

Welcome to the second issue of the DIALOGUES Newsletter!

Our News

Giving voice to citizens and contributing to a new imaginary: preliminary insights from two DIALOGUES Citizen Action Labs (CALs) in Italy and Switzerland

Efforts to change energy consumption among citizens have often focused on their role as consumers, engaged in different micro-actions aimed at saving energy in the home - from buying more efficient appliances, to reducing their energy usage. DIALOGUES' Citizen Action Labs took another starting point: to contribute to a new imaginary of energy citizenship, where diverse people come together to reflect on new and sustainable forms of dealing individually and collectively with energy in their lives, producing energy from renewable resources, but also reducing and avoiding its use.

Author: **Karl Ludwig Schibel** (Climate Alliance Italy); **Marlyne Sahakian and Mallory Zhan** (University of Geneva)

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Exploring the Legal and Regulatory Dimensions of Energy Citizenship

In the pursuit of a low-carbon energy transition, the concept of energy citizenship has gained increasing attention. DIALOGUES explores energy citizenship and its role in European countries and by operationalizing and contextualizing frameworks, policies, and institutions, we aim to promote inclusive energy citizenship. In a recent report, we assessed the legal and regulatory aspects of energy citizenship in Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, and Türkiye, and examined the effectiveness of the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package (CEP) in empowering citizens and fostering inclusivity, with a particular focus on gender mainstreaming.

Author: **Argjenta Veseli, Benjamin Kirchler, Andrea Kollmann** (Energieinstitut at the Johannes Kepler University Linz- EI-JKU)

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DIALOGUES Knowledge Platform “what it is yet to come”

Soon the DIALOGUES project is launching the Knowledge Platform designed to provide various stakeholders with tailored, interactive tools to explore the data, information and knowledge generated in our project! This cutting-edge platform consists of two interconnected components: a versatile web-based survey platform and an insightful Data Monitor.

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Gender & energy transition: an intersectional perspective

Gender refers to roles, behaviors, attributes, and opportunities that society considers appropriate for 'women' and 'men', also due to power relations. Genders are socially constructed, learned through socialization processes, and vary across culture/societies and change over time. In the discussion of energy, gender is highly relevant, yet often neglected. Research has shown that women are involved in a higher percentage in energy activities concerning household chores, yet there is less gender participation in energy decisions. Women hold a pivotal role in sustainable energy transition in households, and they are more engaged than men in household-related energy use (Shrestha et al., 2021). However, what seems to be the barrier to women's involvement in energy discussions and meaningful participation, for example in the World energy Council chairs (WEC) is gender differences and the perception of gender roles, the sensitivity of (E)which has to be recognized (Shrestha et al., 2021; IRENA,2019).

Authors: **Elena Georgiadi** (GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice e.V.)

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Transforming Consumption-Production Systems Toward Just and Sustainable Futures conference

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Energy, Environment and Societies in Crises, ESA RN12 mid-term and Energy and Society Network 6th international joint conference

6-8 September 2023 | Trento, Italy

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NTNU Team Society Conference - Trondheim

27-28 September 2023 | Trondheim, Norway

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in case you've missed it

DIALOGUES at

EERA Data Workshop

5 October 2022 | Brussels, Belgium, and online

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22 November 2022 | Brussels, Belgium

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Planetiers - World Gathering 2022

24-26 October 2022 | Lisbon, Portugal

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