

# The Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub - RECAH

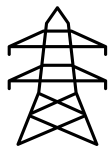
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# Introduction to the RECAH project

The Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub (RECAH) is an initiative of the European Commission which aims to accelerate the development of **sustainable energy community projects in European rural areas**.

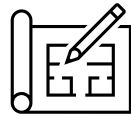
Rural energy communities are key to advancing the European Green Deal, though they face a variety of challenges and barriers:



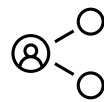
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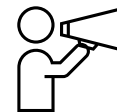
**Socio-economic**



**Technical**



**Knowledge sharing**



**Engagement**



# Activities of the RECAH project

The main activities of the initiative are:

- **Identification of best practices**
- **Provision of technical assistance**
- **Networking opportunities and knowledge sharing for the energy communities and local stakeholders**

Learn more at <https://rural-energy-community-hub.ec.europa.eu/>



# RECAH Best Practices

- **Collection of information** through survey and interviews.
- **Understanding the policy landscape** supporting rural development in the Member States.
- **Identification of barriers**, key action drivers and recommendations.
- **Development of case studies** to be distributed through the website and which will support energy communities and local authorities to tackle some of the identified barriers.

## Main outputs

- **Database on energy communities**
- **Development of 20 case studies**
- **Report on rural actions and activities' landscape in the EU**



# RECAH technical assistance

**Direct** technical assistance to rural energy communities with the aim to:



**Help** improving the development and implementation of projects in a variety of areas, depending on the need of each individual rural energy community



**Inspire** widespread, socially inclusive energy transition efforts in rural areas



# RECAH technical assistance

**28 communities from across Europe** have been selected to receive technical assistance

## **Types of services** offered

- Investment and financial support
- Legal and regulatory support
- Technology- and system-related support
- Capacity development and knowledge transfer support
- Communication support





# Networking and knowledge sharing

- **Effective communication and visibility** of the project at local level and encourage participation.
- **Dissemination of findings**, such as lessons learned, best practices, conclusions and guidance documents.
- **Dedicated project website:** create, maintain, and regularly update.
- **Facilitate a stakeholder networking and build momentum** (e.g. breakfast series)

## Main outputs

A series of promotional material, e.g.:

- Newsletters
- 3 large conferences
- Energy community networking
- Website
- 10 Guidance documents, 4 videos,



## Final Conference

- Joint Final Conference with our sister project '**Energy Communities Repository**' on 10 November in Dublin (IE).
- **Join us online** to learn more along with other energy community practitioners. You will be able to:
  - hear energy communities' testimonials,
  - learn more about the projects' outcomes and accomplishments,
  - take part in panel discussions,
  - connect with communities and stakeholders
- Learn more and register [here!](#)





Thank you for listening!

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