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Setting up Renewable Energy Communities (REC) in Italian Villages

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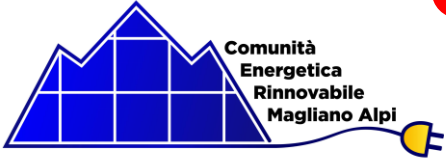
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Renewable Energy Communities (REC): *Magliano Alpi and follow-ups*



- December 2020: the **first** Italian **Renewable Energy Community (REC)** was founded in the City of Magliano Alpi <https://cermaglianoalpi.it/> with the scientific support of the Energy Center of the Politecnico di Torino



Magliano & Friends

- 2021-2023: **Magliano&Friends** initiative, a **network of Italian Municipalities** who share expertise and know-how to create new RECs



- October 2024: **CONCERNET**, the Confederation of Energy Communities) is founded in Magliano Alpi <https://concernet.it/>

Renewable Energy Communities (REC): **definition**

A *Renewable Energy Community* (**REC**) is a **legal entity** made up of energy *users*, *producers* and *prosumers* (*producers+users*) who are clustered to generate economic, social and environmental benefits deriving primarily from the **sharing of electricity** produced by **renewable** sources.



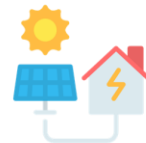
USER

Draws electricity from the grid and is the owner of the connection point to the grid, identified by a POD (Point Of Delivery) code



PRODUCER

Producer of energy from renewable sources, that is totally fed into the grid (potentially shareable energy)



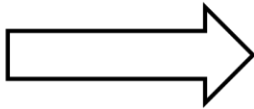
PROSUMER

Producer of energy from renewable sources, which is partly consumed on site (physical self-consumption) and partly fed into the grid (potentially shareable energy)

Renewable Energy Communities (REC): EU&Italian legislation



European 2018/2001 (RED-II) Directive

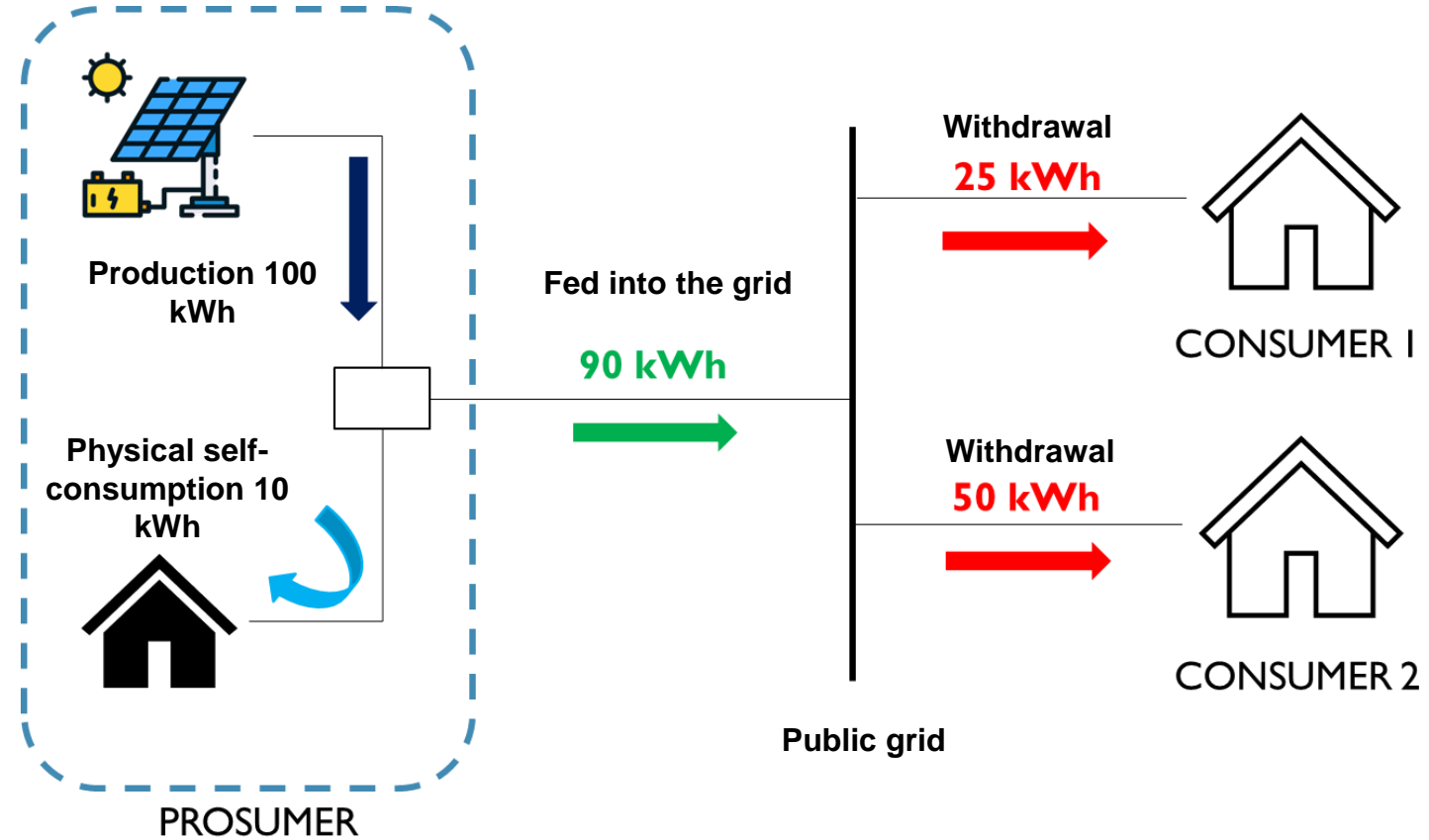
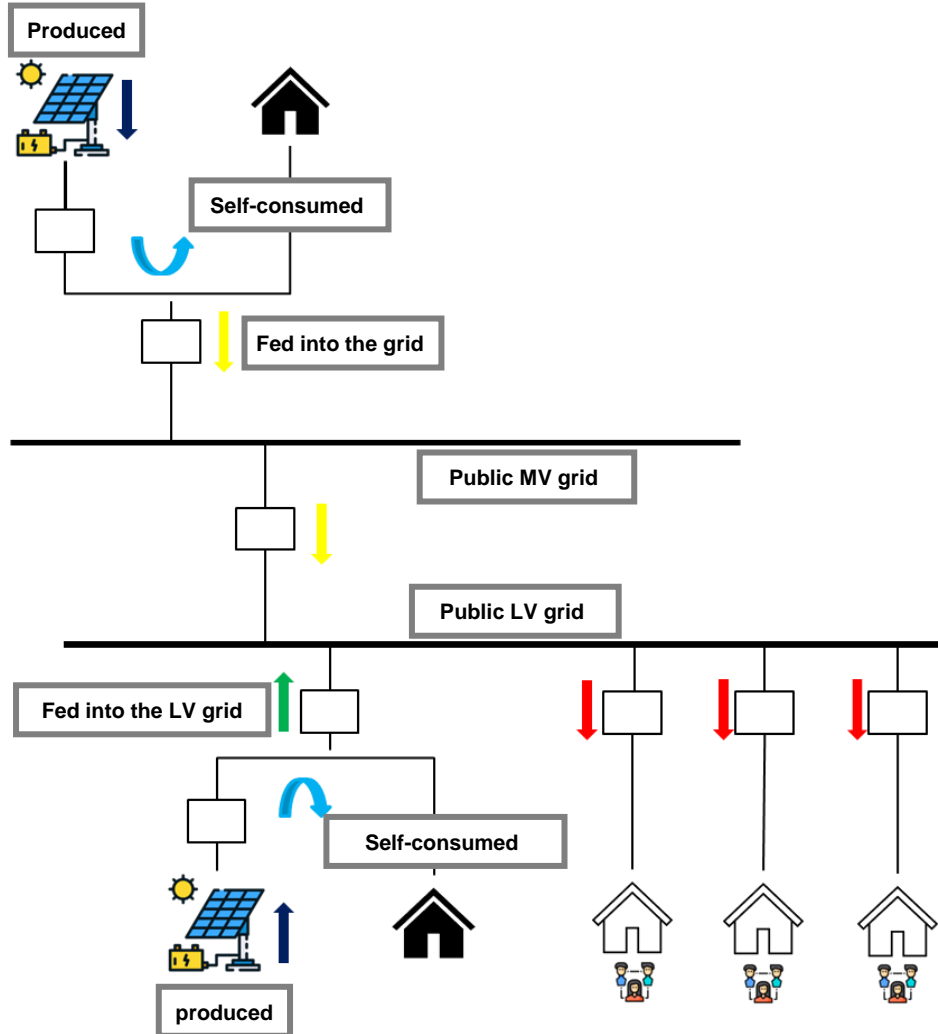


Italian Law

transposition

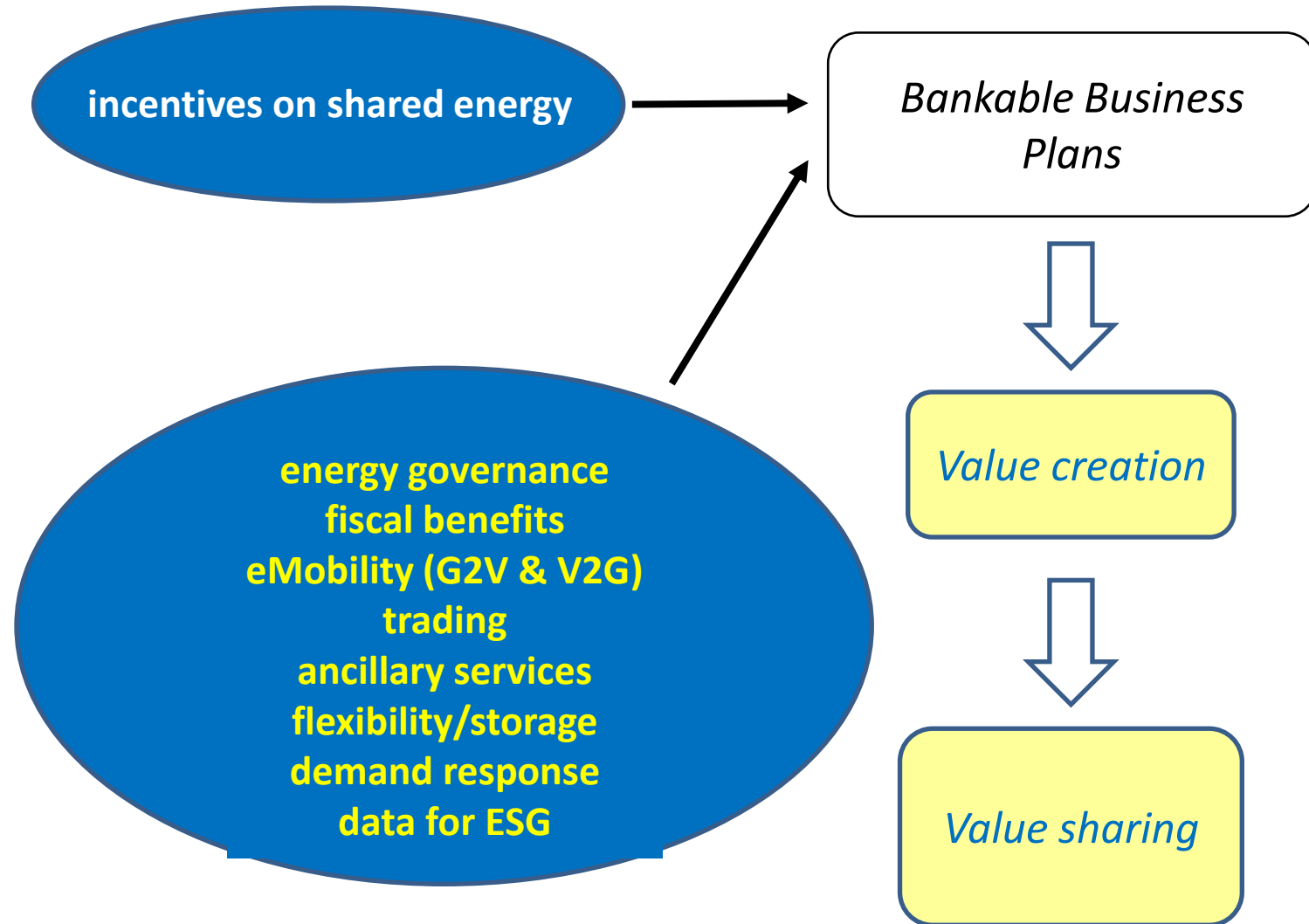
	TRANSITIONAL TRANSPOSITION 2020-2023 - Art. 42bis of D.L. 162/2019	FINAL TRANSPOSITION D.L. 199/2021 - executive law by Dec 2023
Maximum power size (single plant)	200 kW	1 MW
area	Members connected to the same LV/MV substation	Members connected to the same HV substation
Eligible members	Citizens/Families, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), Municipalities	All Stakeholders (excluding companies for which energy is the core business activity)

Renewable Energy Communities (REC): *sharing energy, an example*



Virtually **shared energy** = min (90, 75) = 75 kWh
(*incentive* about € 100/MWh)

Energy Communities: *creating value to be locally shared*



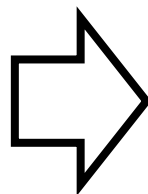
REC: role and perspectives



A **Renewable Energy Community** (CER) is a **private legal entity** governed by autonomous law with mutualistic purposes, made up of producers and consumers of energy

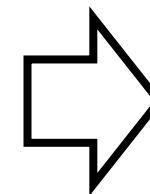
The **main objective** of the REC is to provide **environmental, economic or social benefits** to its members or to the local areas in which the community operates

A definition with high potential



REC is a **company**
REC **creates value** and must by law **redistribute it** on the territory it generated it

A REC is -above all- an **organizational catalyst** and an entrepreneurial tool for the **governance of energy**



It is necessary to build **mechanisms for aggregation and governance of RECs** that allow maximizing the benefits that can be generated

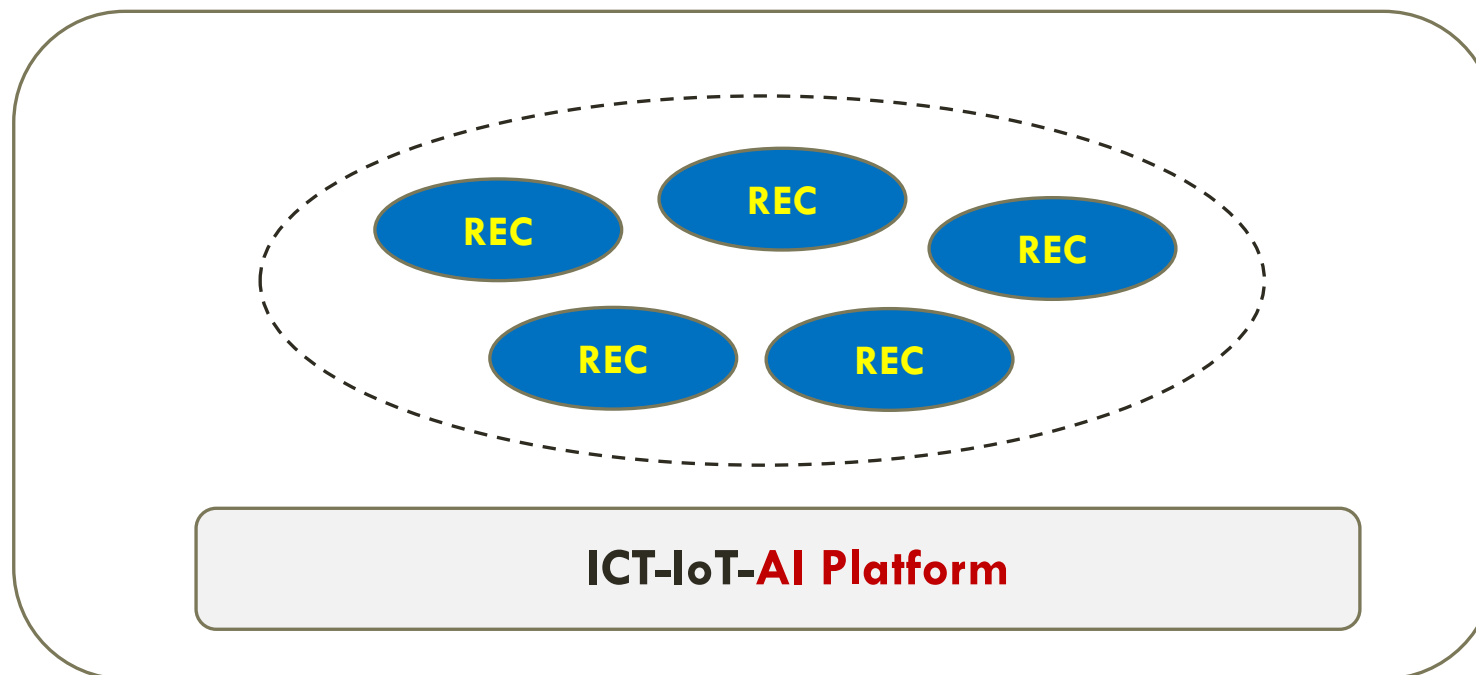
We need a vision that takes into account the evolution of the **legislative and regulatory context**

In Italy, Law 199/2021 (TIAD) and Law 210/2021 (TIDE)

Key word
«**disintermediation**»

C-REC

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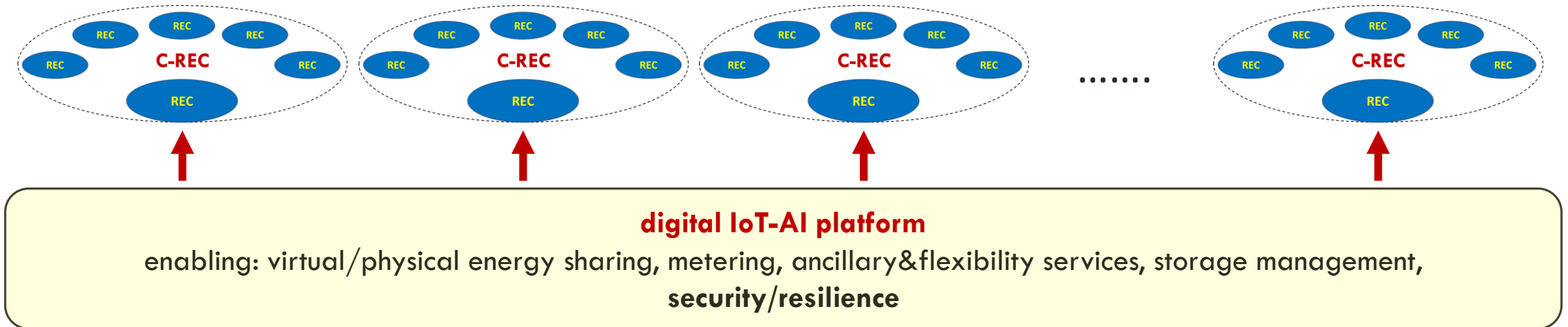


A single private entity
(**C-REC**) can manage a
cluster of RECs

The area coverage of
C-RECs can range up
to the **entire Italian
National territory**

ICT-IoT-AI platforms
are the key enabler

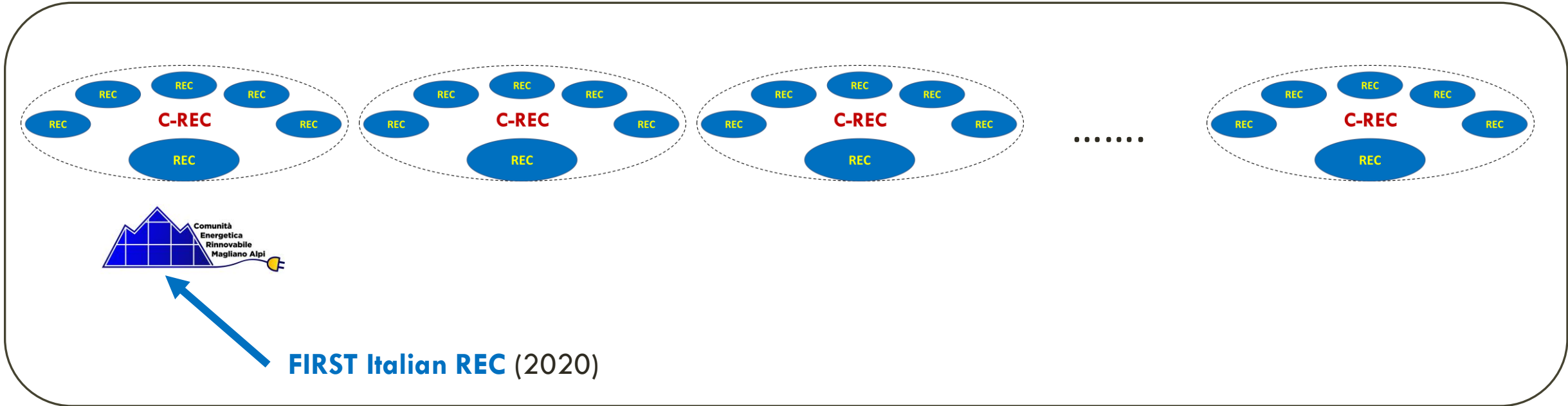
- In Italy, a **federation of C-RECs** will play a major role in energy transition
- The objective: **the same digital IoT-AI platform** to enable data management, maximize economies of scale and provide energy services



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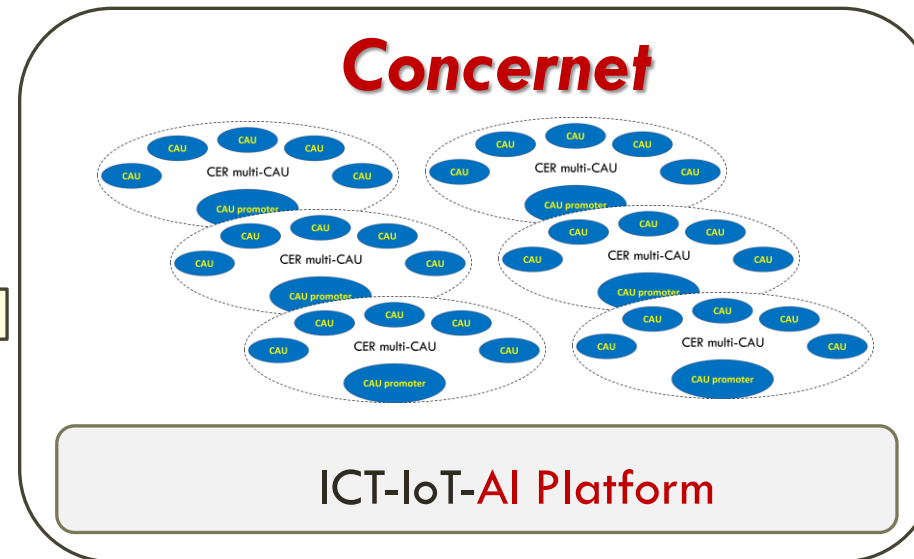
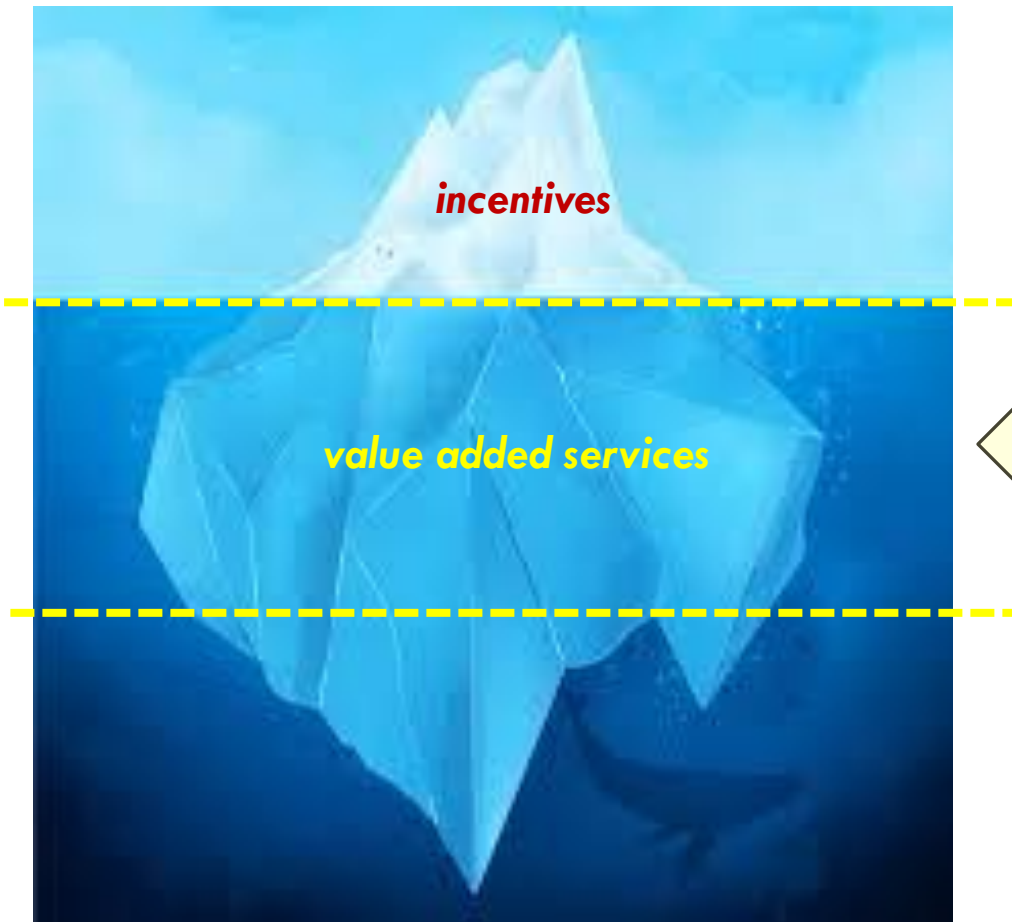
«**Virtual Energy Company**» (**VEC**)

Clustering RECs: **CONCERNET**



Italian National Network

CONCERNET: objective *disintermediation*



no mediators
(esco, utilities)
are needed:
CONCERNET
manages itself

- *one-stop-shop* for investors
- *fiscal benefits*
- flexibility & ancillary services (e.g. BSP, BRP)
- *energy trading*
- data for financial tools (e.g. ESG)
- security/resilience
- innovative business models





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Task force on Energy communities

Objective: evaluate the role of **Energy communities (Ecom)** as **catalysts of energy transition**

- Survey on the **transposition process** of Directives **2018/2001 (RED-II)** and **2019/944** into National regulation by the partner Countries of the EU
- **Benchmark among National regulations** on Ecom in EU partner Countries
- Analysis of the **drivers** leading to the creation of Ecom in Europe: business opportunity, incentives, ideology, environmental awareness, etc.
- Ecom technology enablers: focus on **ICT IoT-AI management platforms** and **storage**
- Ecom **business models** and **governance systems** (e.g. www.concernet.it)
- The role of Ecom to provide **flexibility** (e.g. BSP) and **grid services**
- Ecoms and Energy performance of building directive (EPBD): synergies for economically&environmentally **sustainable city renovation** through the electrification of thermal loads
- **Network of Ecoms** as «*Virtual Energy Companies*» (VEC)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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