

Setting up Energy Communities

the role of the municipality

**Retrofits, renewable energy & energy communities in
the Balkans**

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the most successful
community energy
projects in Europe are
those where groups
collaborate with local
authorities

Making the case for community energy

- 1. BUILDING TRUST & LONG TERM PARTNERSHIPS**
- 2. GENERATING MORE THAN RENEWABLE ENERGY**
- 3. THE TIME IS NOW: SUPPORTIVE EUROPEAN LAW**

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
- **SOCIAL COHESION**
- **ENERGY POVERTY REDUCTION**
- ...



What can your municipality do (1)

Creating the right conditions

- Include community ownership targets in long term climate and energy strategies
- Favorable regulation for citizen energy
- Procure energy differently

EXAMPLE



OCCITANIA REGION (FR)

FIRST POSITIVE ENERGY REGION IN EUROPE BY 2050



What can your municipality do(2)

Providing direct support

- Inform: create a dedicated body/one stop shop
- Mapping and match-making
- Give access to public sites
- Secure finance, invest or support fundraisings

EXAMPLES

- **SOLIS (PT)**

LISBON'S SOLAR MAP

- **ZEZ + KRIZEVCI MUNICIPALITY (HR)**

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What can your municipality do(3)

Joint management of infrastructure

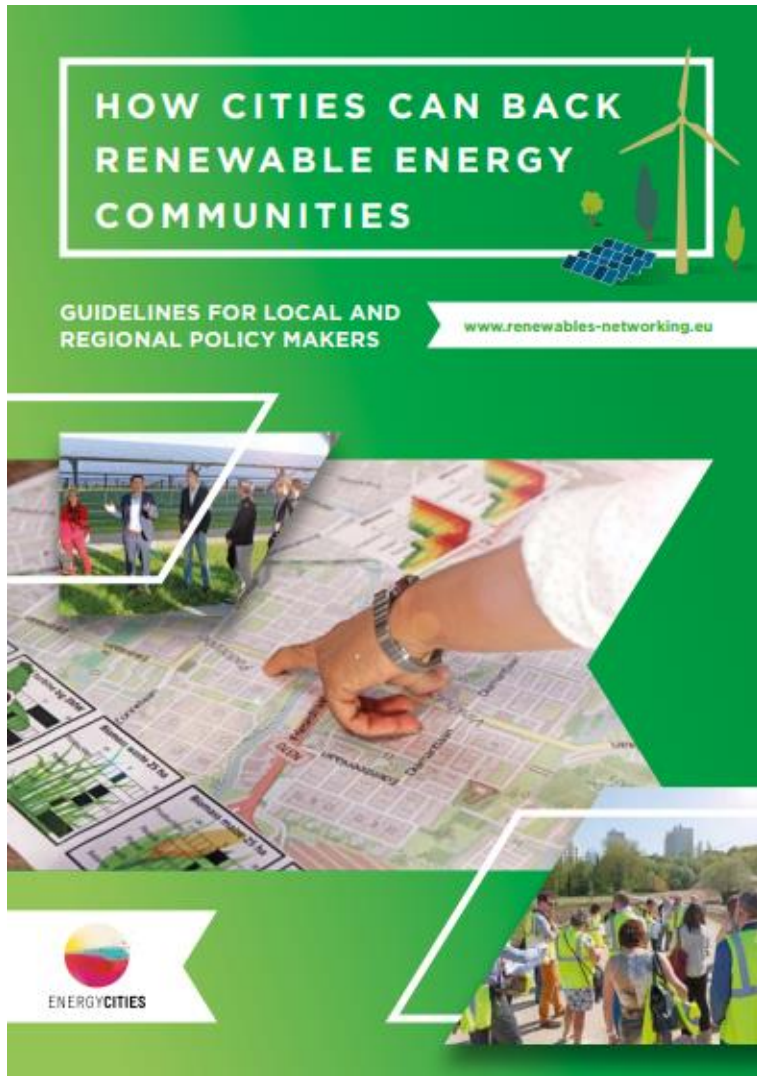
- Participation in the local utility
- Becoming a direct member of an energy community
- Open the capital of municipal energy projects

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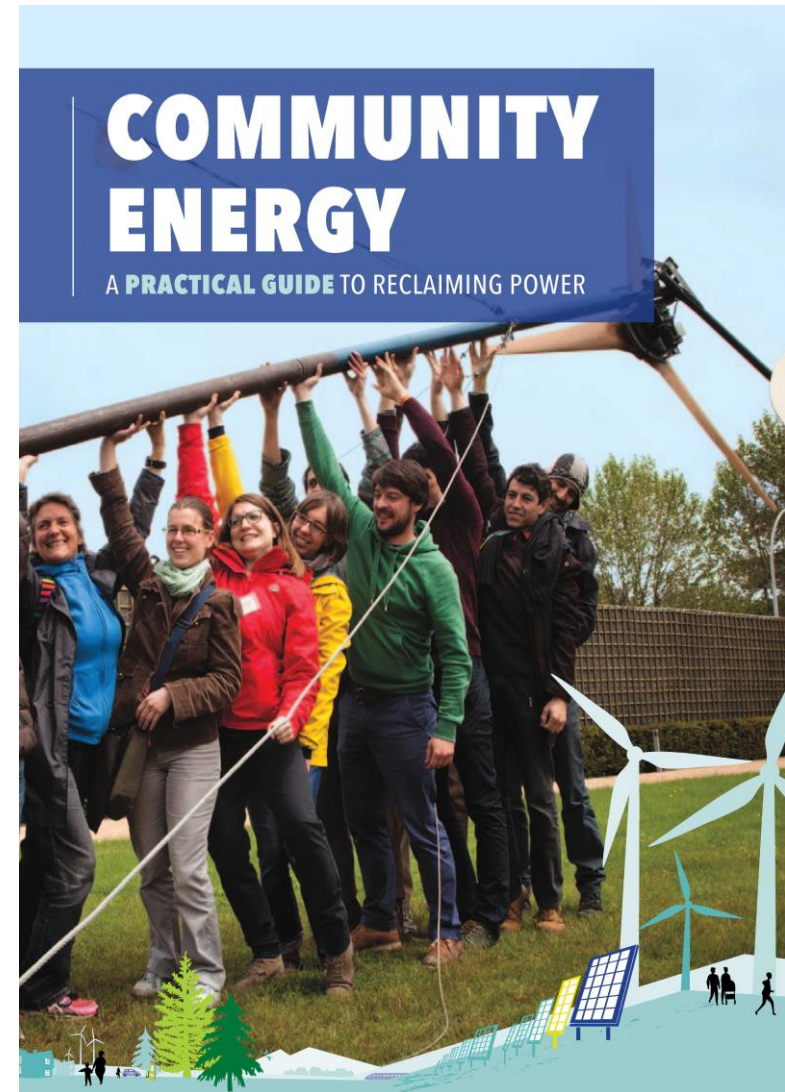
SWINDON'S "COMMON FARM" (UK)

MUNICIPAL PROJECT WITH CITIZENS AS INVESTORS

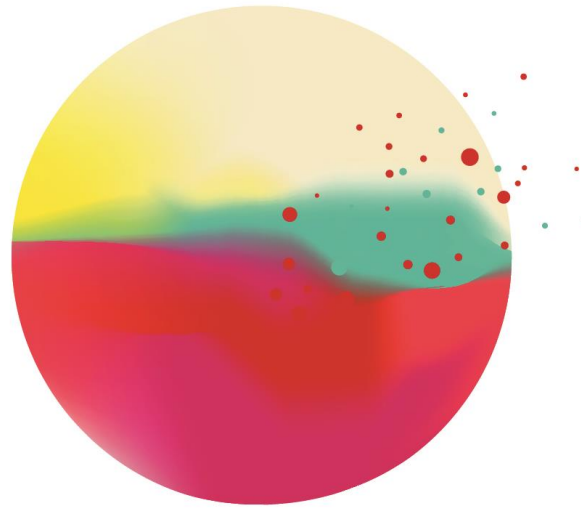




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More EXAMPLES

- GHENT'S "NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY" (BE)
- HEERLEN'S SOLAR COOPERATIVE (NL)
- VIENNA'S CITIZENS SOLAR POWER PLANTS

