

Journey 4 - The pollinator: Cities and citizens enabling a fair energy transition for all

In a thriving city, the community flourishes, and everyone can play an active role in the clean energy transition. Energy communities are not only a climate solution, but also a driver of social cohesion and strong local economies. However, women, energy-poor households and other minorities are often under-represented in this growing and powerful movement.

Join us to explore how cities and citizens can work together to maximise inclusion to ensure a fair energy transition for all.

10:00 - 12:30

SITE VISIT: Site of the the first municipal energy community

Guimarães is setting up the first municipal-owned energy community. During the visit, we will understand the challenges faced by the city and the solutions found. The installation will comprise approximately 5,000 m² of photovoltaic panels and is expected to supply renewable electricity to 45 municipal buildings.

In addition, special attention has been given to heritage and landscape integration, as the site is located within a UNESCO-listed area.



12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Workshop: Community energy for all

Noora Firaq, Board Director at Westmill Wind Farm Cooperative & Trustee at Counterpoints Arts (UK), will share ideas, experience and examples from cities around the world, on how to ensure a fair transition, empowering women and other under-represented groups in community energy and beyond.

Tanja Popovicki, from the Platform for Energy Transition in Serbia, will explain how women can transform the community energy landscape.

Please note that this document is provisional; the sheet with all logistical details will be provided beginning of April.

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