy agency, NGO, Director
- **SPEAKERS** 6. Agris Kamenders, Ltd "Ekodoma", Director
  - 7. Gunārs Valdmanis, Ministry of Climate and Energy, Head of Departament of Energy market
  - 8. Ilze Daukšte, Ministry of Climate and Energy, Expert, Departament of Energy market
  - 7. Krista Pētersone, Riga Planning Region, Expert

# THEMES AND CONTENT related to the project topic

After introducing ShareRES, the presenters briefly discussed past and ongoing energy community projects and initiatives, covering research, policy analysis, networking, and pilots. The Ministry of Climate and Energy then presented a draft proposal for the energy community bylaw, crucial for implementing practical energy community projects. Finalizing this proposal will require addressing key details such as proximity requirements, capacity limits, grid tariffs, legal contracts, and billing systems, all of which are national-level concerns. However, considering regional planning perspectives can help bridge the gap between regulatory frameworks and practical energy community projects. The plan for the meeting's final part was to explore various energy community models suitable for Latvia. However, due to time constraints and a substantial number of questions arising from the ministry's presentation, many topics were postponed for discussion in the next gathering.

## **OBJECTIVES TACKLE AND BENEFIT GAINED DURING THE EVENT**

## **Policy-Level Benefits:**

Implementation of ShareRES takes place simultaneously with the enactment phase of the new regional development policy instrument, the Riga Region Development Programme 2021-2027. This allows for a good opportunity to integrate the project's achievements into a regional policy framework through practical experience.

From the point of view of subordination, the new Riga Region Development Programme necessitates that all local municipalities that are located in the territory of the region respect the regional development priorities. This includes both the priority actions and specific projects in municipal development policy instruments (local development documents).

Given that the regulatory framework and support schemes for energy communities and self-production are functions executed by the national authorities, a two-level strategic cooperation is being developed in Riga. The first type of

cooperation concerns participation in the national regulatory process to support energy communities. The second cooperation envisages the transfer of project knowledge to regional and local-level development planning documents.

To capitalize on it, the ShareRES Riga team has approached all local municipalities and invited them to participate in the project stakeholder group to mutually coordinate activities with the aim of promoting practical projects in the field of community energy.

## **Project-Level Benefits:**

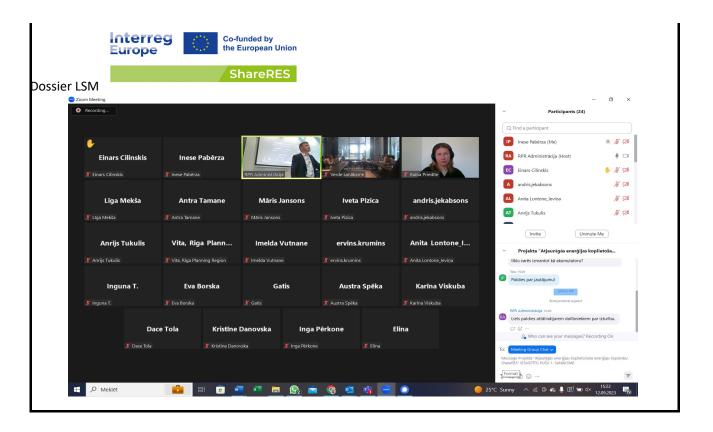
- 1. **Knowledge Sharing:** ShareRES activities should leverage insights from previous energy community projects in Latvia. Collaboration with initiatives like StartSUN (Interreg) and EU technical assistance can help identify legal framework challenges, including the need for a dedicated billing system for energy communities.
- 2. **Legal Framework Clarity:** The Ministry of Climate and Energy's presentation of a draft regulation and discussions on technical and economic aspects provide a better understanding of Latvia's energy community legal framework. This sets the stage for upcoming public hearings, where expert input will enhance the final proposal and shape community projects.
- 3. **Expanded Collaboration**: The meeting has revitalized and expanded the network of energy community advocates across public, private, and civic sectors. The aim is to support knowledge exchange, informed discussions, and public involvement in policy-making, fostering innovative and cost-effective energy community projects in various municipalities within the Riga Planning Region.













#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ACTIVITY LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING №1

VENUE Online Teams Meeting

**DATE** 21-sep-23

PROJECT SEMESTERS2\_01/09/2023 - 28/02/2024PARTNERPP3\_Donegal County Council

INVOLVED STAFF Con McLaughlin, Michelle McDaid, Joanne Holmes

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 7
AGENDA Yes
ATTENDACE LIST Yes

EVENT'S BUDGET 0

# THEMES AND EVENT CONTENT (Brief description)

The aim of the first local stakeholder meeting was to introduce the members and give an overview of the project and its objectives. The meeting was held online and the theme of the first meeting focused on the upcoming Interregional Event which was organised to be held in Ballyliffin, Co Donegal. This is the second Interregional Event held by the project and provides an opportunity for the shared learning between the partners on energy community projects.

SPEAKERS Con McLaughlin, Donegal County Council

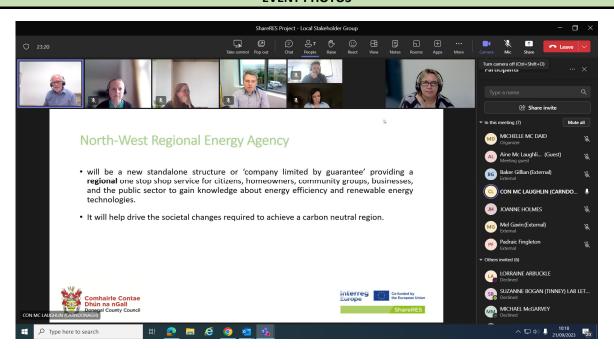
# THEMES AND CONTENT related to the project topic

Con outlined a number of Good Practice examples that Donegal County Council have identified as part of the ongoing project work and how the good practices can be scaled up to meet the project objectives. This led to a number of discussions within the group on various projects that are currently being explored by the SEC's in each of the respective regions.

## **OBJECTIVES TACKLE AND BENEFIT GAINED DURING THE EVENT**

This meeting was brief and focused on the upcoming event. The first meeting of the local stakeholder group was to introduce each member and outline the objectives of the project and how the group can work on achieving the targets. The sharing of the GP models was beneficial to the SEC's and the attendees were also informed of the newly established MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) that was agreed between the local authoritys and the SEC's which allowed the SEC's to bridge the financing gap to appoint consultants to complete the Energy Master Plans in their regions.





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ACTIVITY LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING № 1

**VENUE** Calea Motilor no.5A, Alba Iulia

**DATE** 04.09.2023

PROJECT SEMESTER S2\_01/09/2023 - 28/02/2024
PARTNER PP4\_Alba Iulia Municipality

INVOLVED STAFF Project manager, Expert communication and PR, Finance manager

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 11
AGENDA Yes
ATTENDACE LIST Yes
EVENT'S BUDGET N/A

# THEMES AND EVENT CONTENT (Brief description)

On September 4th, we conducted the first Local Stakeholder Group (LSG) meeting as part of the ShareRES project in Alba Iulia. The meeting brought together various experts, including those from the municipal technical department, the buildings monitoring office, and individuals experienced in EU projects. Additionally, the Director of the Alba Local Energy Agency graced the occasion.

During this initial LSG meeting, the primary agenda included an introduction to the ShareRES project, its objectives, and planned activities. Subsequently, there were extensive discussions on the energy community and prosumer-related legislation within both Romania and the European Union. Furthermore, we delved into financial investments focused on enhancing energy efficiency.

SPEAKERS	Tudor Drâmbărean - Project manager	
	Florin Andronescu - Director of the Alba Local Energy Agency	
	Dana Maria Naghiu - Finance manager	
	Ioana Maria CIOLOCA - Expert communication and PR	

# THEMES AND CONTENT related to the project topic.

The meeting explored the chosen policy instrument, SECAP 2030, used in Alba Iulia, and how the ShareRES project could potentially influence its modification to align with project goals. Another point of focus involved dialogues with the LSG members regarding energy efficiency, especially given the ongoing municipal project financed through the Operational Program Large Infrastructure, which aims to construct a photovoltaic park contributing to the energy security of public buildings in the municipality. One significant outcome of this meeting was the realization that legislation in this domain is still evolving. There exists no widespread consensus in Romania regarding the precise definition and attributes of an energy community. We hold hope that, as the ShareRES project unfolds, there will be substantial legislative changes favoring the development of energy communities in Romania, drawing inspiration from successful models in countries like Spain, France, and Germany.

## **OBJECTIVES TACKLE AND BENEFIT GAINED DURING THE EVENT**

- Collecting expertise from local specialists to identify local examples that can be disseminated on interregional scale.
- Disseminating the acquired knowledge at the interregional level back to the local level.
- Advocating for policy makers to improve the targeted policy instrument using shared information at this meeting.







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ACTIVITY LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING № 1

**VENUE** Municipality of Strovolos, Nicosia

**DATE** 21/12/2023

PROJECT SEMESTER S2\_01/09/2023 - 28/02/2024
PARTNER PP5\_Nicosia Development Agency

INVOLVED STAFF Project manager, Expert communication, Finance manager

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 11
AGENDA Yes
ATTENDACE LIST Yes
EVENT'S BUDGET N/A

# THEMES AND EVENT CONTENT (Brief description)

On the 21st of December, Nicosia Development Agency (ANEL) organised the 1st Local Stakeholder Group (LSG) meeting as part of the ShareRES project at the Municipality of Strovolos. The meeting brought together various experts such as representatives of the ANEL's member municipalities technical department, mayors, and representative of the private sector. The meeting was coordinated by Eleni Malekkidou & Panayiotis Mountoukos on behalf of ANEL.

During this pivotal LSG meeting, ANEL introduced the ShareRES project, elucidating its objectives and planned activities to the participants. Subsequently, engaging discussions ensued regarding the energy community concept and its application in both Cyprus and Europe and the outcome of the Peer review: Fast-tracking of Renewable Energy Communities in the Cypriot Context that took place on May 2023. The imperative need for immediate action in Cyprus was emphasized. Additionally, ANEL briefly showcased the Good Practices of other project partners that were shared during the 2nd Interregional Event of ShareRES in Ireland.

SPEAKERS	Eleni Malekkidou - Project manager	
	Panayiotis Mountoukos - Financial Director ANEL	
	Savvas Vlachos _ Director of CEA	

# THEMES AND CONTENT related to the project topic.

The meeting delved into the prospective impact of the ShareRES project on the designated policy instrument. A substantive discussion unfolded regarding the outcomes of the Peer Review: Fast-tracking of Renewable Energy Communities in the Cypriot Context, conducted in May 2023. This review primarily outlined the present state in Cyprus, emphasizing the absence of a pertinent Regulatory Framework, and outlined actionable steps required to progress in this domain.

Furthermore, ANEL showcased commendable practices shared during the International Events of ShareRES with stakeholders. The discussion centered on the feasibility of adopting and learning from these practices, enriching the overall dialogue on the subject.

# **OBJECTIVES TACKLE AND BENEFIT GAINED DURING THE EVENT**

- a. Fruitful discussion with the involved stakeholders and knowledge share from the experts on the field in Cyprus.
- b. Establishing a clear roadmap by defining the necessary steps to move forward.

c. Delve into strategies for achieving progress on the topic at the local level, drawing insights from the experiences (good practices) of the more advanced partners within the ShareRES project.



