



European Federation of Energy Communities

Cross-Border Energy Communities

Interract Webinar – Wed. 08 October 2025

Daan Creupelandt

Why you should care about energy communities

- Support clean energy transition and help public authorities meet climate targets
- Engagement & buy-in from local actors
- Foster social acceptance for the energy transition
- Retain profits in the local community
- Keep individual investments affordable
- Tackle energy poverty



A few words about RESCOOP.EU

- European Federation of Energy Communities
- Registered as non-profit association under Belgian law
- Established in 2013
- HQ in Brussels
- 20 people staff
- Members-based organisation
- Network of 2.500 initiatives operating across the EU
- Energy communities and support structures (coops & federations)



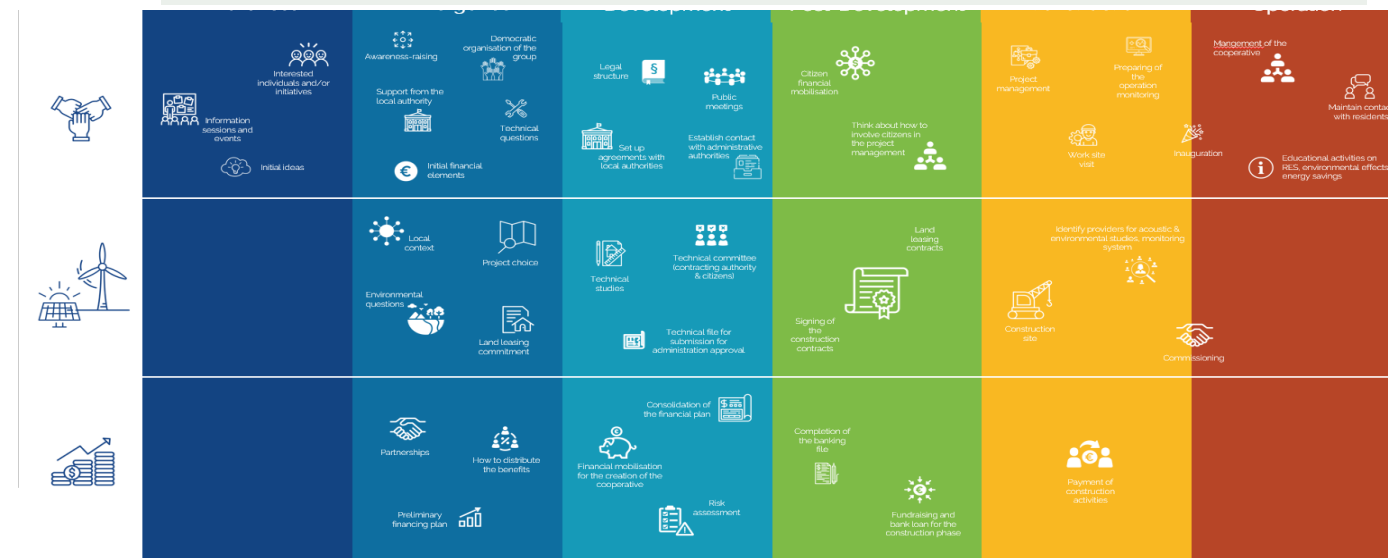
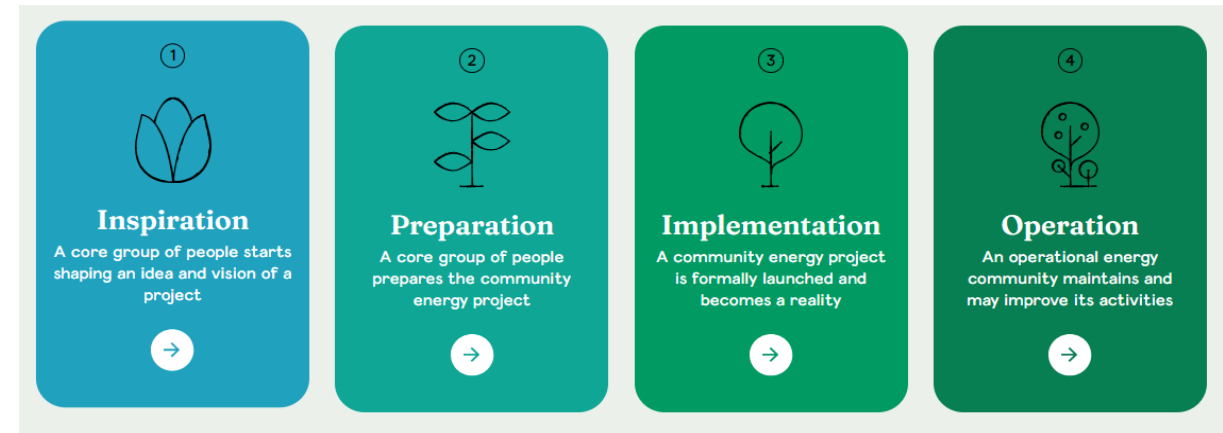
Core activities

- **Capacity Building**

- Energy Community Platform
- Technical Assistance
- Networking
- Members Working Groups
 - Policy
 - Gender Power & Inclusion
 - Flexibility
 - Citizen-Led Renovation
 - District Heating & Cooling
 - Public Finance
- Financial Support

- **Policy Support**

- **Communications**



Energy Community Platform



[Resources](#) [Communities](#) [Experts](#) [About](#) [Contact](#)

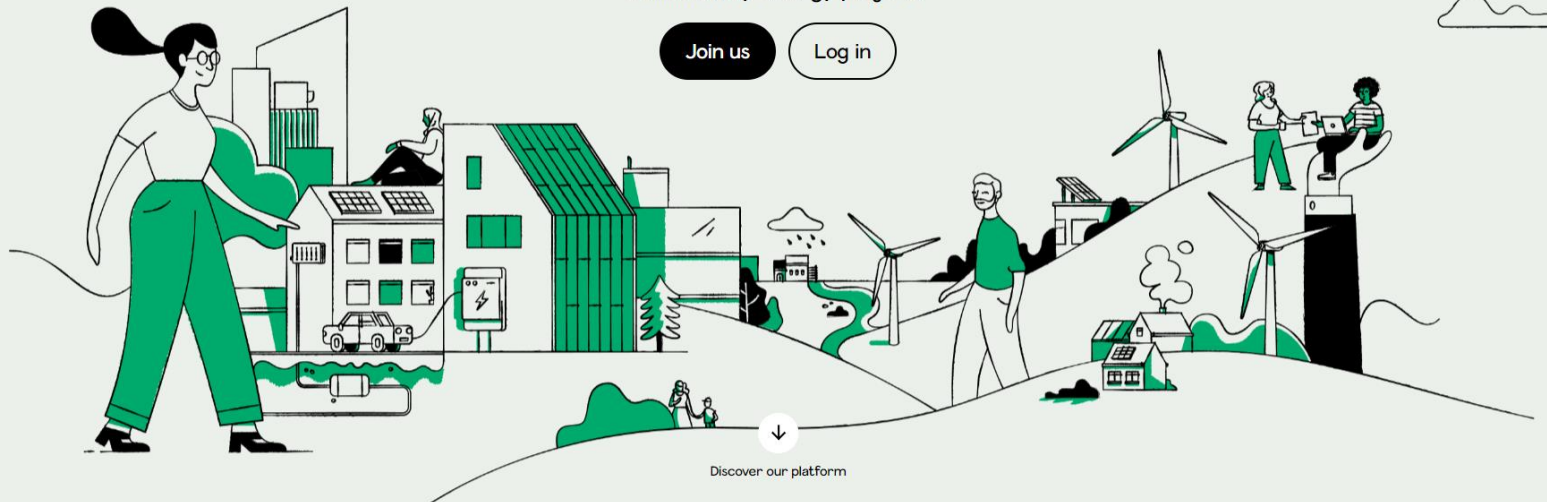


One-stop solution for everything about community energy

Join the Energy Community Platform to get all the support you need to move forward with your community energy project.

[Join us](#)

[Log in](#)



[Discover our platform](#)

Technical Assistance



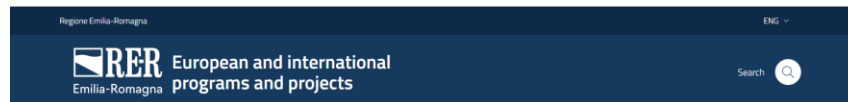
Communities For Climate (C4C)



PAGE CONTENTS

Introduction

Committed to doing our part!



Home / Better Cohesion through Development of Energy Communities in the Western Balkans / The Action / Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest

share View actions

Simplified reading

Are you ready to lead the energy transition in your territory?

The Expression of Interest is the gateway for local actors in the Western Balkans to **apply as lighthouse projects** under the "Better Cohesion through Development of Energy Communities" initiative. This call invites municipalities, associations, informal groups, and existing energy communities to take part in a transformative journey — supporting the setup, empowerment and potential investment in Renewable Energy Communities (RECs).

Applicants can join at **different stages**:

Phase 1: For those looking to activate a new energy community from the ground up — from stakeholder mobilisation to legal establishment.

Phase 2: For existing RECs ready to assess feasibility and scale up with light infrastructure investment.

Selected participants will benefit from:

- Tailored technical assistance and mentoring
- Support in financial planning and community governance
- Access to the customised Energy Management Tool
- Visibility, networking, and knowledge-sharing across the EUSAIR region
- Up to € 200,000 in financial support, depending on project scope and maturity



About Apply Learn Resources News & Events Login

Apply for funding

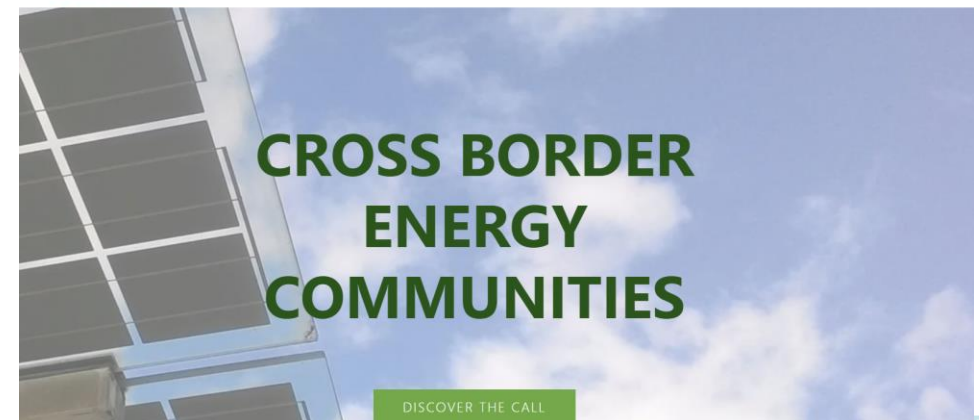
Our next call will open in spring 2026

More info

Strengthen access to finance for your energy community



ABOUT METHOD CALL FOR PROPOSAL CBEC RESOURCES CONTACT



Networking



SPRING INTO ACTION!

Member Working Groups

REScoop.EU

Make a new project

Invite people

[View all projects in a list](#) · [View templates](#) · Press Ctrl+J anytime to jump

HQ
REScoop.eu

AF CV CH +10

Public Finance Working Group

The Public Financing Working Group will bring together members of the...

AD +84

Citizen-led Renovation WG

AC +59

Advocacy Working Group

This Basecamp supports the work of the advocacy working group of REScoop.eu

AL +91

Flexibility WG

Discussion on flex: (collective) self-consumption, dynamic pricing, explicit...

AF +62

Gender power & Inclusion WG

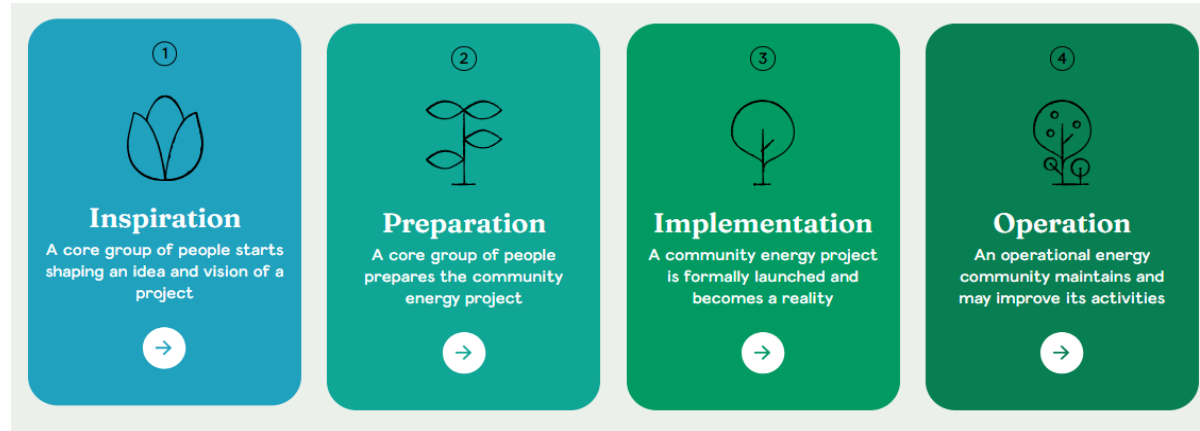
This platform supports the Gender power Working Group of REScoop.eu...

AO +30

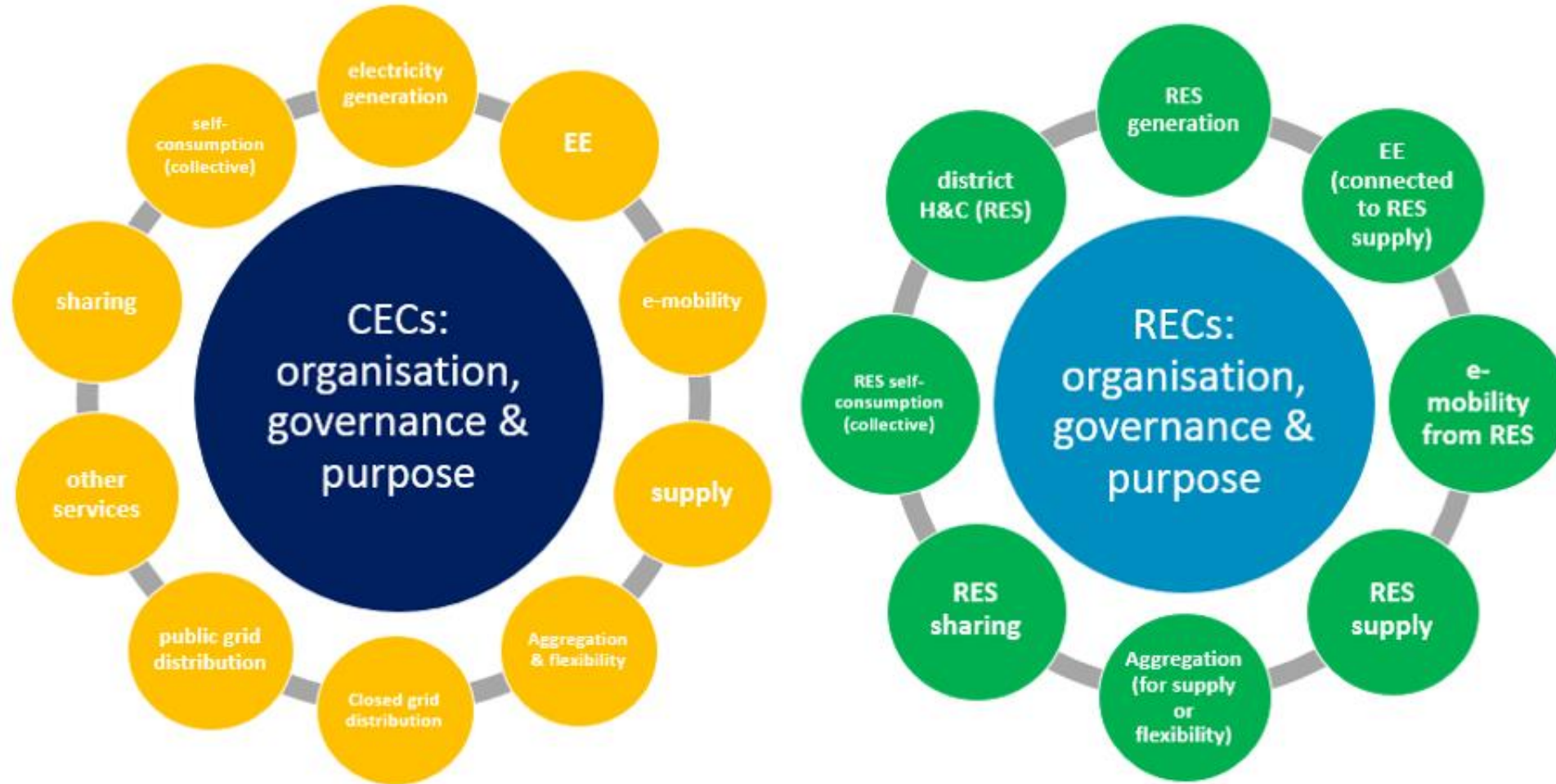
Heating & Cooling Working Group

AF +36

Financial Support



Activities & Business Models



Activities & Business Models

- **Electricity**

- RES Generation
- RES Distribution
- RES Supply
- RES Generation & Supply
- Aggregation
- Storage
- Monitoring

- **Transportation**

- EV Sharing

- **Heating & Cooling**

- District Heating & Cooling
- Aquathermal Energy

- **Energy Efficiency**

- Citizen-Led Renovation

RES Generation

Middelgrunden



- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Constructed in 1999
- Next to CPH airport
- Shared ownership with DONG Energy
- 50% owned by 10.000 local citizens
- NIMBY - YIMBY



RES Distribution (DSO)



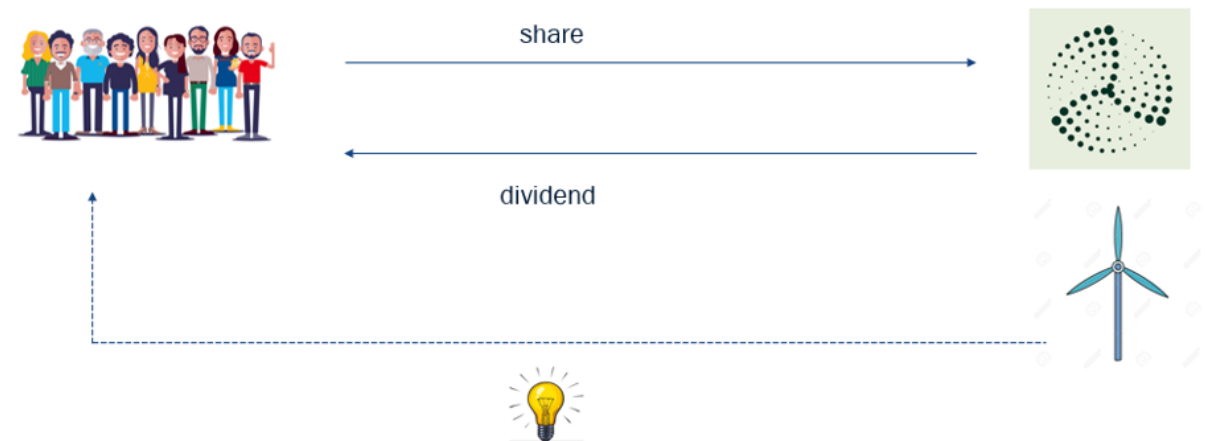
- Black Forest, Germany
- Touched by the nuclear accident in Tsjernobyl (1986)
- Local citizens decided to take over the local grid
- They set up a cooperative called EWS Schönau
- DSO, RES generation, RES & Heat supply



RES Generation & Supply



- Flanders, Belgium
- Energy community gathering 67.000 households
- Make joint investments
- RES Generation
- RES Supply as a licenced retailer)



RES Supply



- Paris, France
- Founded in 2005
- Green electricity retailer
- Buys electricity from local sources
- Currently extending activities to include production

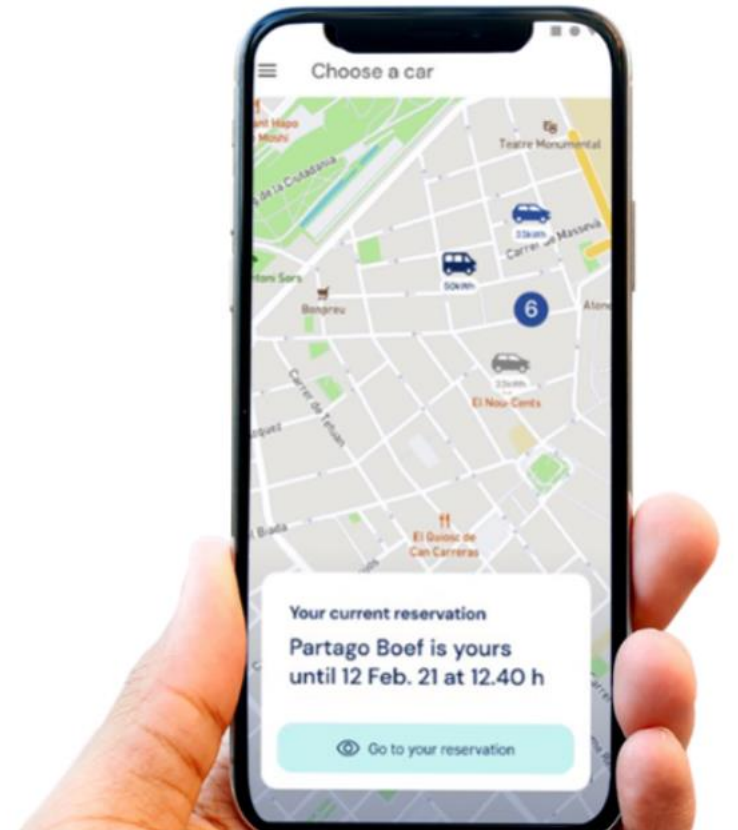


EV Sharing

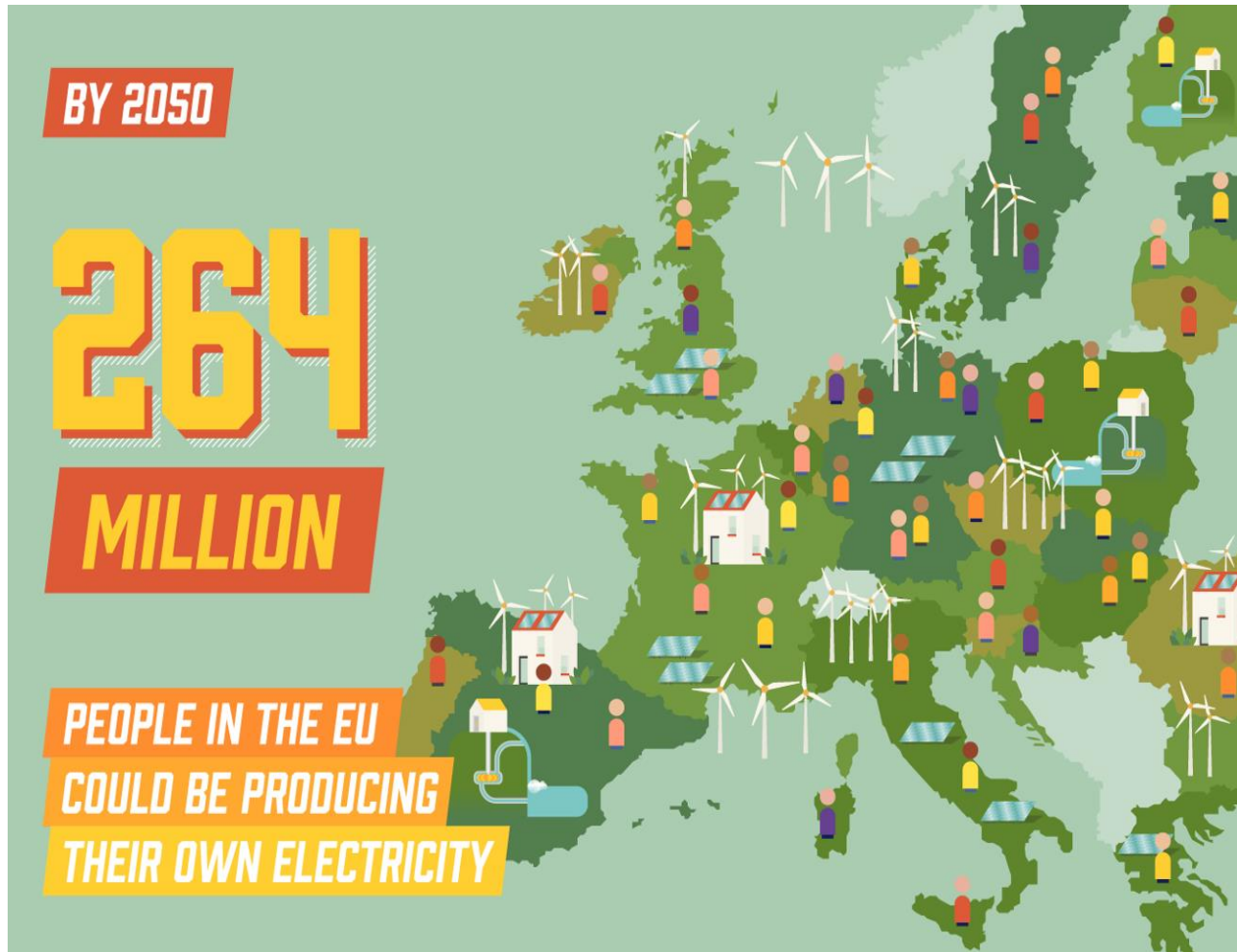


THE
MOBILITY
FACTORY

- Co-founded by REScoop.eu
- Result from Members Working Group
- Based in Bruges, Belgium
- TMF provides IT solutions in context of e-car sharing
- This allows starters to focus on “easy” things



The potential of EU prosumership



In Summary

- CBEC are a tool for better cohesion and social acceptance
- Cross-border collaboration is much needed
- Available EU instruments for Energy Communities
 - ERDF & Joint Transition Fund
 - Interreg
 - Life
 - Connecting Europe Facility
- The EU Commission proposes to quadruple the CEF budget to €81.4 billion in the next EU budget (2028-2034)

Constraints with current programmes

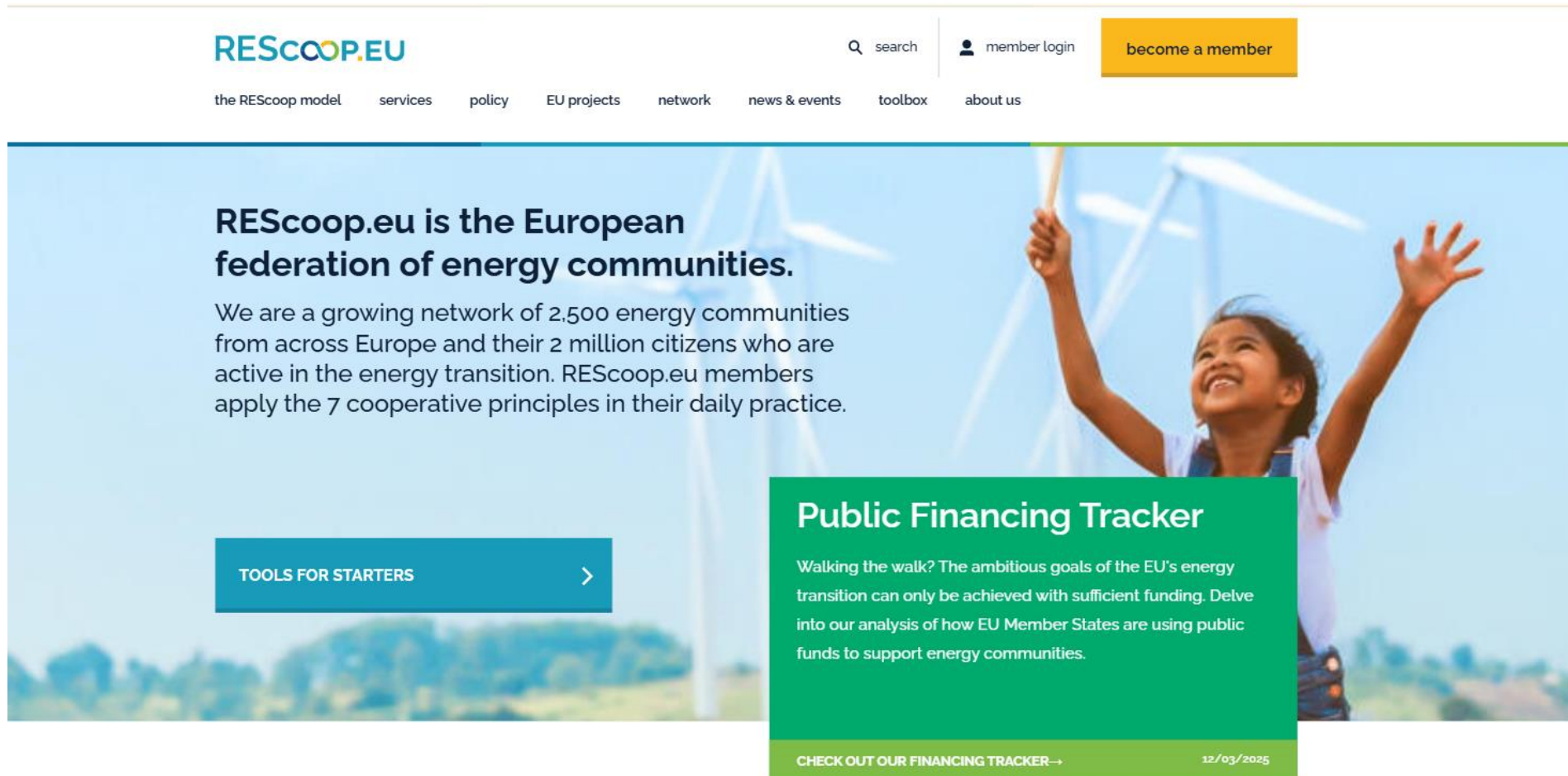
- [Finance tracker](#) revealed that few MS have allocated funding
- Programmes & funds are often designed top-down
- Managing authorities fail to reach energy communities
- Managing authorities often fail to understand needs
- Corporate capture remains persistent

Key demands for future programmes

- Foster cross-border collaboration
- Support Energy Communities with:
 - New resources and materials
 - Technical Assistance programmes
 - Networking opportunities
 - Exchange & collaboration
 - Lump sum grants to develop a business plan
 - Access to finance
- Align with networks of energy communities & support structures to:
 - Identify local needs & allow for contextualization
 - Highlight calls thus maximizing outreach
 - [Example from France](#)



In need of support ?

The image shows a screenshot of the REScoop.eu website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the REScoop.eu logo on the left, a search bar, a 'member login' link, and a yellow 'become a member' button. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with links for 'the REScoop model', 'services', 'policy', 'EU projects', 'network', 'news & events', 'toolbox', and 'about us'. The main content area features a large background image of a young girl with her arms raised in front of wind turbines. On the left side of this area, there is a text block describing REScoop.eu as the European federation of energy communities, followed by a 'TOOLS FOR STARTERS' button with a right-pointing arrow. On the right side, there is a green box titled 'Public Financing Tracker' with a short paragraph of text and a 'CHECK OUT OUR FINANCING TRACKER' button with a right-pointing arrow. The date '12/03/2025' is displayed in the bottom right corner of the green box.

REScoop.EU

the REScoop model services policy EU projects network news & events toolbox about us

Q search member login **become a member**

REScoop.eu is the European federation of energy communities.

We are a growing network of 2,500 energy communities from across Europe and their 2 million citizens who are active in the energy transition. REScoop.eu members apply the 7 cooperative principles in their daily practice.

TOOLS FOR STARTERS >

Public Financing Tracker

Walking the walk? The ambitious goals of the EU's energy transition can only be achieved with sufficient funding. Delve into our analysis of how EU Member States are using public funds to support energy communities.

CHECK OUT OUR FINANCING TRACKER → 12/03/2025

REScoop.EU

www.rescoop.eu

daan.creupelandt@rescoop.eu

 [@rescoop.eu](https://www.facebook.com/rescoop.eu)

 [REScoopVideos](https://www.youtube.com/REScoopVideos)

 [rescoop.eu](https://www.instagram.com/rescoop.eu)

 [@REScoop.eu](https://twitter.com/REScoop.eu)

 [REScoop.eu](https://www.linkedin.com/company/REScoop.eu)

