



# Energy Solidarity Capacity building programme 2023-2024

## Context

Solidarity is a key principle of the just, clean energy transition embedded within the Europe Green Deal, which specifically recognizes an important role for energy communities.

In the past two years, CEES partners have explored, replicated, and validated a variety of energy community solidarity mechanisms addressing the issue of energy poverty. Having reached the final year of the project, we are ready to share this knowledge and expertise with the wider community energy movement. Through a series of workshops and capacity building exercises, we hope to further establish energy communities' potential as a vehicle for a fair and just energy transition.

## What do we offer?

We are ready to support you with activities related to

- **Financing** your energy poverty alleviation activities, for example, through setting up a micro-donations programme.
- **Identifying** energy poor or vulnerable households, for example, through setting up a referral network with frontline workers.
- **Engaging** energy poor or vulnerable households, for example through delivering Energy Efficiency Packages and disseminating advice for energy efficiency.
- **Training** young volunteers to become Energy Advisors for the energy vulnerable households
- Taking concrete hard and soft **actions** to tackle energy poverty, for example developing energy savings measures, setting up a community-led renovations mechanism and more.
- Key principles and methods for **evaluating** energy poverty alleviation projects.



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## Timeline

Before each Open Day you will receive an email with more details about the day's programme and opportunities for one-on-one monitoring and guidance.

\* Starred days and sessions are closed and reserved only for organisations that applied and were selected for in depth guidance from the CEES team. Deadline for applications: 10.09.2023

When	Description	Where
25 October 2023	<p><b>* Introductory webinar</b></p> <p>During the first part of this workshop, we will share the mechanisms explored by each CEES pilot and expertise we have to offer in more depth. Participants will be able to ask questions and will receive instructions and guidance on how to set up an action plan for implementation of the solidarity mechanism of their choice. In addition, we will share some key principles for evaluating energy poverty alleviation projects.</p> <p>In the second part of the webinar we will take participants through the ways in which the CEES team will monitor and evaluate their progress through the CEES capacity-building programme.</p>	Online
30 November 2023	<p><b>Open Day: Identify &amp; Engage</b></p> <p>The first open day will showcase CEES mechanisms to identify and engage with people in vulnerable situations or households struggling with energy poverty. Pilot partners will share concrete dos and don'ts with participants and collaboratively think about how this could be implemented beyond CEES pilots.</p> <p>This Open Day will also offer a site visit to one of our pilots: <a href="#">Repowering London</a>. We will learn more about the support they provide to communities across London to set up their own community energy project.</p> <p>* A time slot will be reserved for programme participants to evaluate progress on the design of action plans with experts from the team. There will also be opportunities to have one-on-one meetings to exchange ideas with CEES pilot partners and the evaluation team.</p>	Hybrid London, UK



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31 January 2024	<b>Open Day: Business models and financing for solidarity</b>	Online
	<p>In today's competitive energy market many energy communities struggle to find the right resources to boost their social impact. In the second open day we'll explore different business models and financing solutions for your solidarity actions.</p> <p>*The second part of this open day, once again, will offer opportunities for bilateral exchanges and more in depth conversations with the CEES pilot partners and evaluation team.</p>	
27 March 2024	<b>Open Day: Act - Alleviating energy poverty</b>	Hybrid Coutances, France
	<p>This day is all about designing concrete hard and soft measures to tackle energy poverty, whether through establishing energy savings measures, boosting energy know-how or setting up a community-led renovation practice.</p> <p>This Open Day will also offer a site visit to one of our pilots: <a href="#">Les 7 Vents</a>. We will learn more about their work on setting up supported and shared self-rehabilitation projects.</p>	
28 May 2024	<b>Open Day: Evaluate your progress, advocate for change</b>	Online
	<p>In this webinar, partners from the University of Birmingham will share concrete tools to help you evaluate the impact of your energy solidarity project. In the second part, you will hear from our CEES pilot partners about barriers and opportunities they encountered when setting up their solidarity mechanisms and how you can identify and overcome or mobilise them yourself.</p> <p>*The second part of the open day will be dedicated to bilateral exchanges and a final round of monitoring and evaluation of the programme participant's progress.</p>	
Tbd	<b>Final CEES conference</b>	In person tbd
	<p>Finally, we would like to invite all solidarity programme participants to the CEES final conference to share your experience.</p> <p>Programme and date to be determined.</p>	

