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THE ROLE OF ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Energy communities are gaining increasing prominence in both regional and energy policy. Ambitious European-level policy objectives seek to generate tangible impacts at the local level: energy communities contribute to enhancing regional energy independence and resilience, while holding significant potential for addressing energy poverty.

At the same time, diverse infrastructural, social, economic, legal and political contexts, as well as differing energy market conditions across countries led to a wide variety of energy community models. As a result, their contributions to local and regional development take multiple, context-specific forms.

This session aims to provide a platform for discussing key issues related to energy communities. We welcome contributions from researchers examining theoretical, policy, or practical aspects of energy communities, especially where spatial or regional dimensions are central to the analysis.

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