

Energy Communities: Avoiding Challenges and Harvesting Opportunities

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As you know, energy communities took on a prominent place in the EU's recently finalized Clean Energy Package (CEP) and will no doubt play an important role in tomorrow's energy scene. While the concept may seem simple, various forms of communities are scattered throughout the CEP and the complexity of their structure (both legal and technical) as well as their far-reaching impact on the energy market as we know it make the concept more difficult to grasp than might be expected at first glance.

To help you unscramble this intricate new concept, and make sure you are aware and can take full advantage of the challenges but also opportunities that will arise, we will be organizing a full-day seminar dedicated exclusively to energy communities.

Full details on venue and timing as well as a comprehensive list of our prominent guest speakers will follow soon. In the meantime, we can already share with you that we will be covering topics such as the regulators' perspective, the impact on DSOs, the legal and technical structure and challenges, the EC's point of view, new (and not always immediately apparent) opportunities for businesses, ensuring an inclusive roll-out to avoid causing further social inequalities, etc.

AGENDA

8.45 – 9.15	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION
9.15 – 9.30	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION <i>OLIVIER GRABETTE (PRESIDENT, FOSG; DEPUTY CEO, RTE)</i>
9.30 – 10.00	SETTING THE STAGE <i>PIERRE BERNARD (MANAGING PARTNER, BEA; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FOSG)</i>
10.00 – 10.30	UBER-LIKE MODELS FOR THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY <i>DAMIEN ERNST (PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE)</i>
10.30 – 11.00	THE EC'S USE OF ENERGY COMMUNITIES AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR INCLUSIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT <i>CATHARINA SIKOW-MAGNY (HEAD OF UNIT B3 – RETAIL MARKETS: COAL & OIL, DG ENER, EUROPEAN COMMISSION)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK
11.15 – 11.45	ENERGY COMMUNITIES: EXPECTATIONS <i>DAVID VANGULICK (HEAD OF LONG-TERM PLANNING, ORES)</i>
11.45 – 12.30	TSOs AND ENERGY COMMUNITIES: THE NEW FRIENDS TO BE...? OLIVIER GRABETTE
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH: KEY NOTE SPEECH: DSOs AND THE FACILITATION OF ENERGY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT <i>MARIE-PIERRE FAUCONNIER (CEO, SIBELGA);</i>

14.00 – 15.15

**TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS, NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
ARISING FROM ENERGY COMMUNITIES**

*RONNIE BELMANS (PROFESSOR KU LEUVEN, CEO OF
ENERGYVILLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, VREG)*

15.15 – 15.30

COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 16.45

**PANEL DISCUSSION: HOW INVESTORS AND BUSINESSES CAN BENEFIT
THE MOST FROM ENERGY COMMUNITIES**

MODERATOR: PIERRE BERNARD

PANELISTS:

- *SERVICE PROVIDER: FRANÇOIS THOUMSIN (GENERAL
MANAGER RENEWABLES ENGIE BELUX)*
- *MANAGEMENT CONSULTING: STEPHEN WOODHOUSE
(DIRECTOR, PÖYRY)*
- *BUSINESS: PIETERJAN VERHAEGHEN (CO-FOUNDER & CEO,
BOLT)*
- *INDUSTRY: DIEDERIK PEEREBOOM (SECRETARY GENERAL,
T&D EUROPE)*
- *PROSUMERS: JOSH ROBERTS (ADVOCACY OFFICER, RESCOOP)*

16.45 – 17.15

DO ENERGY COMMUNITIES WARRANT A NEW REGULATED BODY?

DOMINIQUE JAMME (GENERAL MANAGER, CRE) - TBC

17.15 – 17.30

CONCLUSIONS

PIERRE BERNARD

17.30

NETWORKING RECEPTION