

Interreg for a Greener Europe Webinar Series

Cross-Border Energy Communities

Unlocking Cooperation for a Clean Energy Transition



Wednesday 8 October 2025

Online (Teams)





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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.

Here is the Teams meeting link to join the webinar:

[Interreg Greener Europe Webinar - Cross-Border Energy Communities | Microsoft Teams](#)



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09.30 – 10.00 Setting the scene

Interact

Presentation of the webinar series

Where do we stand in Interreg supporting energy transition

European Commission

Vera Kissler – DG ENER

Introduction to the EU regulatory framework and strategy on energy communities

European Commission

Delia Bonsignore – DG REGIO

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

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

Daan Creupelandt - [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 – 10.45 Going Further – opportunities and support

MOT / AEBR

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

10.45 – 12.00 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.

[TRANSCOM-EUROACE](#) – Interreg POCTEP (Spain-Portugal)

Belén Muñoz Briongos, Managing Authority

Rachel Tully, AGENEX (Energy Agency of Extremadura, Spain)

Establishing a cross-border advisory service for the development of energy communities



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[RECROSSES](#) - Interreg ALCOTRA (Italy-France)

Mauro Cornaglia – Environment Park (Turin, Italy)

One-Stop-Shop solutions for the activation of renewable energy communities

[StartSun](#) – Interreg Baltic Sea Region

Sara Spjuth – County Administrative Board of Östergötland (Sweden)

Starting up solar energy communities

[CleanEnergy4CE](#) – Interreg Central Europe & ESPON

Viktorija Dobravec – Joint Secretariat

Putting clean energy transition policies into practice in central Europe