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## Workshop: Community-energy – Empowering local authorities and their communities to guide local sustainable energy roll-out

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Local decision-makers, Council planners, local government associations / networks and energy agencies are invited to participate in this free workshop.

- How can a local government invest in community energy? Why?
- What are the barriers and how can they be overcome?
- How does one access funding for local climate and energy action? What models work?
- How can local authorities and community groups work together in renewable energy?

**Where?** Dublin

**When?** 20 November 2014

**What?** 1 full day workshop, providing an insight into opportunities to plan, set up, and finance community energy

**Who?** Open to local decision-makers, local authority staff and representatives of local government associations / networks and energy agencies, community organizations

## PROGRAMME:

VENUE: *Jurys Inn Dublin Custom House, Custom House Quay, Dublin*

### 20 November 2014

*Event moderator: Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe*

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 9:30	<b>Key note by Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning</b> – <i>Timothy Moss, Deputy Director and Head of “Institutional Change and Regional Public Goods” Department</i>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Introduction to Dublin climate and energy strategy: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency</b> – <i>Mark Bennett Dublin City Council</i>
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Sustainable Energy Action Planning and implementation in Dublin – focus on community power</b> – <i>Edel Giltenane, CODEMA</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Question time and discussions</b>

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	Identify key issues to be explored and answered during the workshop
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break &amp; mingling</b>
10:45 – 13:00	<p><b>Power communities to support driving green economies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Best practices from Ireland- what are the options and how can they be brought forward</b> <i>Presentation by: Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency</i></li><li>• <b>Driving green economy and local economic regeneration through development plans</b> <i>Presentation by: Pdraig Howard, West Clare Renewable Energy</i></li><li>• <b>Planning for Community Renewable Energy in Ireland: Thoughts &amp; Perspectives</b> <i>Presentation by: Stephen Walsh, Irish Planning Institute</i></li><li>• <b>Supporting community renewable energy projects in rural Ireland</b> <i>Presentation by: Liam Flemming, Waterford Energy Bureau</i></li></ul> <p><b>Followed by discussion</b></p> <p>Are communities interested in contributing to the sustainable energy transition? How can local actors pool efforts to support financing of local action? What role do local governments play in facilitating access to financing for community projects? What local authorities need to enable support to community energy?</p>
13:00– 14:00	<b>Networking lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Roundtables – World Café</b></p> <p><i>Exploring key issues identified by participants (e.g. how plan and implement community energy, needs, barriers, etc)</i></p> <p>Participants divided in small groups will engage in 2 sessions of discussion (20 minutes each) on challenges, solutions and best practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>N.1 financing community energy – gathering EU funds, public and private investments – lead by Edel Giltenane, CODEMA</b></li></ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N.2 setting up community energy projects – involving the community – lead by Gearóid Fitzgibbon, North Tipperary LEADER Partnership</li><li>• N.3 community energy and social impacts –role and means of local councils – lead by Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency</li></ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Wrap-up &amp; food for thoughts</b> Presentation by each group, wrap-up and discussion

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Partners:



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