

ENERGYCITIES



# HOW EUROPEAN CITIES SUPPORT COMMUNITY ENERGY

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# WHY SUPPORTING CITIZEN ENERGY?



# EU LEGISLATION IN FULL SUPPORT!

- ❖ New legal entity:  
« Renewable /Citizen energy communities »
- ❖ Enabling framework
- ❖ Cities and SMEs as eligible shareholders
- ❖ Requirement on EU Member States to build cities' capacities





**A FERTILE GROUND TO BECOME ...  
COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPIONS!**

Policy &  
regulatory  
support

Financing & in-  
kind support

Local authority

Methodological  
support

Joining an  
energy  
community

# POLICY & REGULATORY ENABLER

- ❖ « Community involvement » key axis of **Steinfurt District** strategy to become 100% self-sufficient by 2050
- ❖ By 2030, The French **Occitanie region** commits to 100 000 citizens producing their own energy
- ❖ By 2019, **Ghent** aims for 15% local RE in domestic consumption + calling on developers to open 50% of project capital to citizens



# COMMUNITY-FUNDED DISTRICT HEATING IN EEKLO, BELGIUM



- ❖ Min. 30% financial participation by citizens
- ❖ 100% green heat requirement by 2036
- ❖ Heat price should not exceed that of fossil fuels

# FINANCING & IN-KIND SUPPORT

- ❖ **Everywhere in Europe:**  
Provision of roof space,  
public land, infrastructure...
- ❖ A specific fund for citizen  
energy in **Bristol**
- ❖ Staff support in **Ghent**





# TOOLS & METHODOLOGIES

- ❖ « Service station » for citizen projects
- ❖ Solar cadastre, thermal maps, etc.
- ❖ Guides, websites, platforms, ...



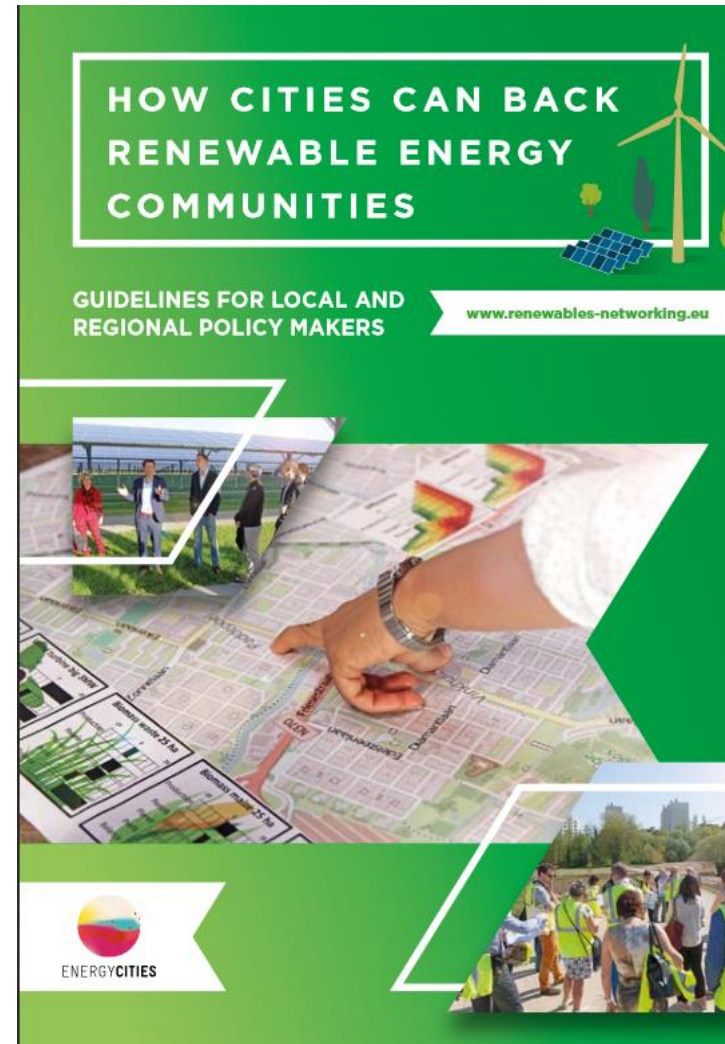
# PARTICIPATION IN A RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY

- ❖ Any kind of energy service
- ❖ One member, one vote governance model
- ❖ Local economic windfalls
- ❖ Added legitimacy
- ❖ City of Mouscron, South of Belgium



TO LEARN MORE:

<https://energy-cities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/energy-cities-rnp-guidebook-web.pdf>



QUESTIONS?

