

# Welcome to the third issue of the DIALOGUES Newsletter!

## Our News

### Gender Disparities in Domestic Labor and Energy-Related Responsibilities

Energy is not only the fuel that drives our economy; it also lights our homes and powers our daily lives. However, there is a persistent imbalance in the distribution of responsibilities when it comes to domestic work. Despite women's increased participation in the workforce, they still perform more unpaid domestic work than men. According to the OECD's 2023 statistics, women spend an average of 4.4 hours per day on domestic work, compared with 2.3 hours for men. These inequalities are at the heart of our Citizen Action Labs (CALs) and were explored in the CAL surveys.

Author: **Benjamin Kirchler** (EI-JKU- Energieinstitut at the Johannes Kepler University Linz)

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### Developing a web-based tool to boost local participation in clean energy projects

The transition to renewable energy on Greek islands faces impediments on numerous occasions, primarily stemming from factors such as inadequate planning, insufficient involvement of local communities, space limitations, conflicting land uses, and various other challenges.

Author: **Ismeni Moustafelou, Petros Markopoulos** (DAFNI-Network of Sustainable Greek Islands)

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## Explore the latest developments in our Citizen Action Labs!

### Citizen Action Labs

Citizen Action Labs are built on the concept of **living labs** and **real-world laboratories**, as creative environments where participants co-create the research space with scientists and other stakeholders to test innovations in a real-world setting.

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### Roman Citizen Action Lab

#### Energy experts as energy citizens

The Citizen Action Lab that took place in Rome changed sides. The participants were energy experts that work in the public sector, who should profit from the findings of DIALOGUES. What kind of knowledge will help them to facilitate the deepening of energy citizenship in their communities?

Author: **Maria Guerrieri, Karl-Ludwig Schibel, Cecilia Trenti** (CAI- Climate Alliance Italy)

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### Izmir Citizen Action Lab

#### Empowering Energy Citizenship: Mukhtars as Catalysts for Local Change in Izmir

In the DIALOGUES project, the Izmir CAL hosted a focused workshop on energy citizenship and transition. The event emphasised diversity by bringing together citizens, NGO representatives, and mukhtars. This newsletter article delves into a significant outcome - the dynamic involvement of mukhtars in elevating energy awareness among citizens and creating a direct line between citizens and higher authorities regarding "energy citizenship."

Author: **Mehmet Efe Biresselioglu, Muhittin Hakan Demir, Zehra Funda Savas** (IUE- Izmir University of Economics)

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### Bulgarian Citizen Action Lab

#### Bulgarian Citizen Action Lab promotes energy citizenship among women

In pursuit of fostering energy citizenship among women in Bulgaria, the Center for the Study of Democracy collaborated with the Association of Danube River Municipalities 'Danube' and the Municipality of Belene to host a 'Citizen Action Lab in the Context of Energy Transition.'

Author: **Victoria Bogdanova, Lilia Yakanova, Radostina Primanova and Remina Aleksieva** (CSD- Center for the Study of Democracy)

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### DIALOGUES at

#### Minister Sandra Borch Visits NTNU Microhouse

Research and Higher Education Minister, Sandra Borch, visited the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) Microhouse. The Microhouse, partly developed as part of the DIALOGUES CAL in Overhalla, will be a research site to study compact living, energy citizenship, and co-creation with marginalised groups.

Pasi Aalto led the presentation with pro-rectors Marit Reitan and Tor Grande.

