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This event aims to share diverse European experiences in the implementation of Energy Communities in rural areas, with the goal of helping to build a new paradigm based on citizen-led initiatives supported by local authorities and public institutions.

The meeting will be complemented by a visit to the CERCA energy community in the Calatayud region, providing a closer look at a regional citizen initiative that has created an energy community to meet its social expectations and local needs, addressing demographic challenges while participating in the energy transition.

The event is intended for anyone interested in citizen collaboration around the production and consumption of locally generated clean energy, as well as for those considering promoting an energy community, in order to learn about best practice experiences, lessons learned from other projects, and the opportunities currently available in Europe.

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Technical workshop

9:00 / 9:15 Registration
9:15 / 9:30 Welcome to participants

SESSION 1. Barriers and opportunities for RECs.

9:30 / 10:00 LIFE CET ENERCOM 2026. New opportunities for Renewable Energy Communities.
- Virginia Vivanco, IDAE - NCP for the LIFE programme (ES)
- Luis Brines, IDAE (ES)

10:00 / 11:00 Establishing RECs in rural areas. Cases studies.
- Luis Narvarte, JALON project (ES)
- Almudena Fiunte, E4RURAL project (ES)
- Helmut Bruckner, Reallabors Waldviertel (AT)

11:00 / 11:30 Coffee break

SESSION 2. Good practices for Renewable Energy Communities.

11:30 / 11:50 Regulatory recommendations for Rural Renewable Energy Communities.
- Piet Holtrop, JALON Project (ES)

11:50 / 12:30 Participatory process for Awareness, Skills and Engagement in citizen-led initiatives.
- José Ángel Zabalegui, CERCA energy community (ES)
- Zhe Zhang, AURORA Project (DK)

SESSION 3. Round table.

12:30 / 13:20 Challenges of RECs in Europe.
- Martin Brocklehurst, (moderator) Citizen Science Global Partnership (UK)
- Gabriela Kalužová, EnerGISE project, (CZ)
- Juan Rodríguez, Fraunhofer-Institut (DE)
- Camelia Sava, Coalitia Energie Comunitara (RO)

13:30 Networking lunch

SESSION 4. Key steps to setting up an energy community

14:30 / 15:30 Replication cases. How can a model be adapted to another region?
- Sara Pereira, Evora University (PT)
- Valeria Casalicchio, EURAC (IT)
- Isabel Guedea, Participa Energía (ES)

15:30 / 16:30 Innovative financing solutions to overcome the barriers faced by RECs.
- Antonio Betancor, European Energy Communities Facility (BE)
- Jordi Solé, Ecrowd (ES)
- Claudia González, Green Finance Institute (ES)

17:30 Departure by bus to Calatayud. Overnight stay in Calatayud.

04 June 2026

Practical workshop

Place: Calatayud Region.

9:00 Departure by bus from Calatayud.
9:30 Arrival to **Miedes** de Aragón. Meeting with villagers and local authorities.
10:30 Arrival to **Ruesca**. Meeting with villagers and local authorities.
12:30 Arrival to **Maluenda**. Meeting with villagers and local authorities. Discussion about the REC's achievements and challenges in the region.
13:30 Lunch at the village winery.
15:00 Return to Madrid
17:30 Stop to Madrid airport.
18:00 Arrival to Madrid.

REGISTRATION

LOCATION

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