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EU federation of citizen energy cooperatives

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A resilient economy must be built on strong local communities

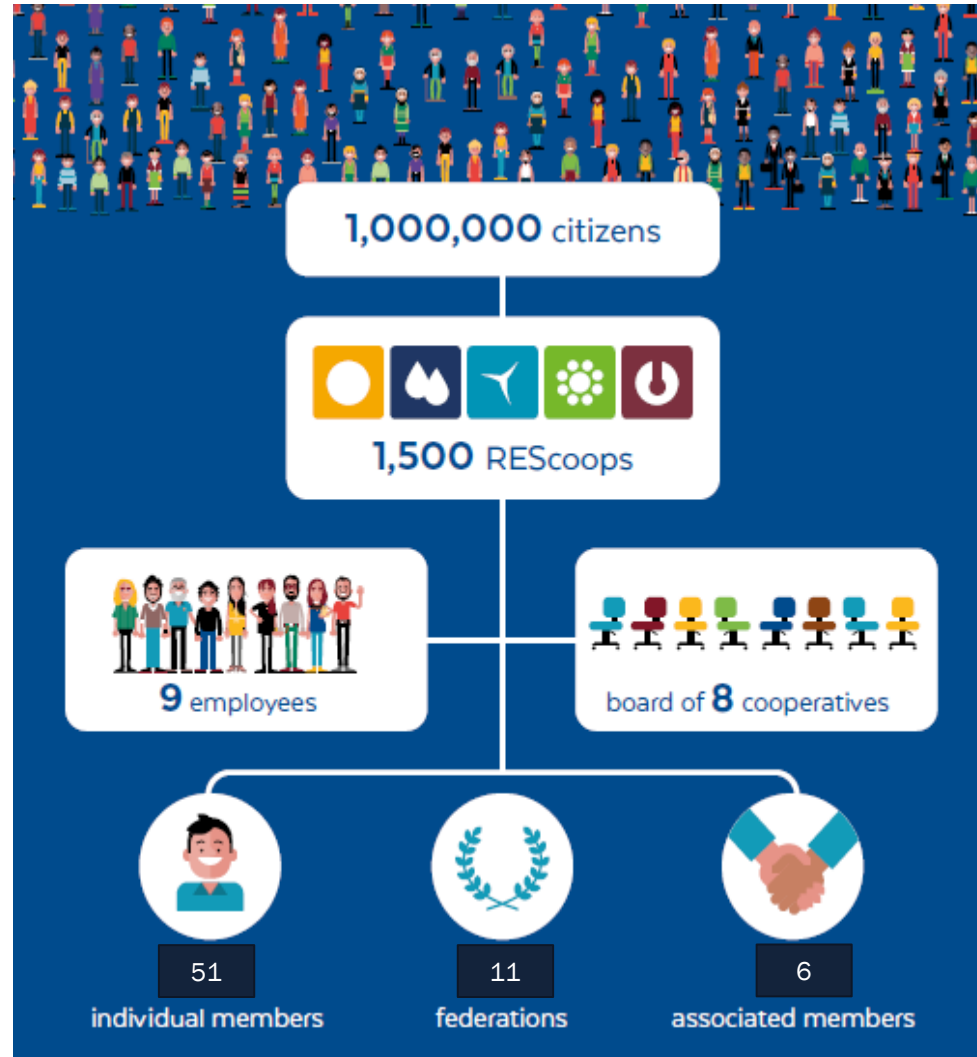
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ILO online meeting

International day of Cooperatives



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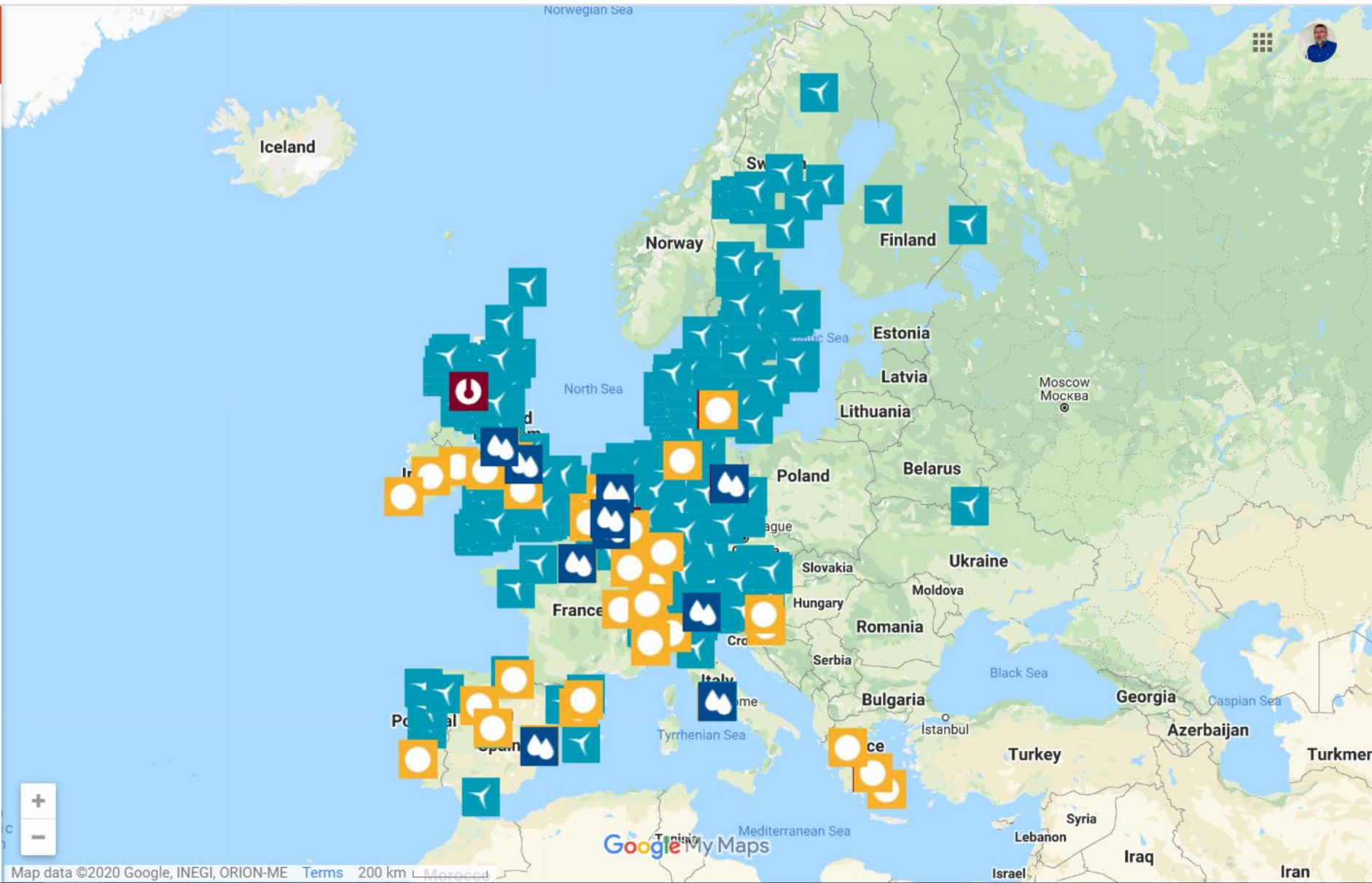


- Dirk Vansintjan
- Board member Ecopower
- President of the European federation of citizen energy cooperatives
- 2013
- REScoop Charter includes ICA 7 principles
- New sector in Cooperatives Europe

REScoops

Citizen Energy Cooperatives in Europe
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 - All items



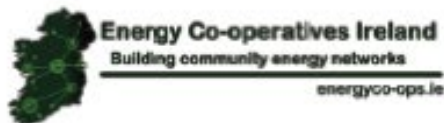
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Individual members



Carbon Co-op



Individual members



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The board



Collaborations with others

- Community Power Coalition
- Cooperatives Europe (new sector organisation)
- Coalition for Energy Savings
- BRIDGE
- Small is Beautiful Campaign



Key to success : an enabling framework

- Citizens take action if the authorities allow them to
 - map shows where this was the case
 - REScoop.eu advocates for an enabling framework in all EU member states: good practice: Scotland (CARES)
 - Revision of EU directives (Clean Energy for All Europeans) was opportunity

Clean Energy 4 all Europeans directives

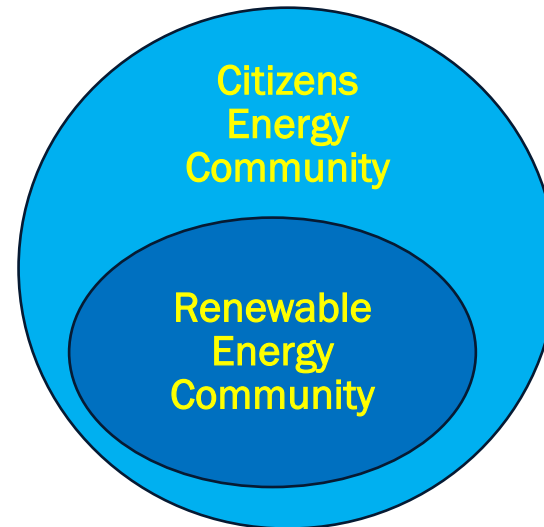
Citizens energy community

a legal entity:

which is based on voluntary and open participation, effectively controlled by shareholders or members who are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or small enterprises and microenterprises.

The primary purpose of a citizens energy community is to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits for its members or the local areas where it operates rather than financial profits.

A citizens energy community can be engaged in electricity generation, distribution and supply, consumption, aggregation, storage or energy efficiency services, generation of renewable electricity, charging services for electric vehicles or provide other energy services to its shareholders or members.



Renewable energy community

a legal entity:

which, in accordance with the applicable national law, is based on open and voluntary participation, is autonomous, and is effectively controlled by shareholders or members that are located in the proximity of the renewable energy projects that are owned and developed by that legal entity;

the shareholders or members of which are natural persons, SMEs or local authorities, including municipalities;

the primary purpose of which is to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits for its shareholders or members or for the local areas where it operates, rather than financial profits.

Transposition Guidance document



What are the right **legal forms** for energy communities in your country?

How can you ensure **coherence between REC & CEC definitions**?

How can governments provide **financial assistance** to energy communities?

Who should **make decisions** in energy communities?

What **activities** can energy communities carry out?

Examples from 11+ EU countries



Looking ahead : The Green New Deal

Transposition : supporting members

- Electricity Directive (end of 2020)
- Renewables Directive (31 June 2021)
- Scotland as example

Influencing State aid guidelines revision

LIFE Programme

Engaging with regulators (CEER)

Sector Coupling strategy

Buildings Renovations Wave



The Green New Deal post COVID -19

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Projects: building tools and services for members

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Projects Horizon 2020

- WiseGRID ends now
- FLEXCoop ends in september
- COMPILE

- OneNet (new)
- REScoop VPP (new)
- COME RES (new)



Service contract with EU Commission

Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat
(Energy Poverty Secretariat?)



Key figures

In 2019, REScoop.eu has been present in **100+ events**

... in **12 different countries**



representing an outreach of **8.000+ people**

REScoop.eu close to its members

REVE2019 (FR), Germinador Social (ES), Energy Community Conference (PT), Social economy and cooperatives Antalya (TR), Convention 'Autoconsumo collettivo e comunità di energie rinnovabili' (IT), ...



And far away from its members

Kigali (Ruanda) ICA Conference Cooperatives for Development



And intense advocacy activity

- Meetings with decision -makers: 10+
- Policy Working Group meetings: 4
- Coops Europe Energy WG meetings: 3





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Copenhagen

The Sustainable City

Focus On Citizens

<https://www.visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/activities/10-ways-act-sustainably>

3 Days in Copenhagen Energy Communities

22-24 April 2021

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