

Who is this course for?

The aim of this course is to provide a stepping stone for people who'd like to start their own community energy project or campaign. It's open to anyone with a basic understanding of community energy and a proficient level of English. We encourage people who are working at non-profit organisations or in the field of renewable energy to apply. There's a limited amount of spaces available for the course so apply as soon as you can.

The course will cover the theoretical aspects, including policy frameworks and the challenges community energy projects face in the current landscape, as well as practical skills such as community engagement and movement building. Participants will be working on their own community energy project throughout the course and will present their ideas during the final session.

We're striving for a diverse group of participants from all across Europe and strongly encourage people from under-represented groups to apply.

How many hours should you set aside?

- 16 hours of online session attendance
- 6 hours of preparation (final project)

*You are expected to attend all sessions





What are the modules and the timing?

There is a total of 7 modules over the course of 7 weeks. Each module will last 2 hours and tackle a variety of themes, facilitated by experts in the matter. The final module will last for 4 hours in which participants will present their project plans and ideas. The course will start on Tuesday 17th October 2023 and finish on Tuesday 5th December.

Course overview

The dates and provisional programme is the following:

Session 1 // October 17th 10:00 -12:00 CET Setting the scene: Introduction and energy communities big picture

Session 2 // October 24th 10:00 -12:00 CET Opportunities and challenges for energy communities

Session 3 // October 31st 10:00 -12:00 CET Community energy in action I: Energy community inspiring stories

Session 4 // November 7th 10:00 -12:00 CET Community energy in action II: Energy poverty alleviation through energy communities

Session 5 // November 14th 10:00 -12:00 CET How to engage people and local communities for community energy

Session 6 // November 21st 10:00 -12:00 CET Energy community in practice - Create your own energy community!

Session 7 // December 5th 10:00 -12:00 CET Final presentation & evaluation

Each participant will be given a questionnaire to provide feedback after the course

How many participants will take part?

Up to 20 people. In order to reflect a wide range of European voices, we actively encourage participation from the South and East of Europe, as well as under represented groups.

When is the application deadline?

You can register until September 27th.

When will the selected participants be notified?

The selected participants will be notified on October 3rd

