

Interreg for a Greener Europe Webinar Series

# Cross-Border Energy Communities

## Unlocking Cooperation for a Clean Energy Transition

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### Outline

The *Interreg for a Greener Europe* webinar series provides a regular platform for the Interreg community to exchange insights on Policy Objective 2 (PO2) topics. Each session spotlights a key theme where territorial cooperation delivers unique added value.

This edition will focus on **Cross-Border Energy Communities (CBECs)**. Energy communities are reshaping how citizens, local authorities, and SMEs generate, share, and manage energy across the EU. Extending this model across borders creates new opportunities for **energy security, affordability, resilience, and regional growth**.

However, setting up CBECs also presents challenges, **from legal and regulatory barriers to coordination across jurisdictions**. This webinar will explore how Interreg programmes and projects are already tackling these issues, how EU policy frameworks support the development of CBECs, and what opportunities lie ahead for programmes and stakeholders.

The session will bring together the European Commission, experts, Interreg programmes and projects, and support initiatives, providing **inspiration, practical examples, and guidance** to help programmes strengthen their role in supporting the clean energy transition.

### Objectives

- Enhance understanding of energy communities and their cross-border dimension.
- Highlight concrete **Interreg approaches**, showcasing their ambition and role in advancing regional energy resilience and cooperation.
- **Clarify the policy framework**, linking Interreg's role with EU regulatory developments and outline future opportunities.
- Connect programmes and stakeholders with expert networks and EU-level support tools.
- Stimulate reflection on how Interreg can further **integrate, scale up, and sustain CBECs** within programme strategies and calls.



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**09.30 – 10.00    Setting the scene**

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Presentation of the webinar series

Where do we stand in Interreg supporting energy transition

*European Commission – DG REGIO*

Presentation of the new [Handbook](#) on Cross-Border Energy Communities

*European Commission – DG ENER*

Introduction to the EU regulatory framework and strategy on energy communities

**10.00 – 10.30    Keynote – Why Cross-Border Energy Communities Matter**

[REScoop.eu](#)

Clarifying concepts, bringing expert knowledge, and discussing opportunities for future developments in citizen-led energy initiatives.

Followed by interaction with participants.

**10.30 – 11.45    Interreg providing solutions**

*Interreg programmes & projects – panel discussion*

- Panel of Interreg programmes & projects presenting their approaches, needs, ambition and initial results in developing CBECs.
- Exchange with participants and experts on how Interreg can help overcome barriers and scale up solutions.

**11.45 – 12.00    Going Further – opportunities and support**

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Presentation of the current [call for CBEC support projects](#) (open until 21 November 2025) and available tools.