



Lessons from the Enercracy project on social collaboration and community engagement

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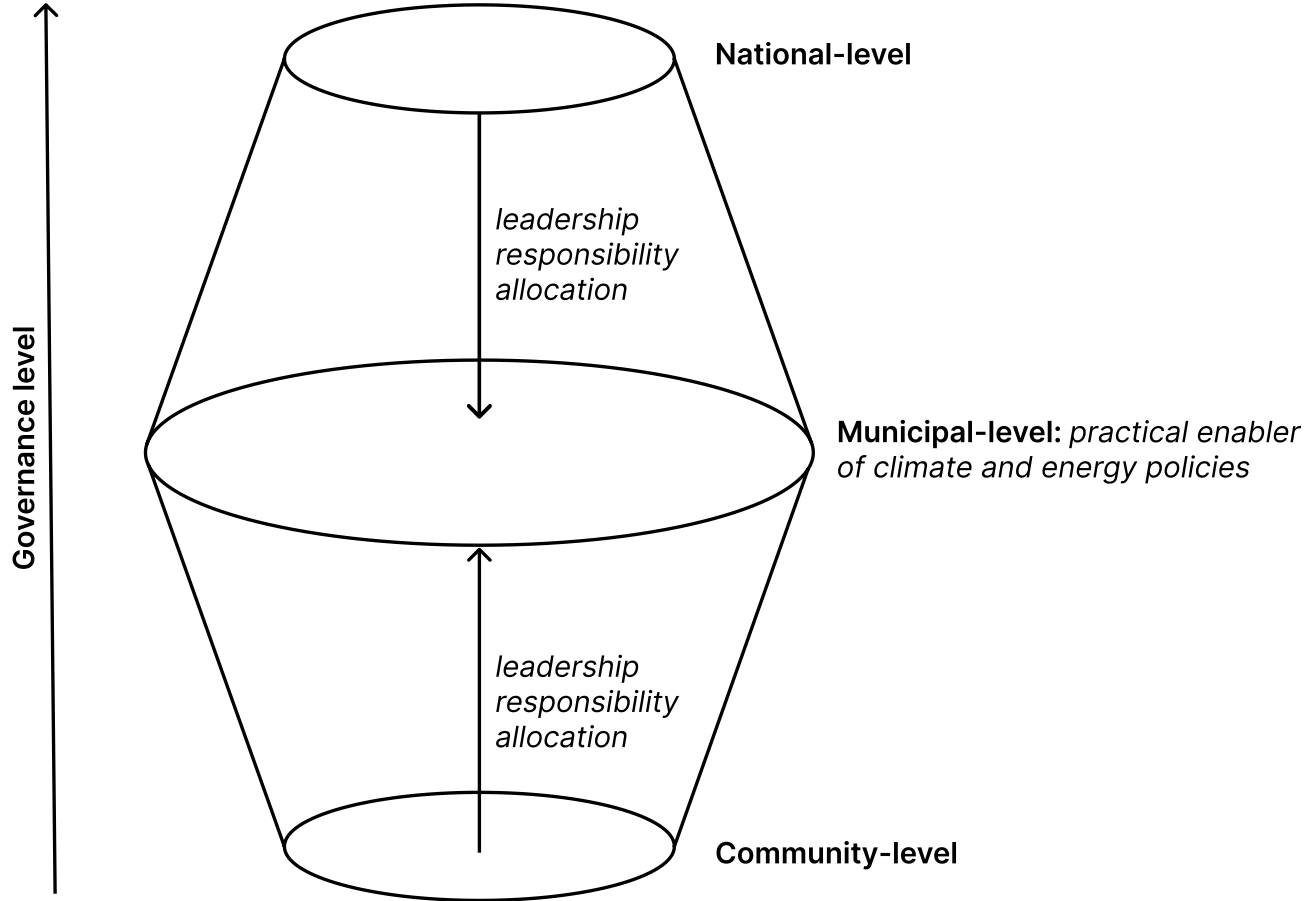
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Status quo of governance



Within the Enercracy project, we assume that the municipal governance level is at the core of driving the energy transition

Why is this relevant in the context of energy communities specifically?

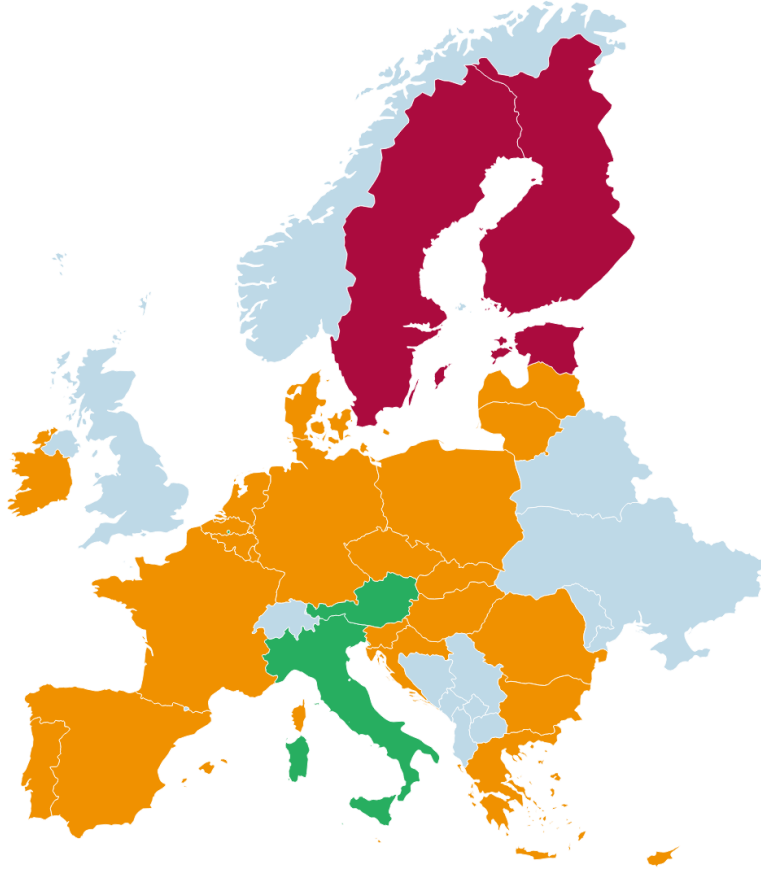
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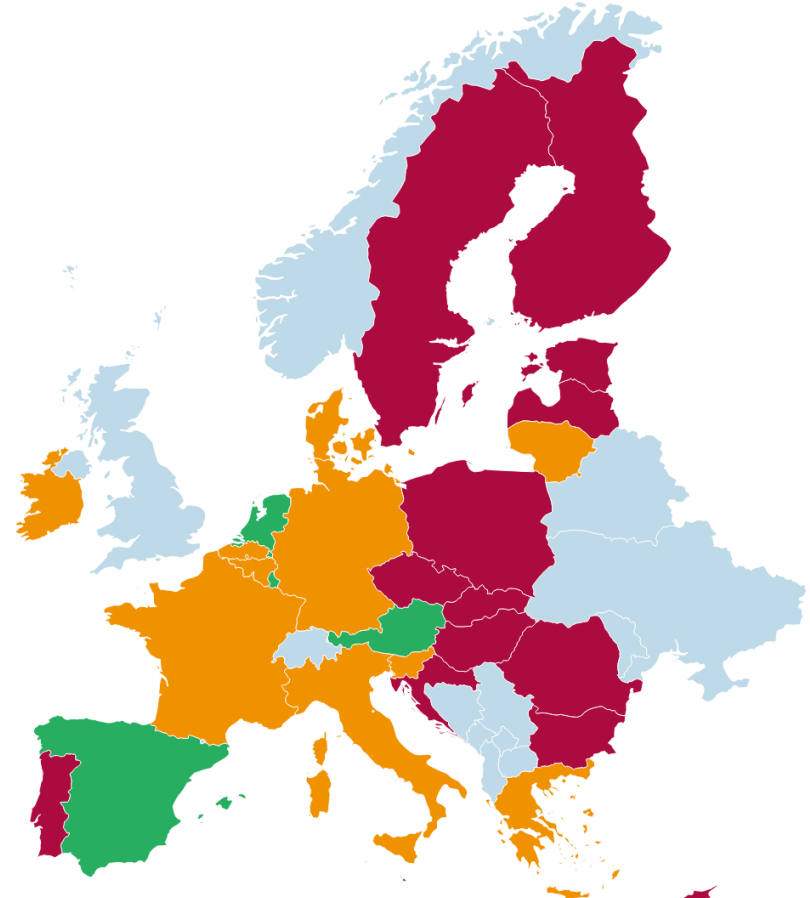
National policy perspective

Enabling Conditions for Renewable Energy Communities

Finance for Renewable Energy Communities



Source: RESCoop.EU (2026)

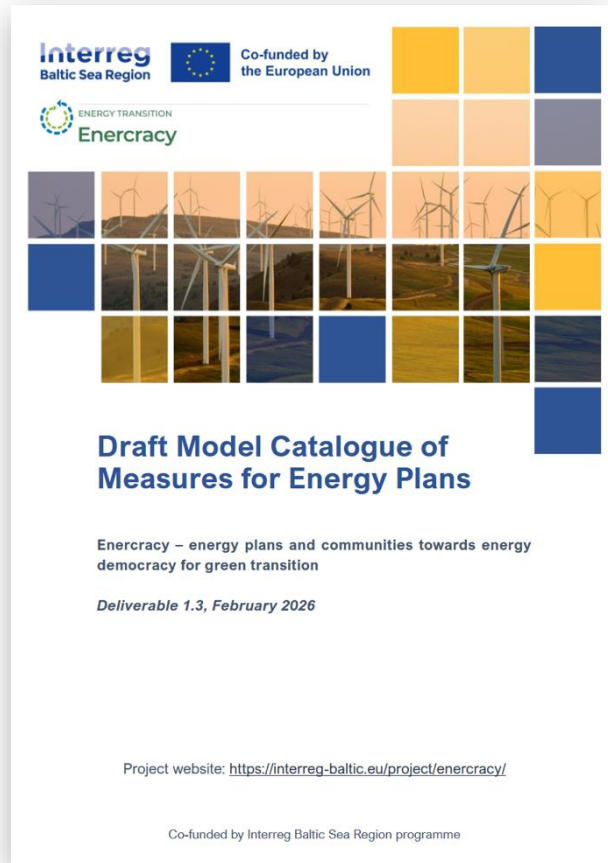


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For more reading on the topic:

RESCoop.EU, Renewable Energy Community (REC) Policy Tracker, April 2026 update. Link: <https://www.rescoop.eu/policy/policy-tracker>

How do we support it?



Scan to get it in English!

Estonian, Finnish, Latvian,
Polish and Swedish versions
Available on the website!

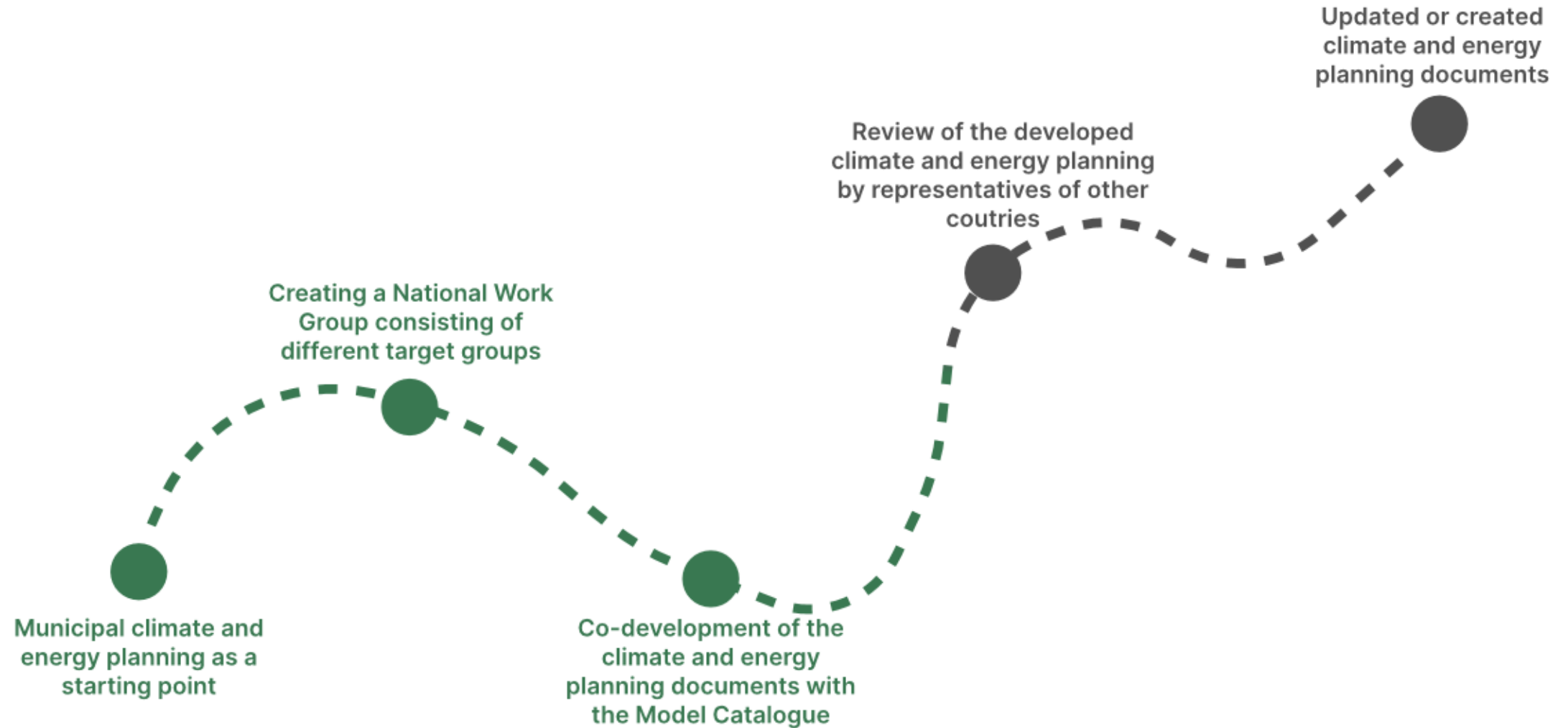


Municipal climate and energy
planning as a starting point

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Mapping the journey



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Case studies

Integrating
climate and
energy action into
the Development
plan



Developing a
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and energy plan



Updating
several existing
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Working with institutional actors

	Estonia	Finland	Latvia	Poland	Sweden
Local public authorities	Saku Lääne-Harju	Pornainen Vantaa Riihimäki	-	Rzeszów Krosno	Örebro
Regional public authorities	Pärnumaa Development Centre; Eesti Linnade ja Valdade Liit	Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council	-	Podkarpackie Voivodeship	-
SMEs	Enefit Green OÜ Sauga Seemnekeskus	Polar Night Energy	-	HOMM Konsulting Michał Płonka; Przedsiębiorstwo Społeczne G&G Sp z o.o.;	-
Interest groups	Eestimaa Looduse Fond	Water and Air Protection Association for Eastern Uusimaa and River Porvoonjok	-	-	-
Infrastructure service providers	-	Loviisan Lämpö	Dobele Energy; Dobele Water; Dobele Municipal Services; Auce Municipal Services; Dobele Housing Maintenance	-	-
Other	Ministry of Climate	-	-	-	-

Formats:
Meetings in a group setting, individual meetings, direct communication with all members, and engagement in the content creation

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Talking with the residents!



For more reading on the topic:

Enercracy, Karlskrona develops its energy plan for resilience, sustainability and inclusion, August 21, 2026. Link: <https://interreg-baltic.eu/project-posts/enercracy/karlskrona-develops-its-energy-plan-for-resilience-sustainability-and-inclusion/>

Enercracy, What is the progress? Overview of Enercracy project activities in Pornainen, Finland, June 22, 2026. Link: <https://interreg-baltic.eu/project-posts/enercracy/what-is-the-progress-overview-of-enercracy-project-activities-in-pornainen-finland/>

Don't forget – it's not only technical

Sweden's smartest neighbourhood takes shape

Tamarinden in Örebro is paving the way for the climate-smart neighbourhoods of the future, in which a unique and localised electricity supply system can reduce, produce, store and share energy.

In the heart of Espoo, good transport connections **Kera**

Kera is Espoo's new sustainable development district, which is built around the city rail station. Emission-free energy solutions, sustainable and low-carbon construction solutions, green courtyards and public art create a pleasant, communal and ecological residential area.

Sustainability in Sättra

In Sättra, the keyword is sustainability and we work with that in different ways.

Easy to live sustainably in Sättra

The goals of Sättra are that it is easy to live sustainably, the residents are proud of their neighborhood and feel community and that it is safe and accessible. Sättra becomes a natural part of Västerås with good accessibility, not least with pedestrian and bicycle traffic and public transport to the city center and to Erikslund and other nearby neighborhoods.

The three areas of social, ecological and economic sustainability are important for Sättra and important for creating a new sustainable district. The bus is prioritized and it will be easy to get around by bike. Cycle and walkways are wide and easily accessible. A third of the area is nature and a large part is set aside for urban farming.

Right now, it is planned to have solar cells on all municipal buildings such as school, nursing and nursing home and sports hall.

More examples of how we work with sustainability

Warm benches in Sättra	+
Sustainable climate adaptation with the water park	+
Energy communities	+

For more reading on the topic:

Envall, F., Andersson, D., & Wangel, J. (2023). Gridlocked: Sociomaterial configurations of sustainable energy transitions in Swedish solar energy communities. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 102, 103200.

Key takeaways

- Municipal level is a key governance level to foster energy communities and prosumerism
- One of the frames of the energy community and prosumerism development in municipalities is its stronger integration in energy and climate planning
- The complexities of energy transition require strong support from various actors within the municipality
- You must seek interactions with the residents to form trust and raise awareness about the ongoing initiatives
- Without it, you risk increasing inequalities between the residents

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