

POWERYOUTH Newsletter

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Empowering youth for energy community actions

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

The involvement and leadership of youth in energy communities is crucial. Young people are more likely to adopt new lifestyles and eager to develop new skills to support the energy transition. POWERYOUTH aims to empower young people to play an active role towards the energy transition. The cornerstone of the POWERYOUTH concept is a participatory approach that establishes a dialogue between youth and local stakeholders (such as local authorities, policy makers) and empowers young people in actively participating in energy communities. In line with the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 that identifies three core areas 'connect, engage and empower' for activating youth communities, POWERYOUTH will develop appropriate tools and methods to facilitate the three stages, by delivering a

participatory democracy platform to allow young people voicing their opinions ('PARTICIPATE' tool), a tool to support collective decision making ('DECISION' tool) and a tool for promoting innovative business models and financing schemes ('FINANCE' tool). The POWERYOUTH approach will be implemented in pilots in 5 EU countries, targeting the creation of at least 10 empowered youth energy communities and the involvement of at least 1,000 young people and other stakeholders. In addition, with the support of EU-wide networks of local and youth communities, POWERYOUTH will create and deliver a capacity building programme to create a cohort of Youth Energy Community Leaders that will act as multipliers towards the replication of POWERYOUTH approach across EU

PROJECT START

We are excited to announce the successful kick-off meeting of the POWERYOUTH project, held on January 30-31, 2024, in a hybrid format. Hosted at the Space Hellas Premises in Agia Paraskevi, Greece, the meeting brought together all partner organizations to discuss the project's roadmap. Dr. Stamatia Rizou from SingularLogic led the introductions and provided an overview of our goals, including key milestones and deliverables.

The agenda covered crucial aspects such as the development of 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!



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



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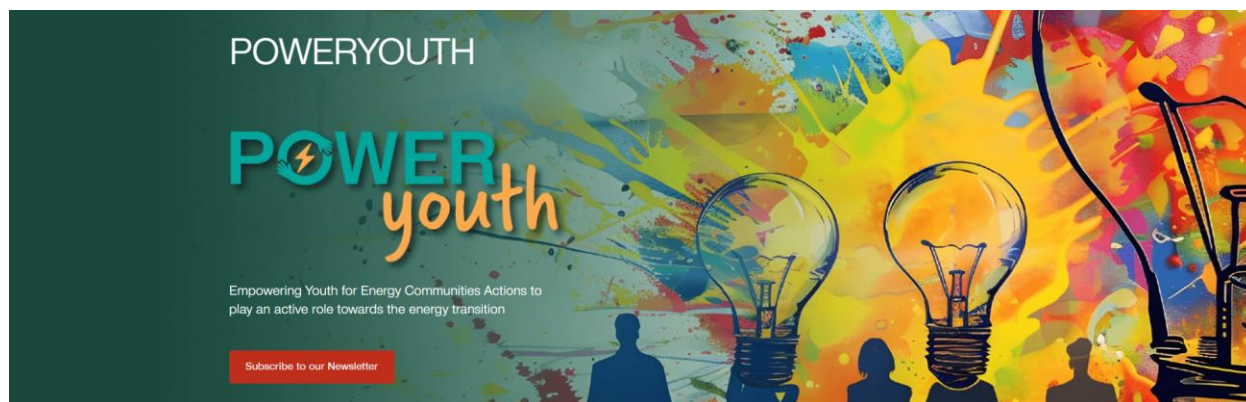
COMING SOON: Getting involved/getting informed

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

- **October 2024 - March 2025:** The PowerYouth Engagement Campaign will raise awareness and inspire action at the national level.
- **November 2024 - January 2025:** The first roundtable discussions will gather key stakeholders in all pilot countries to refine business models and protocols.
- **September 2024 - March 2025:** Capacity Building Workshops will train mentors and leaders within the energy community sector, held virtually across all pilot countries.

We're excited to announce the launch of our LinkedIn page: about 90 people already follow us! Be part of our growing community! Follow us at this [link](#)

Good news is not over: **POWERYOUTH WEBSITE IS NOW ONLINE!!** Follow the official project page at this [link](#) where you can connect with us and learn more about what we do!



NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

We have already met you! Here the co-creation workshops of the past few months:



1 ShareRES Project Meeting

📍 Latvia

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7200880405636403201>



2 "Scaling Sustainability in the Peloponnese Region: The Role of Energy Communities, the Agro-Food Sector and the Circular Economy in Shaping the Future"

📍 Greece

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7204440072388067328>



3 "Workshop and networking: Young people and energy communities"

📍 Austria

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7211016821112532992>



4 "Cities and municipalities on the road to climate neutrality"

📍 Poland

🔗 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7213494673472946176>



5 "Renewable Energy Technologies"

📍 Portugal

🔗 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7221484222299951104>

DELIVERABLES OF THE PROJECT

Within the Work Package No.2 *"Interactive tools for empowering youth energy communities"* coordinated by the Lead Partner: SingularLogic, the first deliverable has been submitted: *"D2.1 – Analysis of the barriers and local conditions for youth energy communities"*.

The deliverable reflects the analyses carried out by the Project's partners under the Coordination of SCN Sustainable City Network, leader of the task: *"T2.1 In-depth assessment of the barriers and local conditions for youth energy communities"*.

The analysis includes a summary of the results of the qualitative and quantitative analyses from five pilot countries (Austria, Greece, Latvia, Poland, and Portugal) and concludes with a presentation of the comparative results, as well as key conclusions and recommendations for creating a more favorable environment for youth ECs and addressing the unique challenges and opportunities they face through the development and implementation of the POWERYOUTH approach.

The full document can be found [HERE!](#)

EXPANDING THE NETWORK

EYE Event in Berlin



From April 18th to 20th, the vibrant energy of youth leaders filled the atmosphere at the European Youth Event (EYE) in Berlin, Germany. The EYE Berlin took place, and POWERYOUTH representatives were honored to moderate a workshop at 20th of April dedicated to Youth-led Energy Communities as part of the POWERYOUTH project.

Synergies with other projects and key stakeholders

We've promoted our project at international events like the ALDA and ACR+ General Assemblies. We also introduced our project at the LIFE-CET Energy Communities contractors meeting in Brussels, and held productive online sessions with partners from the REScoop (SCCALE 203050) and AISFOR (DISCOVER) projects. Lastly, our social media presence helps us to keep our community engaged!

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