

Energy Communities: Conference 2024

19.03.2024, Erste Campus, Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Vienna, Austria & livestream
Conference language: German, English interpretation available

PROGRAMME

From 09:00 Arrival, Coffee, Networking

10:00

Opening

Welcoming words - Bernd Vogl, Managing Director Climate and Energy Fund
Opening - Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister for Climate Action

Keynote:

Energy communities and sharing concepts from a systemic perspective – potentials, challenges, solutions

Jessica Thomsen, Distributed Energy Supply and Markets, Division Power Solutions, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE

10:40

Panel discussion: Energy Communities – Driver for tomorrow's energy system?

- Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister for Climate Action
- Alfons Haber, Executive Director E-Control
- Gerhard Christiner, Executive Director Austrian Power Grid AG
- Jessica Thomsen, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE

11:30-12:30

Impulse lectures

The role of energy communities and other new players on the electricity market

Judith Neyer, Head of Department Strategic Energy Policy, Federal Ministry for Climate Action

Flexible grid tariffs and opportunities for energy communities – which innovations does the new electricity act bring?

Karin Emberger, Deputy Director Regulation & Price Controls, E-Control

2 ½ years of energy communities: current status and latest developments

Eva Dvorak, Head of the Austrian Coordinating Office for Energy Communities

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch break



AFTERNOON

13:30-13:45 **Platform for Energy Communities – Practical experience from the realisation of projects**

Herbert Greisberger, Managing Director of the Energy and Environment Agency of Lower Austria (ENU)

Helmut Strasser, Salzburg Institute for Regional Planning and Housing (SIR)

13:45 – 14:15 **Session I: What changes will the new electricity act ElWG bring for energy communities?**

Input: Florian Galler, Department Electricity and Gas markets, Federal Ministry for Climate Action

Discussion with representatives of energy community projects

14:15 – 15:00 **Session II: Energy communities, social innovation & awareness raising**

Input: Sandra Matzinger, Consultant with a focus on energy policy in the Economic Policy Unit of the Chamber of Labour in Vienna

Discussion with representatives of research and energy community projects

15:00 – 15:45 **Session III: Energy communities and technical innovation: energy management, storage, sector coupling**

Input: Kurt Leonhartsberger, Expert energy communities and energy storage

Discussion with representatives of research and energy community projects

15:50 **Concluding words**

16:00 **Networking**

17:00 **End of the event**

