

J4 “the Pollinator”: Cities and citizens enabling a fair energy transition for all

Practical information



Any questions?

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Personal items

Can be kept in the venue



Means of transport

Bus and walk



Clothes

Comfortable shoes

Schedule of the day

08:30-09:00	Start of the day <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
09:00-09:30	Local Democracy, the power of doing - plenary session <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
09:30-09:45	Journey introduction - <i>please stay in the room</i> <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
09:45-10:00	Departure - follow the journey referent with a pink flag <i>Meeting point: outside the Teatro Jordão</i>	
10:00-12:30	Site visit <i>Energy community - PV installation on a parking lot</i>	
12:30-14:00	Self-service lunch (vegetarian menu) <i>UNU-EGOV Operational Unit</i>	
14:00-16:00	Workshop <i>UNU-EGOV Operational Unit, R. de Vila Flor 166</i>	
16:00-16:30	Return to the main venue <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
16:30-17:00	Speed networking and Bingo time! <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
17:00-17:45	Debate “Reviving Local Democracy” <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
17:45-18:00	Energy Cities’ General Assembly <i>Teatro Jordão, Av. Dom Afonso Henriques 321</i>	
18:00-19:30	Free time	
19:30	Gala dinner (no dress code) - Bring your badge <i>Conservatório de Guimarães (Ground floor), R. de Vila Flor, Guimarães</i>	
22:00	Light and sound experience <i>City centre</i>	

Topic

A thriving city is one where 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. In this inspiring journey we will explore how cities and citizens can work together to maximise inclusion to ensure a fair energy transition for all.

Visits' agenda

A municipality-driven energy community in a historic setting

The presentation will explore how the municipality is leading the development of an innovative energy community, combining new governance and financing models with a careful integration of solar infrastructure into a historic UNESCO-listed setting.

The legal, financial, and social challenges

This session will present the legal framework developed to enable the project, highlighting the key barriers encountered and how they were overcome. It will focus in particular on the challenges related to public procurement and the steps taken to successfully implement the energy community, including financial and social considerations.

Presentation of the prototype

This session will present how the project is integrated into the architectural context of the city, highlighting the challenges of developing an energy community within a UNESCO-listed historic centre. It will explore how the intervention was designed to respect and align with the existing urban and heritage fabric.

Speakers

- **Paulo Miguel Machado**, Head of Energy Efficiency Office, Guimarães Municipality
- **Susana Costa**, Operations & Project Management Coordinator, Landscape Laboratory (Guimarães)



Workshop agenda

14:15-14:35

Fair energy in action - Expert insights and Q&A

- What does fairness mean?
- How to engage with hard-to-reach citizens for policy development?
- How to have a fair energy transition communication?

Noora Firaq, Board Director at Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative & Trustee at Counterpoints Arts (UK/Maldives)

14:35-15:35

How can fairness be embedded into municipal strategies and local energy governance? - Panel discussion

- **Tanja Popovicki**, Director of Operations, Platform for Energy Transition (Serbia)
- **Bart De Buryn**, Energy Communities Expert, City of Mechelen (Belgium)
- **Peter Swart**, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Arnhem (The Netherlands)
- **José Campos**, Energy Transition Specialist, ADENE (Portugal)

15:35-16:00

Stronger Together - sharing tools and resources

- **LIFE BECKON**, **Iván Aranda**, Head of Energy Division - R2M Solution Spain
- **SHINE digital One Stop Shop** for municipalities and community energy, **Anna Francis**, Project Manager, Energy Cities
- **Espresso training - Inclusivity**, **Miriam Eisermann**, Communications & EU Policy, Energy Cities
- **Homegrown Energy Campaign - Valencia's Best Practices and Covenant of Mayors**, **Miriam Eisermann**, Communications & EU Policy, Energy Cities

Facilitators:

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