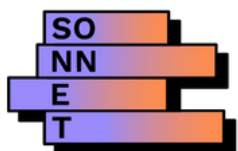


# Putting people at the heart of energy transitions:

four projects shine a light on the path forward

**28–29 April 2022**



# Day 1: Thursday, 28 April 2022

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9:00–9:40	<b>Welcome &amp; introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Meeuws, Vice-Mayor, City of Antwerp</li> <li>• David Brozina, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU</li> <li>• Manuela Conconi, CINEA, European Commission</li> <li>• Julia Blasch, NEWCOMERS Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Silvia Caneva, SocialRES Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Alessandro Sciullo, COMETS Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Karoline Rogge, SONNET Project Coordinator</li> </ul>	
9:40–10:00	<b>Keynote address</b> Exploring the role of social innovation in transforming energy systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Wittmayer, DRIFT, Erasmus University Rotterdam, SONNET</li> </ul>	
10:00–12:00	<b>Joint policy dialogue</b> This highlight session will open with a keynote address from Rosalinde Van der Vlies, Director Clean Planet, DG R&I, European Commission. Alessandro Sciullo & Winston Gilcrease (COMETS), Mark Andor (NEWCOMERS), Regina Betz (SONNET), and Jan Fjornes (SocialRES) will then present a Joint Policy Brief and recommendations for how the EU can better harness the power of social innovation in energy, with a response from an esteemed panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlotte Koot, Expert, DG CLIMA, European Commission</li> <li>• Dirk Vansintjan, Co-founder and President, REScoop.eu</li> <li>• Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, Women Engage for a Common Future - WECF International</li> <li>• Laurent Bontoux, Senior Expert, European Joint Research Centre</li> <li>• Cristiana Marchitelli, Policy Officer, DG ENER, European Commission</li> </ul>	
12:00–13:30	<i>Lunch break &amp; optional digital networking</i>	
13:30–15:00	Parallel sessions	
	<b>Acceptance for social innovations in energy</b> (SONNET & SocialRES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niklas Mischkowski, ICLEI</li> <li>• Marie-Charlotte Guetlein, GEM</li> <li>• Ivan Petrov, TC Dublin</li> <li>• Christian Hoenow, RWI Essen</li> <li>• Iban Lizarralde, ESTIA</li> </ul>	<b>Building collective action in the energy sector</b> (COMETS, NEWCOMERS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alessandro Sciullo, U. of Turin</li> <li>• Tanja Kamin, U. of Ljubljana</li> <li>• Sarah Darby, Oxford U.</li> <li>• Chiara Candelise, Bocconi U.</li> <li>• Timothy Marcroft, Western Norway U.</li> </ul>
15:00–15:30	<i>Coffee break &amp; optional digital networking</i>	
15:30–17:30	Parallel sessions	
	<b>How to create SIEs that transform energy systems</b> (SONNET & SocialRES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agata Stasik, Kozminski U.</li> <li>• Karl Harder, Abundance</li> <li>• Anne-Lorène Vernay, GEM</li> <li>• Volker Kromrey, Bodensee-Stiftung</li> <li>• SONNET cities: Dominik Kołodziejczyk, Matthew Jones, Marianne Crevon, Lina Nurali</li> </ul>	<b>Pathways for collective action in the energy sector</b> (COMETS, NEWCOMERS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Blasch, VU Amsterdam</li> <li>• Jenny Palm, Lund U.</li> <li>• Nicolien van der Grijp, VU Amsterdam</li> <li>• Mark Andor, RWI Essen</li> <li>• Isaskun Jiménez, TECHNALIA</li> <li>• Winston Gilcrease, U. of Turin</li> </ul>

# Day 2: Friday, 29 April 2022

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## 9:00–9:30 Opening & reflections from day 1

Reflections from all four sister projects

## 9:30–10:30 Guided virtual site visits in Antwerp

Moderated by Lina Nurali (City of Antwerp & SONNET), local guides Jan Meuleman and Geert Vielfont (City of Antwerp), Marlies Lenaerts (Klimplant vzw), and Sophie Loots (ZuidtrAnt cvba) will take participants on virtual site visits to learn how Antwerp's social innovation initiatives support energy transition. Discover:

- **EcoHuis**, an advice and demonstration centre for sustainable building and living run by the City of Antwerp
- **Energy Cooperative at Stalinsstraat**, an energy cooperative that benefited from being part of Antwerp's SONNET City Lab
- **Papillon**: a part of Antwerp's SONNET City Lab, in which vulnerable households can rent efficient household appliances

## 10:30–11:00 Coffee break & optional digital networking

## 11:00–12:30 Looking ahead

The four co-organising projects will be joined by DG RTD, as well as by four new European-funded projects just beginning their work on the same topic. This dynamic panel will bridge present and future.

- SONNET, SocialRES, NEWCOMERS, COMETS project coordinators
- Eoghan Kinirons, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Benjamin Sovacool, University of Sussex
- Bonno Pel, Université libre de Bruxelles, EnergyPROSPECTS project
- BinBin Pearce, TU Delft, ENCLUDE project
- Elisabeth Unterfrauner, Centre for Social Innovation, EC<sup>2</sup> project
- Salla Annala, LUT University, GRETA project



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