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**POWERYOUTH Newsletter**  
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**POWERYOUTH engages young minds in sustainable practices. Our participatory approach fosters dialogue between youth and stakeholders, supported by innovative tools.**

POWERYOUTH aims to **engage** and **empower** young people in the energy transition, encouraging their active participation in **energy communities**. Through a participatory approach, the project facilitates dialogue between youth and local stakeholders and develops tools to promote **participation**, **collective decision-making**, and **innovative business models**. Implemented in 5 EU countries, the initiative seeks to create at least 10 youth energy communities, involving over 1,000 young people and other stakeholders, and to train Youth Energy Community Leaders who can replicate the approach across the European Union.

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# Project Meeting

We are excited to announce the successful POWERYOUTH **project meeting**, held from February 10 to 13, 2025, in Vienna, Austria. This meeting brought together **all partner organizations** engaged in various work packages (WPs) of the project to collaboratively discuss our objectives, outline the roadmap ahead, and evaluate the progress made thus far.

Key topics included strategies for developing **interactive tools** for youth energy communities (WP2), building **youth energy communities** (WP3), and **capacity building across Europe** (WP4).

We look forward to making significant progress and sharing more updates!



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**In each newsletter, we will highlight some POWERYOUTH partners. Interested in knowing more about what they do? Check their website!**



**YES - Europe**  
Young leaders in  
Energy and  
Sustainability

Created in 2016 through an initiative of the EPFL University of Lausanne in Switzerland, YES-Europe, has the mission of catalyzing the energy transition by creating an environment where youth are given a space to develop ideas, take on responsibility, build their local community and act for change.

They empower youth to accelerate the energy transition through developing meaningful connections, exchange knowledge and learnings as well as foster creativity and engagement to shape a sustainable future.

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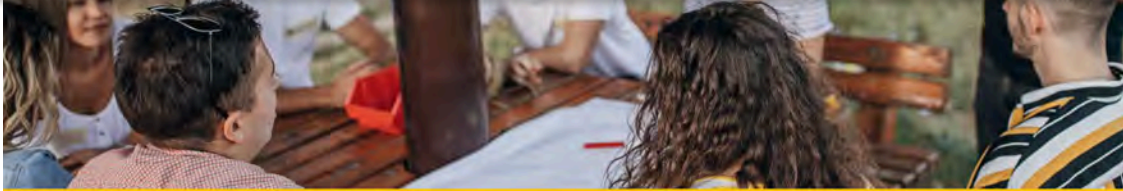
## COMING SOON: Getting involved/getting informed

The POWERYOUTH project is gearing up for a series of **key events** across Europe to engage **stakeholders, young people, and experts** in energy communities.

- **April 2025 - May 2025:** The PowerYouth Engagement Campaign will raise awareness and inspire action at the national level through 5 roundtables and training-the-trainers sessions
- **May 2025:** Pre-Capacity Building Info Days will take place at the end of May, offering participants a comprehensive overview of the program's objectives and upcoming activities.
- **May 2025 - June 2025:** Orientation sessions and discussions on learning objectives will take place together with capacity-building training activities and study visits. the aim will be to enhance the skills and knowledge of participants.

***Looking for more information on capacity building? Our helpdesk is here to assist you!  
Don't hesitate to ask any questions you have right here:***

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## POWERYOUTH

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# NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

Stay tuned ! Check out some of our more recent posts from the past few months:



## 1 POWERYOUTH's Key Tools

3 fundamental tools that we implemented to help youth play an active role in the energy transition. ⚡ 🌱

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## 2 Youth Capacity Building in Sustainable Energy!

PowerYouth is empowering you for the future of energy! take a look on our our Capacity Building 🤝 🌱



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4 Stronger Together: Project Meeting in Vienna

The PowerYouth bringing together brilliant minds and dedicated partners to advance youth participation and empowerment. 🌍 ✨

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#### 4 Kick-off of the POWERYOUTH Engagement Campaign

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the POWERYOUTH Engagement Campaign 🇪🇺 ✨



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#### 5 Be the Change: Become a Youth Energy Leader !

Ready to lead your community toward a greener, more sustainable future 💡

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## DELIVERABLES OF THE PROJECT

Within the Work Package No.2 **“Interactive tools for empowering youth energy communities”** coordinated by the Lead Partner: SingularLogic, the deliverable has been submitted: **“D2.2 – 1st Release of POWERYOUTH Toolkit”**.

The deliverable includes a report on the first release of the POWERYOUTH toolkit and the prototype of these tools. The three POWERYOUTH interactive tools aim to facilitate youth engagement and participation in energy communities, and they are as follows:

energy transition topics at a local level.

**DECISION:** A tool that will support collective decision-making, motivate young people to change their behavior regarding energy use, and inspire them to implement energy efficiency measures

**FINANCE:** A tool that will promote innovative financing, and it will provide young people with information on funding opportunities for a variety of projects that can contribute to energy transition.

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## EXPANDING THE NETWORK

### YES Europe - Annual conference



Throwback to the YES-Europe 2024 Annual Conference in Leuven, Belgium, held in November 2024, in collaboration with Humasol. 📍

YES-Europe's President Eric Balakrishnan hosted an interactive session with Vasso Kontou and Athanasios Papanikolaou from SingularLogic, centered around Empowering Youth for Energy Communities (POWERYOUTH Project). 🎯

In Leuven, Vasso and Athos discussed the background of the POWERYOUTH project, its key objectives and work packages, and the accomplishments of the project in 2024. They also presented the POWERYOUTH PV Potential Map tool, where users can find their preferable rooftop and get an idea on how much solar energy one can produce by installing PV panels. 🧠

This conference session explored the role of energy communities, who allow local groups to join

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attendees were invited to share their views on what they understand by energy communities, any experiences in engaging with these groups and what sort of energy dependency, supply and security is required by their community. ⚡ 🌱

It was also a pleasure for YES-Europe to host Project Managers Alice Gastaldi and Michele Bonomi from ALDA's Brussels office in Leuven



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