

# Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices in the frame of ERASMUS+ program

**The Power of community energy**  
**(1.10.2019 - 31.08.2022)**

**SMALL BUT TOGETHER - WE CAN MAKE THE CHANGE**  
*Canakkale, 27 April 2022*



Partners are NGO:

INFORSE-EUROPE – DENMARK

Social Ecological Institute - POLAND

TROY - TURKEY

WECF Women Engage for Common Future – GERMANY

A SIMPLE PROJECT – OF PARTNERSHIP, COOPERATION,  
INSPIRATION

- EXCHANGE OF EXPERIANCE
- EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE
- LEARNING FROM BEST PRACTICE
- DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT IDEA IN PARTNER COUNTRIES, and not only
- DEVELOPMENT OF RESULTS
  
- NETWORK BUILDING  
LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, TRANSNATIONAL

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

26 activities during 2 year:

- developing of planned results, workshops, making new contacts, communication, dialogue, discussion between partners ... etc.

4 Transnational meetings:

In Poland/ Warsaw – October 2019

In Germany/ Frankfurt – April 2020\_only online was possible

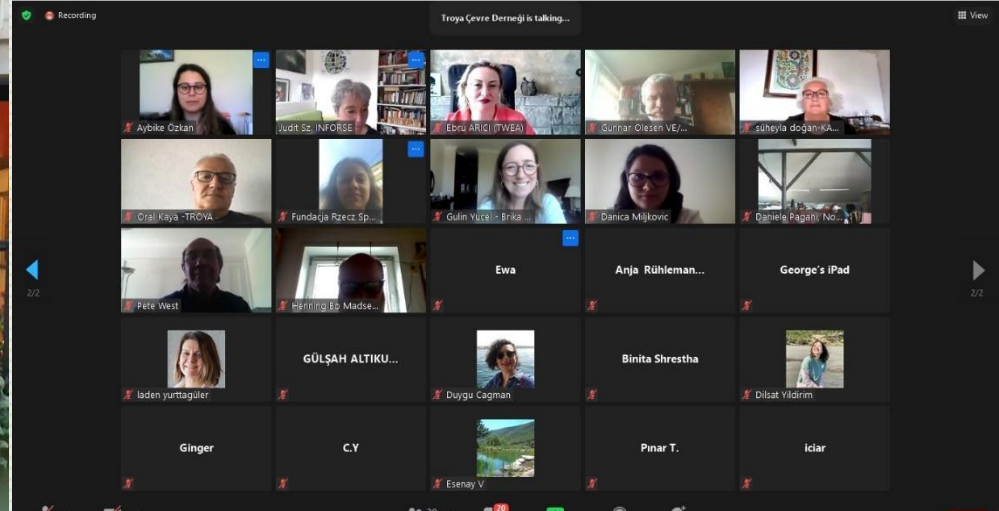
In Denmark/ Nordic Folkecenter for RE – August 2021


In Turkey / Canakkale – April 2022

Organisations board, team, members, experts and volunteers took part in the Transnational Meetings

Each meeting – learning Best Practice





 The Power of Energy Communities - Online Seminar



# THE POWER OF ENERGY COMMUNITIES



**THE POWER OF COMMUNITY ENERGY**  
ERASMUS+ PROJECT 2019-21








↳ INFORSE-Europe part of European coalition for Community Energy – locally owned cooperatives in European countries  
 ↳ Coalition among European environmental organisations and organisations for energy cooperatives  
[www.communitypower.eu](http://www.communitypower.eu) + [www.rescoop.eu](http://www.rescoop.eu)  
[www.foeeurope.org](http://www.foeeurope.org)



# RESULTS

1. Data Base of Best Practice
2. Data Base of local institutions, organizations and groups working on the project topic
3. Guide 1. Energy cooperatives – why it is important, bottom-up initiatives as a response to the challenges of the 21st century
4. Guide 2. Comparative analysis of energy cooperatives in Partners country (Poland, Turkey, Denmark, Germany)
5. Four edition of NEWSLETTER developed by the organizer of the transnational meeting (pdf)

## **Result of the strategic partnership**

1. Inspiration to new solutions
2. Inspiration to new actions
3. Exchanging know-how
4. Stronger network between organisation in partner countries
5. Understanding the need to build transnational networks
6. Understanding the necessity of the continuous fight for climate and energy transition
7. Knowing that there are many of us, that we are not alone

## The situation in Poland

1. The lobby of central energy owners is very strong
2. The coal lobby is very strong
3. The civil society is weak
4. For historical reason Poland is a country of „private people“
5. The law for EG is unfavorable
6. The first energy cooperatives are started by private business
7. The idea of EC is promoted only by NGO



# **The position of Polish NGOs in March 2022**

## **EU funds must fund green national energy security!**

Putin's aggression against Ukraine has overturned priorities in a Europe dependent on Russian fuels.

To break this dependence, the European Union must accelerate its green transformation.

It is necessary and urgent to review the priorities of spending EU funds.

The Polish dependence on Russian is huge - in 2020, we bought about 66% of our imported oil and 55% of our gas from Moscow.



NGOs and experts support the declarations of the Polish government and the European Commission to move away from gas, coal and oil financing the Kremlin's oppressive regime and call for turning declarations into actions.

There is no general consensus on how to replace Russian fuels.

In the public debate there are false solutions, such as "coal rehabilitation", which are economically unjustified and will **not ensure the country's energy security**, but will instead **deepen the climate crisis**.

The only solution is rapid and large, yet **thoughtful, systemic investments** in energy efficiency (electrification of district heating, thermal modernization of buildings), **renewable energy sources** (except for solid fuel combustion) and **decarbonization** of industry.

These are the priorities set by the European Commission in the EU REPower initiative related to the war in Ukraine, which aims to reduce gas imports from Russia by  $\frac{2}{3}$  by the end of 2022 and to phase it out completely by 2030.

**The Polish legislative base needs immediate improvement as it hampers the development of RES in Poland instead of stimulating it.**

The resources to ensure green energy security are there.

**They just need to be spent properly.**

Poland can count on hundreds of billions of euros from various EU financial instruments:

EUR 76 billion under the Cohesion Policy,

EUR 58 billion under the National Reconstruction Plan

EUR 9 billion from the Modernization Fund

In the case of the Cohesion Policy and NRP between 30% and 37% of the funds must be spent on climate action, and in the case of the Modernization Fund, all of it.

Poland's priority must be to save energy and replace fossil fuels with renewable energy sources.

The new energy doctrine of green energy security, based on local resources of green energy, must be!



## **Priority must therefore be given to:**

- Investment in energy saving and energy efficiency
- Increase investment in clean air measures rewarding energy efficiency and RES-based solution, withdraw from the policy of "gasification of the country".

- Increasing investment in clean transportation, including the development of multimodal transportation solutions, which include rail.
- Supporting the development of green urban transport, including streetcar, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Thoughtful and systematic investments in renewable energy sources: modernization of distribution networks and creation of energy storage facilities.

At present, the European Funds for Infrastructure, Climate, Environment (FEnIKS) programme provides only €599 million for investments in RES - 10 times less than for roads and natural gas

- **Unlock and support the potential of society through increased funding for all forms of prosumerism, including energy communities.**
- Decarbonizing industry, i.e. supporting industry to reduce the need for imported fuels.

# **EU funds must support the country's green transformation and energy security.**

Hundreds of billions of euros must not be wasted!

We call on the Polish government and the European Commission to urgently work on appropriate changes to the EU structural funds.

The position has been sent to the government and the European Commission.




# 59 organisations and networks have signed this position paper

Aeris Futuro/ Fundacja Aktywności Lokalnej/ Fundacja CultureLab/ Fundacja Edukacji i Działań Społecznych/ Fundacja Ekologiczna "Zielona Akcja"/ Fundacja EkoRozwoju/ Fundacja Forum Inicjatyw Społecznych/ Fundacja GAP Polska/ Fundacja Greenmind/ Fundacja Instytut Badań i Rozwoju Lokalnego/ Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Ekorozwoju/ Fundacja Instytut Zielonej Przyszłości/ Fundacja Kupuj Odpowiedzialnie/ Fundacja Merkury/ Fundacja na rzecz Efektywnego Wykorzystania Energii/ Fundacja Otwarty Plan/ Fundacja PRO EUROPAE BONO/ Fundacja Rozwoju Ekonomii Społecznej/ Fundacja Rozwoju Społeczeństwa Informacyjnego/ Fundacja „Rozwój Tak – Odkrywki Nie”/ Fundacja Stabilo/ Fundacja Zielone Kujawy/ Future Food 4 Climate/ Green REV Institute/ Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Warszawy/ Ogólnopolska Federacja Organizacji Pozarządowych/ Ogólnopolskie Towarzystwo Ochrony Ptaków/ Ośrodek Działań Ekologicznych „Źródła”/ Polski Klub Ekologiczny Okręg Mazowiecki/ Polski Klub Ekologiczny Okręg Pomorski/ Pomorskie Stowarzyszenie Aktywni Lokalnie/ Przedsiębiorstwo Społeczne 7 Niebo/ **Społeczny Instytut Ekologiczny**/ Spółdzielnia Socjalna Nasze Wsparcie/ Spółdzielnia Socjalna Zielony Zakątek/ FSN-T NOT/ Stowarzyszenia Aktywności Obywatelskiej "Radomka"/ Stowarzyszenie BOMIASTO/ Stowarzyszenie Eko-Inicjatywa/ Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczne EKO-UNIA/ Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczno-Kulturalne 'Wspólna Ziemia'/ Stowarzyszenie "EKOSKOP"/ Stowarzyszenie Federacja Zielonych "GAJA"/ Stowarzyszenie „Jesteśmy Razem”/ Stowarzyszenie Kłodzka Wstęga Sudetów – Lokalna Grupa Działania/ Stowarzyszenie Nasze Imaginarium/ Stowarzyszenie Organizatorów Ośrodków Innowacji i Przedsiębiorczości/ Stowarzyszenie Pracownia na rzecz Wszystkich Istot/ Stowarzyszenie Tilia/ Stowarzyszenie Wejherowski Alarm Smogowy/ Towarzystwo dla Natury i Człowieka/ Wrocławska Inicjatywa Rowerowa/ WWF Polska/Związek Stowarzyszeń Forum Lubelskich Organizacji Pozarządowych/ Związek Stowarzyszeń Kongres Ruchów Miejskich/ Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć

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