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Energy communities fostering energy efficiency and RES targets through EU initiative Green Assist

Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 16:30 to 17:30

Room 206, SQUARE Brussels meeting Centre



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REScoop.eu

- Established in 2013 as a Belgian not-for-profit association
- REScoop.eu is the European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives
- Citizen energy cooperatives are groups of citizens who cooperate in energy transition projects



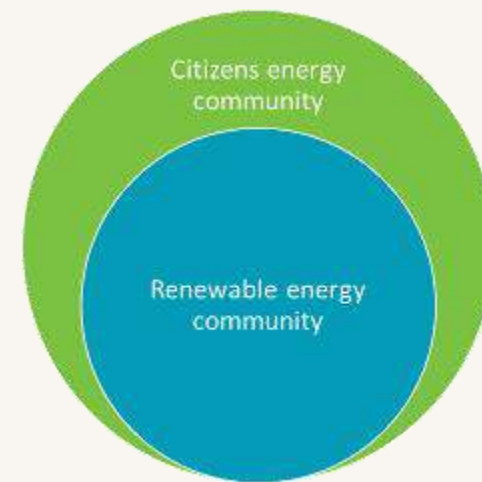
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Energy communities in the CEP: an organisational concept

- Legal entity
- Non-commercial purpose
- Open & voluntary membership
- Emphasis on economic participation by citizens, small and medium enterprises and public authorities
- Emphasis on 'effective control' by members not engaged in the energy sector

***For RECs: requirement for autonomy + emphasis on 'local'*



Energy communities: organising participation in activities across the market



Should the MS only transpose the definitions?

A complete transposition includes:

- The definitions
- For RECs → assessment of barriers and potential
- Enabling frameworks
- Taking RECs into account when designing support schemes

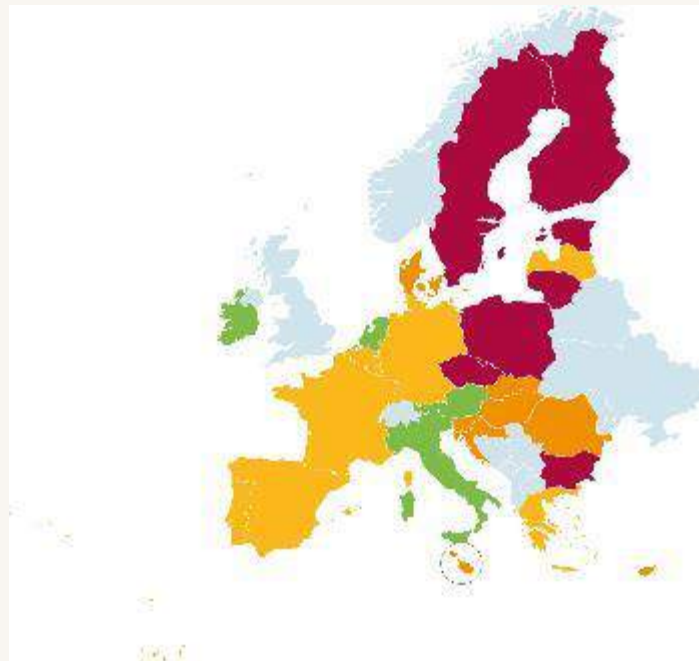


REScoop.eu Transposition tracker

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Transposition tracker - definitions



Transposition tracker – enabling frameworks/support schemes

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Off-shore wind



- SeaCoop cvso is the Belgian cooperative social enterprise around renewable energy founded by 33 renewable energy citizen cooperatives, all of which are members of REScoop Flanders or REScoop Wallonia.
- SeaCoop's dual objective:
 - to take a 20% interest in the offshore wind farms and bring the electricity produced there to Belgian households and SMEs via cooperative suppliers Ecopower and COCITER.
 - This short-term supply mechanism by and for citizens aims to ensure a sustainable anchoring of renewable energy in Belgian hands and price stability in the interest of all.

Belgian federal government builds in citizen participation as a selection criterium in the tender.



Thank you!

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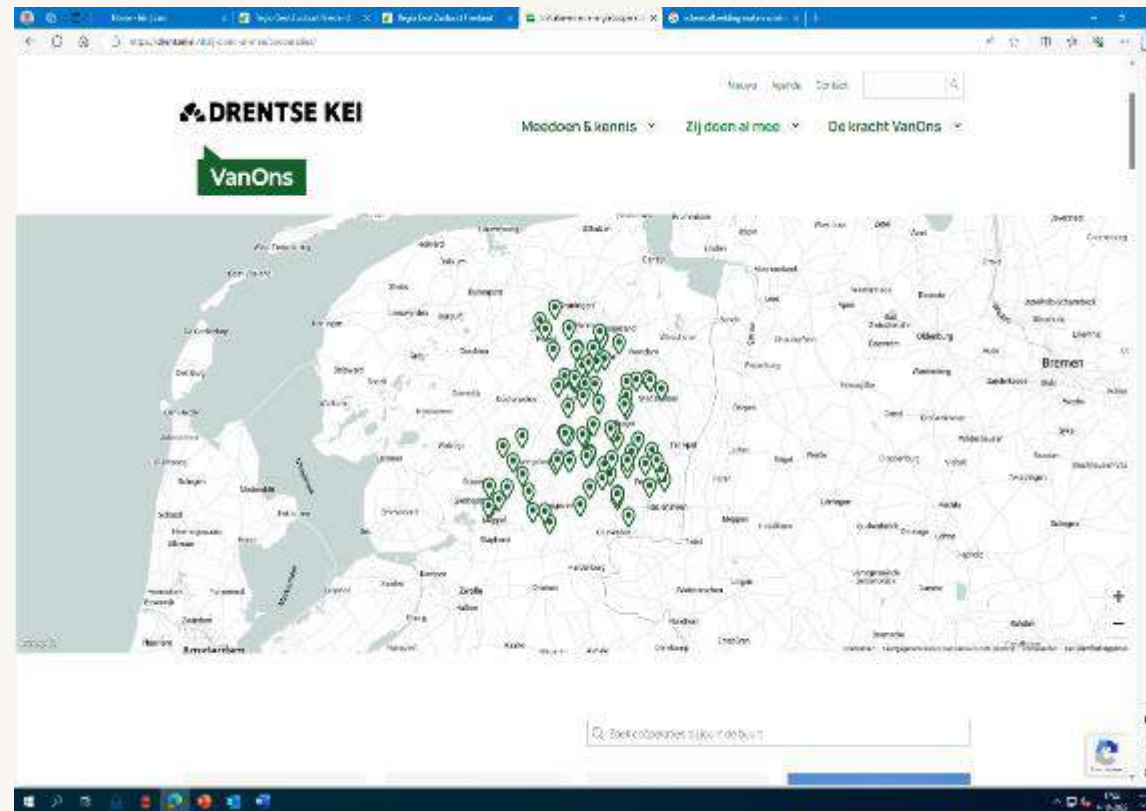
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Drentse Kei supports local initiatives on:

3 supervisors

- Saving energy
- Making energy
- Providing energy
- Starting cooperation



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Example 1 Cooperation Drentsche Aa

1. Organising evenings and information market
2. Help to organise a team in the neighbourhood
3. Helping out with subsidies.
4. Organising joint inkoop van duurzame energieoplossingen.
5. Selling locally opgewekte duurzame lokale groene energie.



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Example 2 Heel de Wolden Groen

To reach people who are not per se motivated

Unburdening:

- Joint purchase of heat pumps and solar panels
- Independent experts to give advice
- Specialised local installers
- Monitoring results of all houses
- Possibility to rent/buy with ESCO (energy service company).



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Example 3 : Noordsche veld

1. Purpose: producing green energy in the community with solar panels on rooftops of companies.
2. The advantages for local people, for owners and rentals. Each year they give an amount to share in benefits, through 15 years
3. Together they produce one million kWh. Over 60.000 panels and 10 local groups.

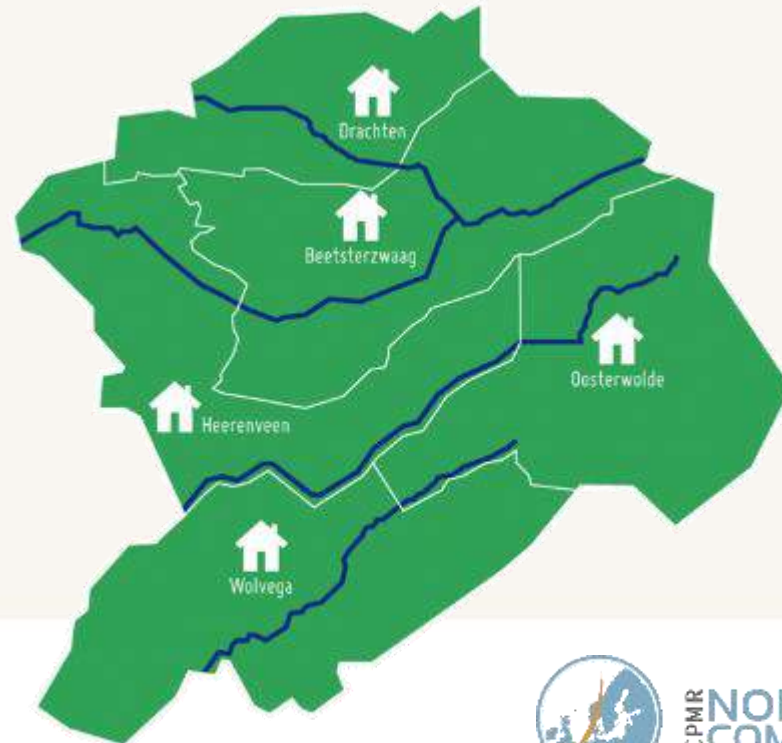


Regiodeal ZuidOost Friesland

Samen doen geeft energie!

Special funds to encourage neighbourliness and wellbeing

In cooperation with ENTRANCE, research institute in Groningen



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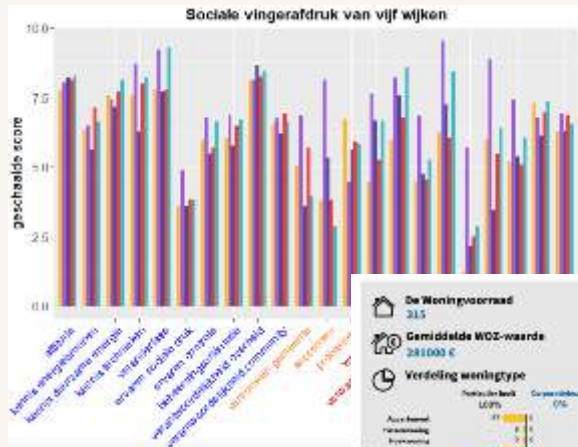
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solid basis on the themes Social, Technological, Economic and legal. We work through the local initiative.

Five cases

- **village Nij Beets** (energy cooperation Krigel)
- **Oldeholtpade** (local group energytransition)
- **Oudeschoot** (local green group)
- **Ravenswoud** (energycooperation De Eendracht)
- **De Peinder Mieden** (group of owners to apply for battery)
- City centre possible sixth case





De Woningvoorraad
315

Gemiddelde WOZ-waarde
281.000 €

Verdeling woningtype

Woningtype	Woningtype	Woningtype
100%	0%	0%

Verdeling bouwperiode

Periode	Periode	Periode
100%	0%	0%

Elektriciteits- en gasverbruik

Wijk specifieke kenmerken

Ondergrondse Infrastructuur

Energievraag en -aanbod

Aanwezige Utiliteitsbouw

Bronvermelding data:

- Social fingerprint
 - Passport of the area with technical solution
 - Analysis with people who live there
- Good connections and analysis work!

What works from experiences:

- ✓ Bottom-up interest
- ✓ Help on knowledge and know-how
- ✓ Good analysis of technical and social details in a neighbourhood
- ✓ Funds



Thank you for your interest!

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Advisory Service for Sustainable Investments Support

Philipp Troppmann
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Green Assist – An outline

WHAT

Advisory services to prepare green/greener investment projects

Objective:

Build a pipeline of green investment projects

WHO

Addressed to **private and public** to beneficiaries

Diversified sectors

HOW

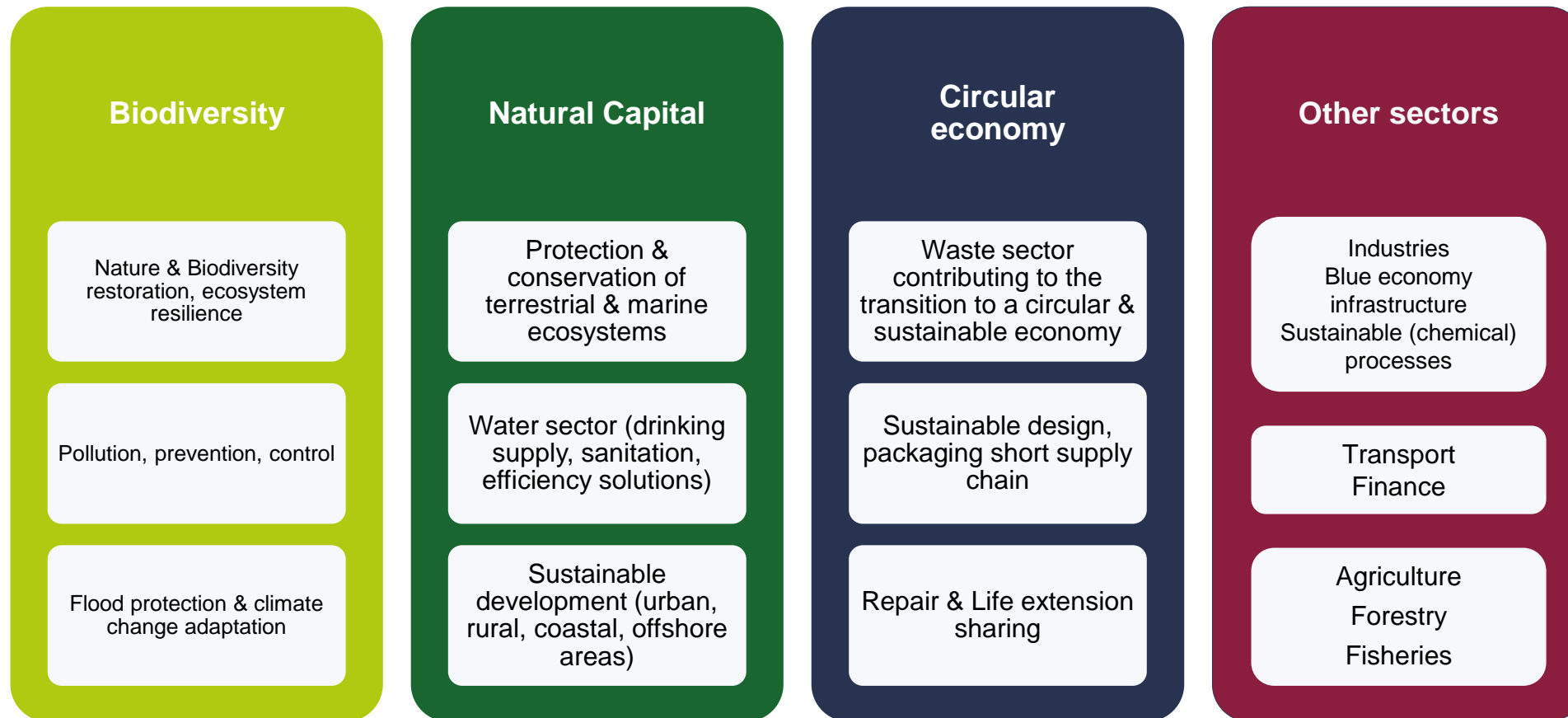
On demand, free and customised

By a **specialised expert** (from a 'Roster') or by a **consultancy**

Specifically contracted for each request



Green Assist – Sectors and industries targeted



2 forms of advisory services

Project Advisory (by experts from a 'Roster')

Project preparation, development or implementation
(e.g. business plan (CAPEX, OPEX, revenues validation),
financial structuring, environmental due diligence, cost-
benefit analysis, review of business model,...)

Blending and combined **use of funds**

Enabling Advisory (by consultancies)

Capacity building

Market development activities

Strengthening capacity for **investment-readiness**

Green Assist – what you can expect

Green Assist provides:

- **Easy application** and **lean process**
- **Professional support** and **objective matching**
- **Independent experts** ensuring credibility and interactivity
- **Continuous support** over project key steps (from design to investment decision)
- **Neutral** in respect of financial partners
- **Free of charge** access to ‘environmental’ professionals (economist, finance, etc.)
- **Transparency** and **accountability**
- Agreement on **Code of Conduct**
- **Satisfaction questionnaire**
- **Knowledge sharing** (except for confidential information)

Steps for submitting a request for advisory services

Submit request for advisory services through the [InvestEU portal](#)

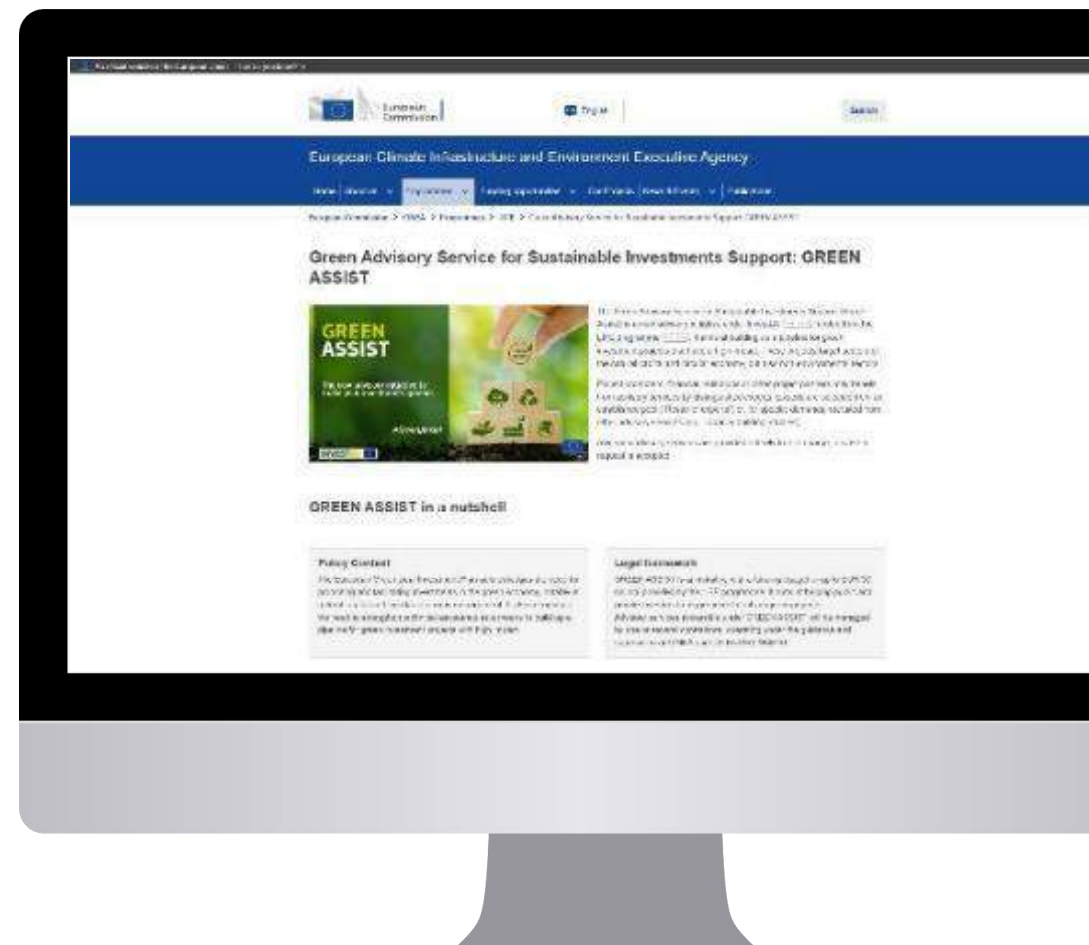
The steps for submitting your Request for advisory services:

1. Select your **advisory support needs** (e.g., project identification, planning, financial structuring, etc.)
2. Select the **sector** of your project (e.g., energy, environment, sustainable bioeconomy, etc.)
3. Select the **type of project promoter** (e.g., public, private, public-private)
4. Include a **project description**, outlining your needs for advisory services
5. Indicate the **estimated project cost** of the project (in EUR)
6. Indicate what (if any) **actions** have been taken (e.g., business plan, market and demand analysis, investment cost estimates, etc.)

Contacts

For more information about the types of advisory services or to submit a Request for Advisory Services, you can **contact us** at:

cinea-green-assist@ec.europa.eu



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