COMMUNITY POWER

Workshop:

Community-energy – Empowering local authorities and their communities to guide local sustainable energy roll-out

Local decision-makers, Council planners, local government associations / networks and energy agencies are invited to participate in this <u>free workshop</u>.

- How can a local government invest in community energy? Why?

- What are the barriers and how can they be overcome?

- How does one access funding for local climate and energy action? What models work?

- How can local authorities and community groups work together in renewable energy?

Where?   Dublin

When?   20 November 2014

What?   1 full day workshop, providing an insight into opportunities to plan, set up, and finance community energy

Who?   Open to local decision-makers, local authority staff and representatives of local government associations / networks and energy agencies, community organizations

PROGRAMME:

VENUE: *Jurys Inn Dublin Custom House, Custom House Quay, Dublin*

20 November 2014

Event moderator: Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe

08:30 – 09:00	**Registration**
09:00 – 9:30	**Key note "Community power: opportunities and challenges of change in Germany"** – *Timothy Moss, Deputy Director and Head of "Institutional Change and Regional Public Goods" Department, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning*
09:30 – 09:45	**Introduction to Dublin climate and energy strategy: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency** – *Mark Bennett, Dublin City Council*
09:45 – 10:00	**Sustainable Energy Action Planning and implementation in Dublin – focus on community power** – *Edel Giltenane, CODEMA*
10:00 – 10:15	**Question time and discussions** Identify key issues to be explored and answered during the workshop
10:15 – 10:45	**Coffee break & mingling**
10:45 – 13:00	**Power communities to support driving green economies** • **Best practices from Ireland- what are the options and how can they be brought forward** *Presentation by: Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency* • **Planning for Community Renewable Energy in Ireland: Thoughts & Perspectives** *Presentation by: Stephen Walsh, Irish Planning Institute* • **Supporting community renewable energy projects in rural Ireland** *Presentation by: Liam Flemming, Waterford Energy Bureau* **Followed by discussion** Are communities interested in contributing to the sustainable energy transition? How can local actors pool efforts to support financing of local action? What role do local governments play in facilitating access to financing for community projects? What local authorities need to enable support to community energy?

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13:00– 14:00	**Networking lunch**
14:00 – 15:30	**Roundtables – World Café** *Participants, divided in smaller groups, explore key factors for replication of the examples and best practices presented, as well as discuss key issues, challenges and potential solutions (e.g. how plan and implement community energy, needs, barriers, etc).* *Each round of discussion will last 20 minutes.* • **N.1 replication factors – zooming-in on selected case studies** – *lead by Timothy Moss, Leibniz Institute* • **N.2 financing community energy – gathering EU funds, public and private investments** – *lead by Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency* • **N.3 setting up community energy projects – involving the community** – *lead by Liam Flemming, Waterford Energy Bureau*
15:30 – 16:00	**Wrap-up & food for thoughts** Presentation by each group, wrap-up and discussion

Organisers:

Partners:

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