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Åtvidaberg: Driving local energy transition

- Historic industrial background
- Vision 2030 and forward-thinking
- Innovative energy solutions
- Why join StartSun?



Facetten: The first pilot



Why Facetten?

- Location for solar panels
- Technical advantage
- Potential members
- A good example in the municipality



The process

- **Decide on location**
 - The old sawmill site or rooftop?
 - Technical and financial investigations
 - **Involving local actors**
 - Kick-off with tenants
 - Information but not so much dialogue
 - Survey on interest
 - **Understanding the concept**
 - What is required?
 - Organizational format and business plan
- ➡ **Proposal for political decision on investment**



The results

- No solar panel installation or established energy community
- Increased capacity
- Material to develop

The lessons

- Engagement needs involvement
- Timing is a key
- Municipal involvement takes time



Grebo: the second pilot



Why Grebo?

- An area in development
- Good mix of potential partners
- Existing solar panels
- An example of a “typical” Swedish village
- The community factor



Potential partners for an energy community

- Municipal, residential and commercial properties



The process

- Contact and meetings with village association, the local church and grocery store
- Local synergies
- Discussions within the municipality about feasibility and how to support an EC
- Investigating the steps that needed to be taken to establish an energy community



The results

- Public-private local Synergies
- Importance of community
- Municipal capacity
- An archetype

The lessons

- Organizational capacity
- Caution and time constraints
- Legal uncertainty
- How far can community go?



Comparison between the case studies

Facetten	Grebo
The municipality run the process: Top-down	Residents & local associations run the process (at times with support from the municipality): Bottom-up
Focus on technology & economy for a political investment decision	Focus on people, relations, local needs & engagement
Larger facilities with more tenants	Small community with strong collaboration
Clear municipal targets	Clear local needs

Thank you!



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