

# REScoop.eu is the European federation of renewable energy cooperatives.

We are a growing network of 1,500 European energy cooperatives and their 1,000,000 citizens. Through REScoop.eu, they wish to make their voices heard in the European energy debate. Citizens after all are the ones who will be paying for the transition to a more sustainable energy system. REScoop.eu empowers them and wants to achieve energy democracy.

With the energy co-ops Ecopower, Courant d'Air, Enercoop, Energy4All and Som Energia, we participated in REScoop MECISE, a project under the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Commission that linked renewable energy projects to energy efficiency and fostered collaborations with cities and municipalities.

In this international conference we will highlight the main project results and showcase successful examples of how cooperatives can take action on renewables, energy efficiency and how they can team up with local stakeholders such as cities, municipalities and citizens. We will be presenting two innovative financing models that can mobilise citizens from across Europe to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

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# PROGRAMME

## ▶ 09h00 :

Registration

## ▶ 09h30 :

### Welcome & introduction

#### Welcome

Dörthe Fouquet, EREF (DE)

#### REScoop.eu – European federation of renewable energy cooperatives

Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop.eu (BE)

#### REScoop MECISE – Mobilising EU citizens to invest in a sustainable energy

Karel Derveaux, Ecopower (BE)

## ▶ 10h00 :

### The REScoop-municipality approach

#### Amel & Büllingen – A project jointly owned by coops and municipalities

Achim Langer, Courant d'Air (BE)  
Friedhelm Wirtz, Mayor of the municipality of Büllingen (BE)

#### Eeklo – District heating in the city of Eeklo

Jan De Pauw, Ecopower (BE)  
Ben Caussyn, City of Eeklo (BE)

#### Legal aspects of joint development and ownership

Annelies Verlinden, DLA Piper (BE)

## ▶ 11h00 :

Coffee break

## ▶ 11h30 :

### REScoop financing solutions

#### Generation kWh – A cooperative and innovative financing model in Spain

Nuri Palmada, Som Energia (ES)

#### REScoop MECISE SCE - Mutual for Energy Communities Investing in a Sustainable Europe

Karel Derveaux, Ecopower (BE)  
Daan Creupelandt, REScoop.eu (BE)  
Maëlle Guillou, Enercoop (FR)

#### Questions & Answers

## ▶ 12h30 :

Networking lunch

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## ▶ 14h00 :

### Renewables triggering investments in sustainable energy

#### Linking renewables to energy efficiency to make them economically viable

Karel Derveaux, Ecopower (BE)

#### Exemplary cases from across Europe

Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop.eu (BE)  
Mark Luntley, Energy4All (UK)

## ▶ 14h45 :

### REScoops taking action on energy efficiency

#### EE projects developed by Courant d'Air

Mario Heukemes, Courant d'Air (BE)

#### Ecotraject, a model to support citizens in making energy retrofits in private homes

Fiene Biesbrouck, Ecopower (BE)  
Members of Ecopower (BE)

## ▶ 15h30 :

Coffee break



▶ online registration

## ▶ 16h00 :

### EU funding opportunities relevant to energy cooperatives

Kamila Paquel, EASME (PL)

### Panel Discussion - What role for citizen investments in Europe's energy transition?

Moderator: Josh Roberts, REScoop.eu (US)

Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop.eu (BE)  
Alix Bolle, Energy Cities (FR)  
Matthieu Ballu, DG Energy (FR)  
Florent Marcellesi, MEP Group of the Greens/  
European Free Alliance (ES)

## ▶ 17h30 :

### Final conclusions

Josh Roberts, REScoop.eu (US)  
Simone Peters, Bundesverbandes  
Erneuerbare Energie (DE)

## ▶ 18h00 :

### NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION WITH EREF, EUROPEAN RENEWABLE ENERGIES FEDERATION

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