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Regulatory frameworks for energy communities and energy poverty: Do they line up?

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EU legal framework

2003

Second Energy Package

First references to energy poverty

2015

Communication on the Energy Union Strategy

Introduction of the concept of consumer empowerment

2018/19

Clean Energy Package

Definitions for RECs and CECs

2019-

EU Green Deal

Renovation Wave
Fit for 55
REPowerEU

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Renewable Energy Community (REC) & Citizen Energy Community (CEC)

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How are Member States doing?

Update January 2023

REC and CEC definitions

Enabling Frameworks & Support Schemes

Takeaways and recommendations

What needs to be done?

1. Guidance and clarity
2. Strengthen links
3. Energy and climate policies need to be just by design
4. Participation and involvement

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Lessons from pilot countries CEP transposition

In most EU member states,

- transposition of provisions on energy communities and energy poverty is lagging.
- Significant barriers remain for energy communities to fulfil a social role.

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Recommendations

What needs to be done?

1. Understand energy poverty - Participation & Involvement
2. Identify barriers for RECs
3. Embed energy poverty alleviation in REC definition
4. Create enabling frameworks and incentives

Recognise energy communities as part of the solution, not the final resort

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