

Unlocking investment for energy communities

The **European Energy Communities Facility** is a new initiative aiming to empower and support the development of emerging energy communities across Europe. Through small lump sum grants, it will assist at least 140 energy communities in developing and implementing solid business plans for their sustainable energy projects.

We are launching this project with high-level discussions at the European Parliament in Brussels. An engaging lineup of speakers—including policymakers, representatives of public investment bodies, local governments, and members of energy communities—will explore strategies to unlock investment for energy communities and discuss opportunities and challenges.

The event is co-hosted by four MEPs: Anna Stürgkh (Renew Europe), Bruno Tobback (S&D), Dario Tamburrano (GUE/NGL), Michael Bloss (Greens-EFA), and Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral (EPP).

- **Date and time:** 26 March 2025, 14.00 - 16.00 (CET) – It is recommended to arrive at least 1 hour before the starting time to ensure a smooth accreditation process.
- **Duration:** 2 hours and drink.
- **Venue:** European Parliament, Brussels – Room P5B001, Spaak Building

Agenda

Time/ duration	Content	Organisation
14.00 / 5 min	Opening words	CINEA
14.05 - 14.25 / 20 min	Short keynote speeches from some “hosting” MEPs on what they see as the value and future of energy communities.	Michael Bloss (The Greens), MEP

	5 mins per Member of the European Parliament.	Dario Tamburrano (The Left), MEP
		Anna Sturgkh (Renew Europe), MEP
14.25 - 14.45 / 20 mins	Presentation of the European Energy Communities Facility	Sofia Corsi, Coordinator of the European Energy Communities Facility
14.45 - 15.05 / 20 mins	Panel Discussion 1: Exchange with 3 institutions on energy communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expectations for the European Energy Communities Facility - Complementarities with existing and upcoming initiatives - Q&A 	Josh Roberts, REScoop.eu (Moderator)
		DG ENER
		Michael Bloss, (the Greens), MEP
		Representative of Emilia Romagna region, Italy
15.05 - 15.40 / 35 min	Panel Discussion 2: EU-level action for financing energy communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the bottlenecks and barriers energy communities are facing with regards to financing their projects? - The importance of dedicated technical assistance: the role of national federations and expert organisations - How could the citizen energy package influence financing for existing and forthcoming energy communities? - How can the ENERCOM facility be a blueprint for a more permanent structure? <p>Reactions and reflections from the national level. Q&A.</p>	Pouyan Maleki, Ecorys (Moderator)
		DG ENER
		Joanna Jakubowska, DG REGIO
		EIB
		Christ Vrettos, REScoop.eu
		Siward Zomer, President of Energie Samen

15.40 - 14.45 / 5 min	Conclusion and next steps.	Sofia Corsi, Coordinator of the Energy Communities Facility
14.45 - 15.00 / 10 min	Closing remarks	Bruno Tobback (Socialists and Democrats), MEP
		Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral (EPP), MEP
16.00 -17.00 NETWORKING DRINK (Place du Luxembourg, address to be confirmed)		



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