

Putting people at the heart of energy transitions

Introduction to the four sister projects

SONNET, SociaRES, NEWCOMERS, COMETS



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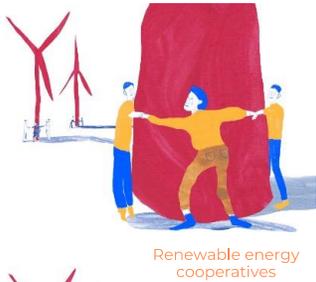
Co-creating a rich understanding of the diversity, processes, contributions, success and future potentials of social innovation in the energy sector

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in **E**nergy
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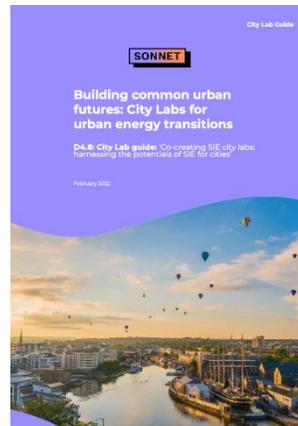
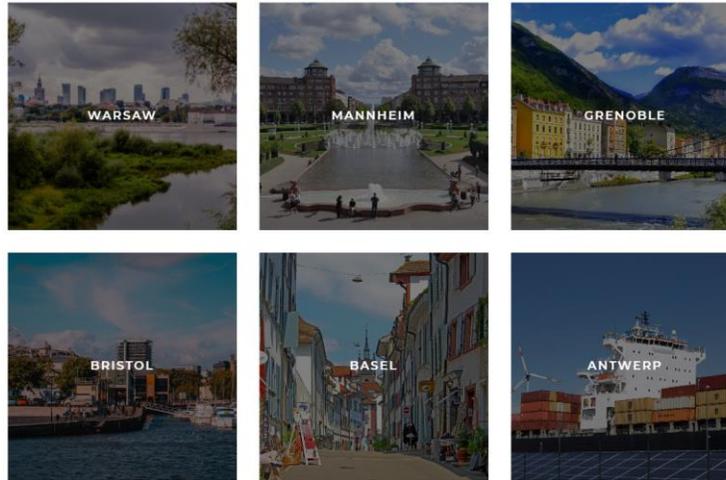
Karoline Rogge, Professor of Sustainability Innovation and Policy, University of Sussex & Fraunhofer ISI



Diversity



City Labs



Future Potential

Policies needed for harnessing up to

90%



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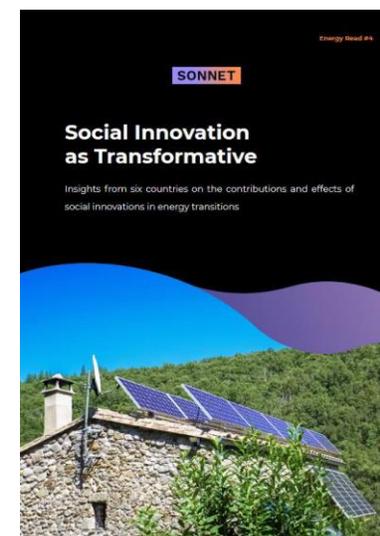
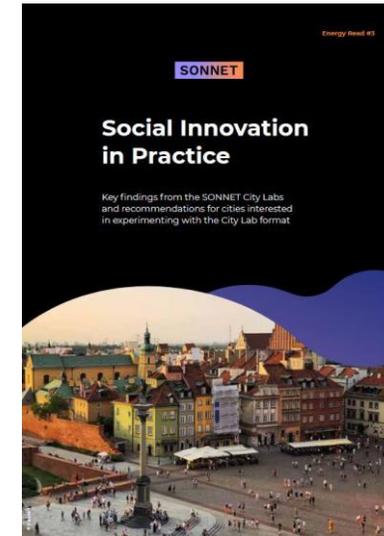


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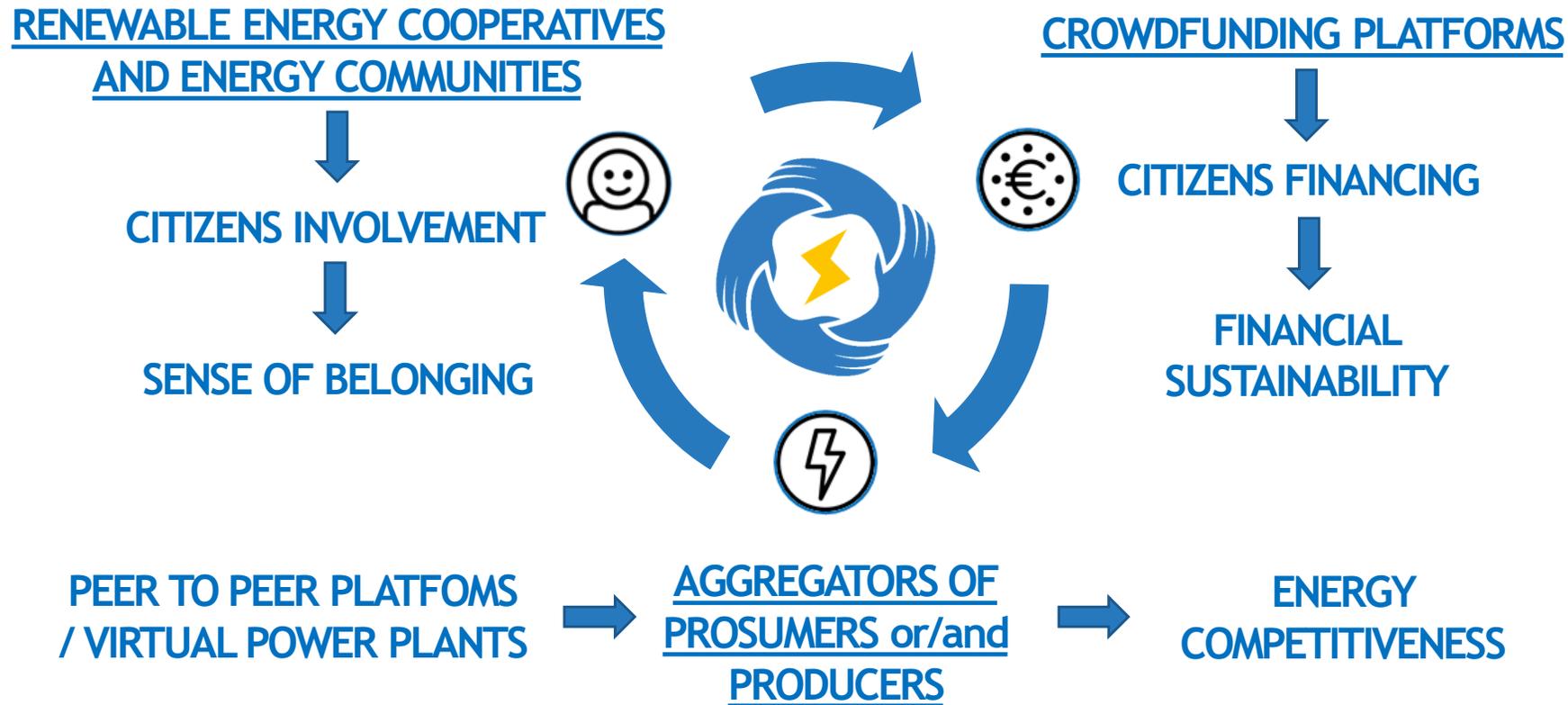
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Silvia Caneva and Sonja Wilhelm, WIP - Renewable Energies



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The idea behind the SocialRES Project: fostering the participation of citizens with social innovation business models “The Power of Many”



Project Consortium & Case Studies



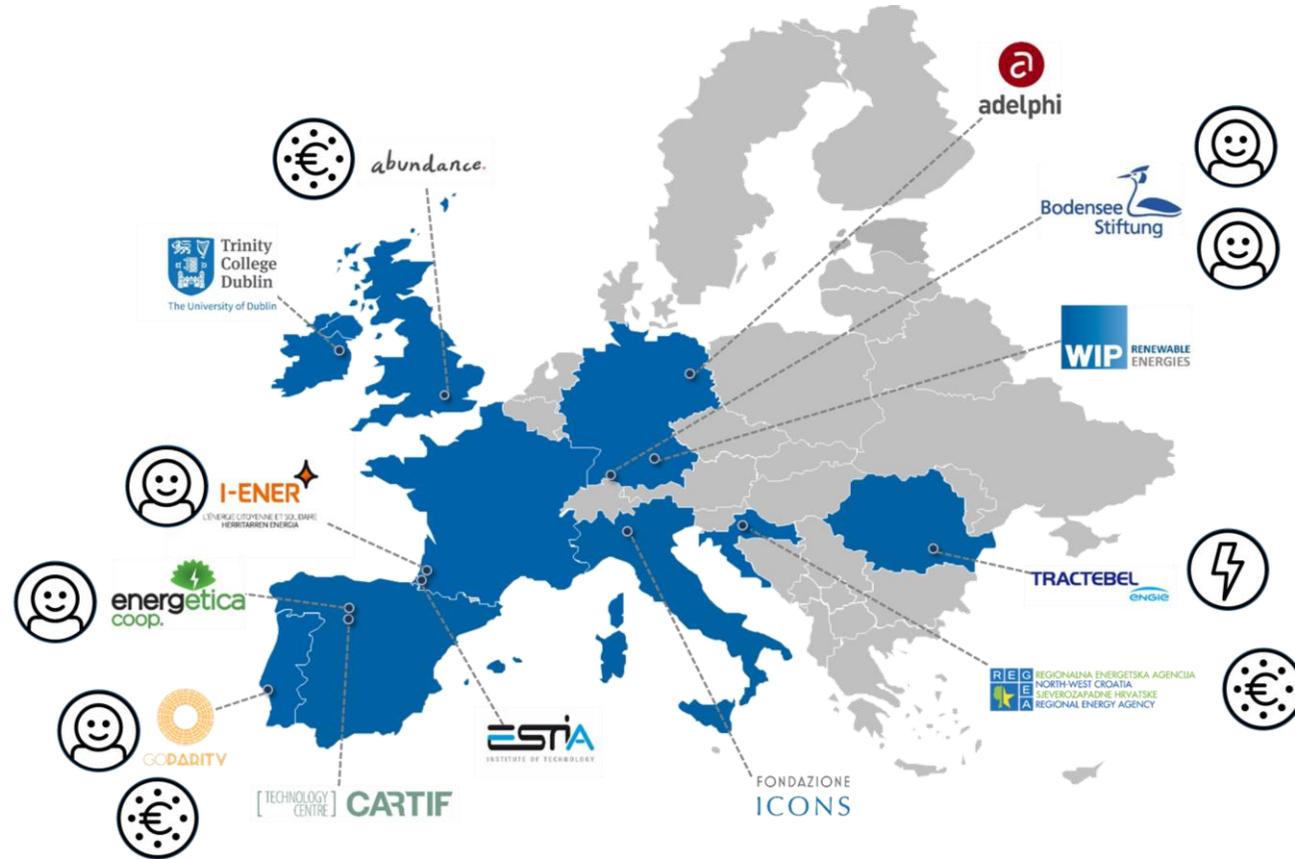
COOPERATIVES



AGGREGATORS



CROWDFUNDING PLATFORMS



Together we make energy

SocialRES aims to close non-technological research gaps that impede the widespread uptake of social innovation business and service models in the European energy sector.

SocialRES fosters energy democracy by creating a better understanding of socio-economic, cultural, political and gender factors, and provides a comprehensive evidence base for policy makers in order to ease the transition to a cleaner energy system.

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NEWCOMERS –

NEW CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN A CHANGING EUROPEAN ENERGY SYSTEM

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Project co-coordinators

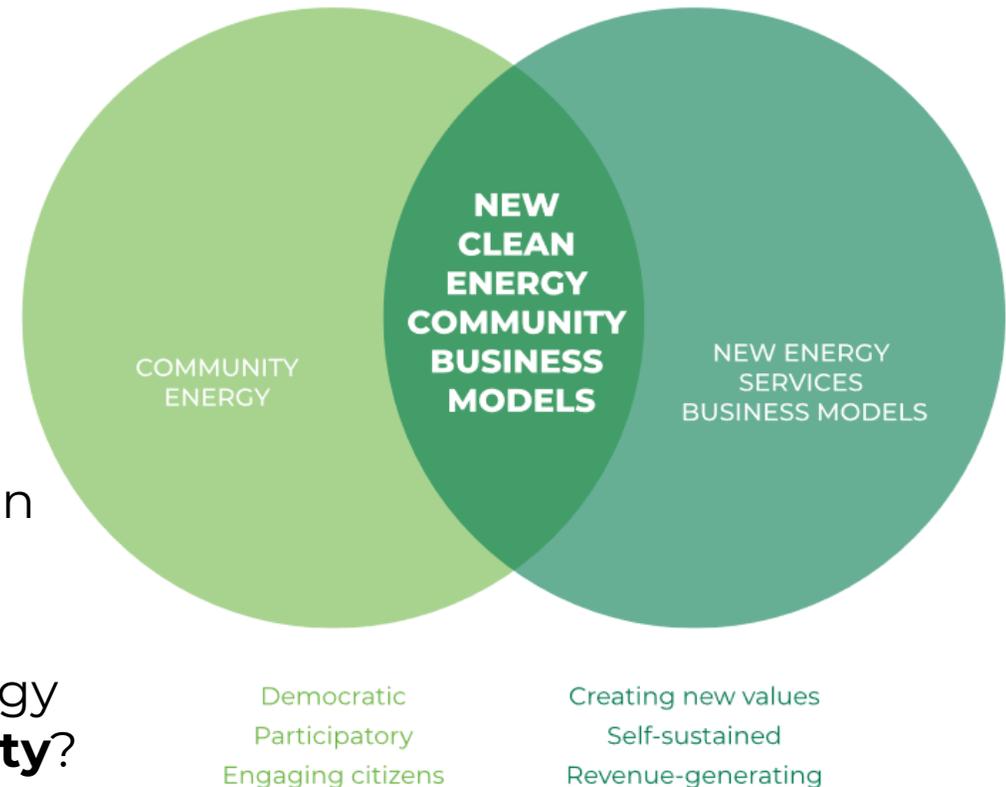
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EXPLORING NEW ENERGY COMMUNITIES

Exploring new forms of energy communities

- 6 European countries (NL, SE, UK, DE, SI, IT)
- 13 energy communities, of which 10 core case studies

Key research questions:

- Which **national settings** enable/prevent the emergence of *which types of* new clean energy communities?
- How do *different types of* new clean energy communities **emerge and operate**?
- What is the potential of *different types of* new clean energy communities to stimulate **energy conservation and demand response**?
- Which **values** do *different types of* new clean energy communities create **for their members and society**?



Want to know more?

NEWCOMERS FINDINGS

Energy Literacy
for Energy
Communities
Handbook



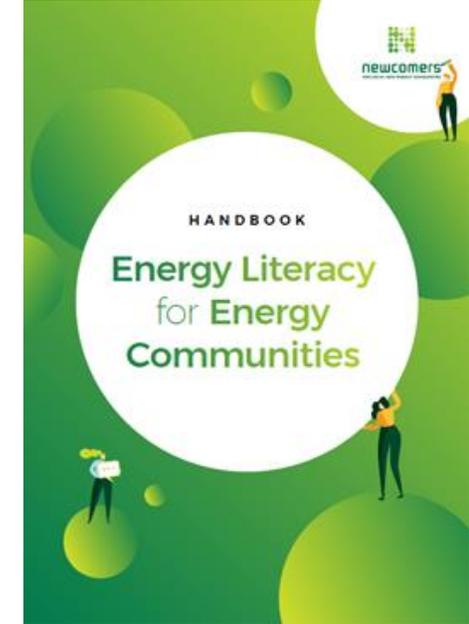
A **short overview** of
NEWCOMERS results

Platform with
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COLlective action Models for Energy Transition and Social Innovation

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(c)omets at a glance

Collective action Models for Energy Transition and Social Innovation

- H2020 RIA, 3 years (1 May 2019 – 30 April 2022)
- Coordinated by University of Turin
- 12 partners from 8 countries (7 EU + Norway)
 - 6 academies
 - 2 research centers
 - 1 energy agency
 - 3 EU wide organizations
- 6 countries case studies (dark green in the map)
- 30+ energy communities involved in participatory research



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Collective action Models for Energy Transition and Social Innovation

- COMETS investigated Collective Action Initiatives (CAIs) in the energy field (e.g. energy cooperatives, purchasing groups, energy villages, etc.) as a leverage to empower citizens to become active participants in energy transition.
- COMETS investigated the multiple benefits of CAIs as drivers of environmental and social justice, inclusion, poverty alleviation and resource sharing, while challenging privatization and individualization, and showing ways to restore energy as a common that had been monopolized, captured by market forces, or privatized.
- COMETS pinpointed the role of Collective Actions for Social Innovation in the energy transition, recognizing that their benefits go beyond the financial return on investment, revealing the increases in social capital, energy literacy, and peaceful ways to implement energy transitions.
- COMETS is now moving to understand a new balance in power structures in the energy field in order to help social innovators prosper despite resistance from incumbent players interested in preserving the status quo.

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