

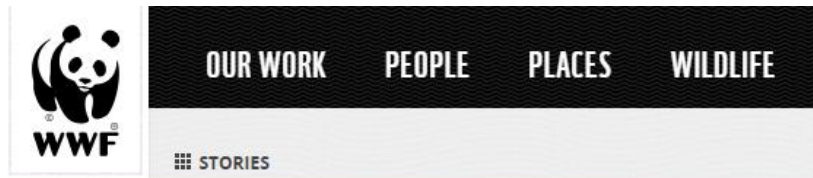
Regional and National Recommendations

How to Embed Community Energy as an Important Pillar in Existing Policies, thereby Fostering the Sustainable Development in and of Communities

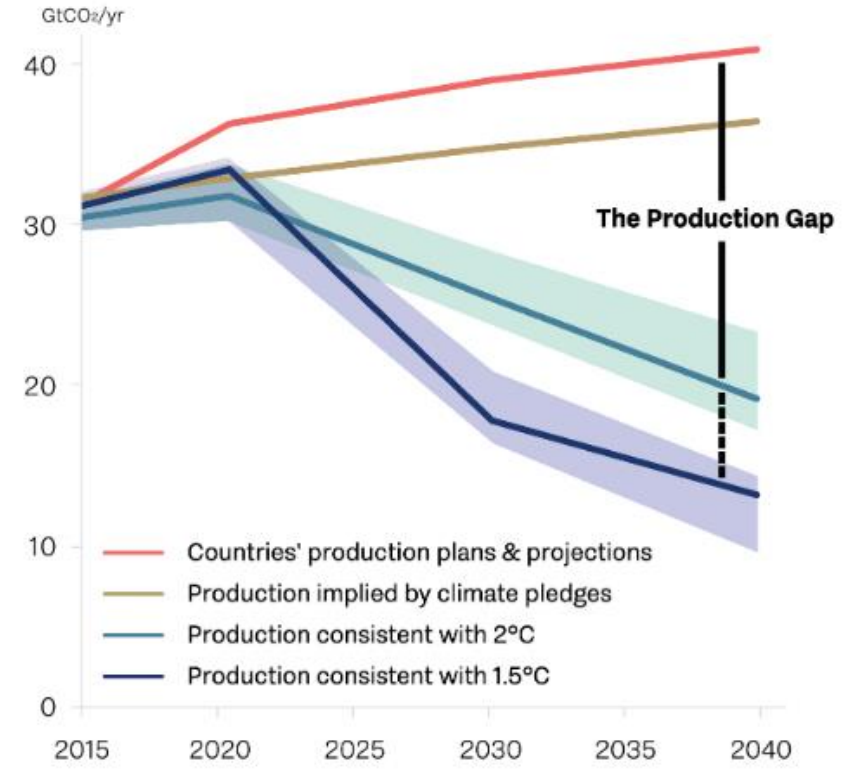
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Why community energy?



Global fossil fuel CO₂ emissions



Handout available

Includes:

- Policy recommendations
- Main challenges for increasing community energy (CE) uptake in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR)
- Important drivers and benefits of CE in the BSR
- Country-specific examples

Policy recommendations for Renewable Energy Communities Development

Baltic Sea Region

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Policy recommendations

How to initiate and support community energy projects?

- I. Create a stable policy framework for community energy projects
- II. Establish preferential funding opportunities for community energy projects
- III. Promote community energy in the society and responsible institutions on a national and regional level
- IV. Establish advice and technical support services for community energy projects

Please keep in mind

- Regional and national differences among BSR countries regarding the implementation of supporting measures
- Recommendations are not presented in a particular preferential order

I. Create a stable policy framework

- Integrate the amended directives into national and regional law in the best possible way by taking into account the national circumstances
- Introduce new tax regulation to enhance CE uptake, e.g carbon tax, tax breaks on energy produced in CE units, etc.
- Acknowledge the role of municipalities in supporting uptake of renewable and community energy
- Enhance grid regulation to support CE projects, e.g enable sharing with adjacent properties, introduce net-metering, etc.
- Introduce separate tenders for CE
- Keep legal procedures simple and swift!

II. Establish preferential funding opportunities for CE projects

- Provide early-stage funding. Early-stage funding is essential for conducting feasibility studies and accessing specialist consultancy services that can transform an idea into an easy to implement project plan
- Provide long-term and low-interest investment funding schemes

III. Promote CE in society and among responsible institutions

- Systematically disseminate knowledge about the prospects of CE across the board, while integrating community energy into relevant documents and regulations
- Systematically disseminate information among society to raise general public awareness about the decentralised nature of future energy systems and the prospects of CE
- Involve citizen society representatives into the energy policy-making process
- Strengthen the role of citizens by educating them on how to get involved with CE projects, etc.

IV. Establish advice and technical support services for CE projects

- Establish one-stop shops on a national, regional and municipal level in order to help support the creation and operation of CE projects
- Organise training courses in order to create a pool of skilled technicians, advisors, etc., to ensure high-quality CE projects
- Increase the workforce dedicated to CE projects in the relevant energy agency, respective department in the municipality, etc.
- Enable sandbox cases for piloting CE solutions — testing, experimentation and thorough analysis allows to put innovation into practice

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