

Speed up the energy transition by raising social acceptance

Wednesday 19 June, 09.00 – 10.30

European Commission, (building tbc)

Join us to discuss

- **how** the increase of social acceptance of RES in communities across Europe can be decisive in securing a more sustainable implementation of the medium and long term strategy of the EU, and of the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
- **how** social acceptance can be fostered, and what socio-political, socio-environmental, and socio-economic incentives can maximize the impacts of citizens' engagement in delivering the energy transition.
- **how** social acceptance can support the implementation of the Energy Union by generating innovation in energy systems and in the market, by fostering more sustainable and inclusive policies

The session targets policy makers (local, national, European), NGOs, business, academia, civil society and community initiatives, and it will offer a platform to different stakeholders to discuss how to bring on board all Europeans as active drivers for change in the energy landscape.

Since the focus of the session is social acceptance and community engagement, it calls for a lively debate illustrating a variety of points of view, and interaction among a diverse range of stakeholders. To this end, the session will foster direct interventions from the audience and interactions through [sli.do](#).

Contributions and outcomes of the discussion will be recorded by a rapporteur during the session, and will form the basis for a set of recommendations, which will be discussed among the stakeholders and the EU-funded projects organizing the event, and shared with relevant European institutions such as the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee. The recommendations will be also shared with the many other EU-funded projects addressing these topics.

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Agenda

10 Minutes	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe</p>
10 minutes	<p>Key note: Social acceptance: untapped potential or challenge for the energy transition?</p> <p>Lutz Ribbe, European Economic and Social Committee</p>
60 minutes	<p>Social acceptance of energy infrastructures: is the EU energy system future-proof?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dörte Fouquet, EREF – European Renewable Energy Federation, WinWind Project Advisory Board Member • Esther Bollendorff, Friends of the Earth Europe • Alessandro Luè, Poliedra - Politecnico di Milano • Markus Müller, Architect's Chamber of Baden-Württemberg • Enel Green power (TBC) <p>Open discussion with the audience (from the floor and online)</p>
	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Sharing results from sli.do polls</p>

Moderators: Carsten Rothballer & Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe

Organisers

