

Local Energy Communities:

Pathways for a Sustainable and Renewable Future

November 11th 2020
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Community Based Solutions
for Remote Areas



Local energy communities are instrumental in the transition towards a low-carbon economy which is one of the key priorities of the European Union. The LECo project, co-funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme, has supported the development of local community energy projects. This event presents key factors and how they can be part of the bigger picture to reach EU's energy, climate and sustainability targets.

We invite you to listen and

- learn how three Northern European regions have successfully developed cooperative and sustainable energy models,
- discover the tools developed now available to you to start your own community empowerment energy project,
- discuss with experts how peripheral and central regions in Europe can work towards the same goals.

The conference is especially for

- decision-makers of local and regional public authorities,
- technicians of local and regional public authorities,
- energy experts
- planning facilitators (energy agencies, clusters),
- academia, and
- citizens.

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<https://next.brella.io/join/KMW2020>

The conference will be organized fully virtual by using the virtual event platform Brella as a part of the international Kokkola Material Week. More information about the Kokkola Material Week and the whole programme of the event can be found by clicking this link.

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Moderator Ryotaro Kajimura, Project Manager, Renewable Energies Agency, Germany

SESSION 1: Introduction and Keynote Address

9.00 Opening Words

9.05 Why Local Energy Matters: Introduction to LECo

Marko Forsell, R&D director, Centria University of Applied Sciences

9.15 Keynote: Climate Action, Renewable Energy and Value Added – Opportunities for Regional Development

Bertram Fleck, Former District Administrator of the Rhein-Hunsrück District, Germany

9.35 Small Communities in the SET (Sustainable Energy Transition) Focus

Pekka Peura, Senior Adviser, VEBIC - Vaasa Energy Business Innovation Centre, Finland

SESSION 2: Communities and the Energy Transition

9.55 How to Accelerate the Energy Transition in NPA Communities

Ian Brannigan, Head of Regional Development, the Western Development Commission, Ireland

10.15 Community Energy Planning

Robert Fischer, Researcher, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

10.35 Virtual Coffee Break, Networking, Posters and Pilot Videos

10.50 Community Energy Tool Kit: What YOU Can Get Out of LECo

Silva Herrman, Project Manager, Jokkmokk community, Sweden

SESSION 3: Pilot Communities from LECo

11.05 How to Become an Energy Champion: Development of Exemplary Projects

Aisling Nic Aoidh, Project Officer and EU Projects Co-ordinator, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Ireland

11.25 Panel Discussion: Transnational Comparisons, Transferability and Lessons Learnt

Panelists from Germany, Ireland, Sweden and Finland

11.55 Closure of the Conference