ONLINE COURSE PROGRAM:
Energy Community Ambassadors – A course by FoEE
10 May – 22 June

This is a general framework of the course content, which is subject to change according to the needs and level of experience of participants.

The course will offer key theoretical insights into European energy policy and legislation around community energy projects, whilst also providing the tools to gain practical skills such as community engagement and communications.

Despite the course taking place online, interaction and learning from each other will play a fundamental role in the course and is considered an important element of the learning process.

Seminar 1 - 10 May 2022 // 10:00 to 12:00 CET
Intro to the course: EU Framework and political developments for Renewable Energy Communities

- Introduction and expectation-setting
- Short feedback round from former course participants
- Presentation of the Community Energy Guide
- Overview of the recent policy developments in the EU, such as the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II/III)
- Reflection and Q&A.

Seminar 2 - 17 May 2022 // 10:00 to 12:00 CET
Opportunities & challenges for Renewable Community Energy Projects

- Interactive workshop identifying the barriers and challenges faced by energy community projects
- Overview of current legislative frameworks affecting energy communities, such as State Aid Guidelines and General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), including The State aid General Block Exemption Regulation ("GBER")

- Overview of financing barriers and opportunities: A session facilitated by a range of experts discussing the variety of opportunities and challenges on the regional, national and European levels.
- Reflection and Q&A.

Seminar 3 - 24 May 2022 // 10:00 to 12:00 CET
Inspiring and successful Renewable Energy Communities across the EU – Energy poverty alleviation through community energy

- Overview of inspiring stories presented by expert speakers, from developing innovative solutions to empowering local communities to take action.
- Reflection and Q&A.

Seminar 4 - 31 May 2022 // 10:00 to 12:00 CET
How to engage people and local communities workshop

- Interactive session on how to engage and empower local citizens to join and support energy community projects
- Presentation of the Communications Power Guide, which is specifically aimed at the community energy field
- Workshop on outreach and storytelling
- Reflection and Q&A.

Seminar 5 - 7 June 2022 // 10:00-12:00 CET
Create your own energy community

- The final seminar before breaking up for two weeks is all about developing your own local energy community. This session will prepare you to start developing your project plan and strategy.
- Reflection and Q&A.

Seminar 6 - 22 June 2022 // 10:00-14:00
Final presentation & evaluation

- Each participant will present their vision and ideas for starting an energy community in their local region.
- Reflection and Q&A

Course evaluation - Deadline until 30 June 2022

- Each participant will be given a questionnaire to provide feedback, following the completion of the course.