REScoop: Participatory Governance Framework for Citizen-Led Energy Communities



SOURCE

REScoop.eu - European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives https://www.rescoop.eu/

DEVELOPER

REScoop.eu, representing more than 2,250 energy cooperatives and over 1.5 million citizens across Europe.

TYPE OF RESOURCES

Participatory and democratic governance framework, stakeholder engagement methods and community participation resources.

SHORT DESCRIPTION

REScoop provides a participatory governance framework that helps citizens, municipalities and local stakeholders co-design and implement local energy initiatives. Based on democratic governance and community participation principles, it supports stakeholder engagement, collaborative decision-making and long-term citizen involvement, with approaches that can be applied to local heating and cooling planning.

PHASE OF THE H&C PLAN

- **Preparing the ground:** identify, map, reach, involve and engage citizens and key stakeholders.

AVAILABLE FOR FREE/LICENSE

Entirely free

USER FRIENDLINESS

User-friendly

TUTORIALS AVAILABLE

No formal tutorials. Practical guidance, examples and case studies for the different resources are available.

OUTPUT OF THE TOOL

- Stakeholder engagement strategies;
- Community participation processes, shared visions and locally supported transition plans;
- Democratic governance structures;
- Long-term participation and ownership frameworks.

REQUIRED INPUT

- Relevant stakeholders, community actors and local authorities' involvement;
- Local objectives and priorities;
- Facilitation resources and commitment to participatory governance.

MAIN ADVANTAGES

- Promotes stakeholder empowerment and energy democracy;
- Supports inclusive and transparent decision-making;
- Provides practical engagement methods;
- Strengthens citizens-authorities collaboration;
- Adaptable to local heating and cooling planning contexts.

MAIN DISADVANTAGES

- Requires active participation and long-term commitment;
- Can be time-intensive and depends on engagement;
- May require adaptation to local legal and governance frameworks.