

## Welcome to the fourth issue of the **DIALOGUES** Newsletter!

### Our News

#### Coopernico energy cooperative in Portugal and PIK Potsdam collaborate for Inclusive Energy Transitions in context of the DIALOGUES project

As Coopernico Energy Cooperative celebrates a significant milestone - a decade of pioneering work in Portugal's renewable energy sector - the announcement of a partnership with the PIK Potsdam in context of the DIALOGUES project aims to enhance the importance of democratic, equitable, and inclusive energy transitions. The alliance aims to address the critical need for democratised energy access and enable more citizens to participate in energy transitions - a step toward a fairer and just society.

Author: **Héctor Rodríguez-Chávez** (PIK-Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research)

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#### The Ins and Outs of Energy Citizenship: A short guide

Energy citizenship is crucial for the energy transition because it places citizens at the forefront of sustainable energy initiatives. It fosters active participation, trust, and engagement, enabling a more inclusive and effective transition to cleaner and more sustainable energy sources. Energy citizenship emphasises citizen involvement in energy transition processes, enabled by legal, regulatory, and institutional frameworks. This article summarises key research from the DIALOGUES project in the eight project countries related to the contextualisation of energy citizenship, factors of influence and their potential policy implications for EU energy and climate policy.

Author: **Remina Aleksieva, Victoria Bogdanova** (CSD-Center for the Study of Democracy)

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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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### Geneva Citizen Action Lab

#### Discover Key Insights from the 1st Geneva Citizen Action Lab

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#### Citizens go beyond micro-level and individual actions to experiment with meso-level energy citizenship

In four Citizen Action Labs, the DIALOGUES research team joined with citizens and local partners to experiment with new forms of energy citizenship. We found that the CALs - in Germany, Italy, Norway and Switzerland - provided a space and time that encouraged people to perform new ways of engaging in (micro-level), to work at the level of collective action (meso-level), and interact with more structural barriers to change at the level of regimes (macro-level), in an energy transition. We provide suggestions on how communities, citizen collectives and policy makers can further support such meso-level action.

Author: **Marlyne Sahakian and Mallory Zhan** (University of Geneva)

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### DIALOGUES highlights

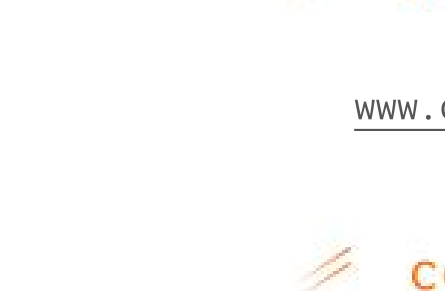
In this issue, we spotlight the insights gathered from our **Policy Advisory Group** regarding **legal and policy frameworks that promote energy citizenship**.

'The more **data** we have, the easier it is to take decisions, since energy citizenship is not a simple domain, rather it is complex, multidimensional puzzle. This means that **data** are needed if we want to increase the rate of citizens who are engaged in activities, who are changing their lives in terms of energy. Having more **data** means that it would be made simpler to address the actual needs that citizens have. The more **data**, the less complexities there will be in the future because changing the policy framework is not something simple. Therefore, strong and active collaboration is needed between researchers who are analysing the factors influencing energy citizenship and policymakers who are framing the policy environment. **Data** can support them in making things more simple, resulting in more citizens becoming engaged in activities that are related to the energy transition and bring benefit to their lives.'

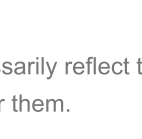
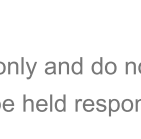
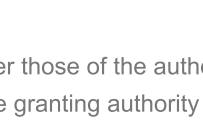
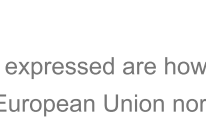
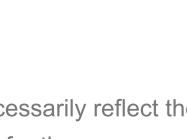
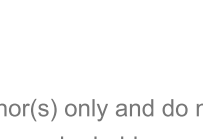
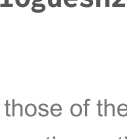
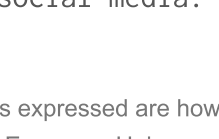
### DIALOGUES Policy Advisory Group

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