

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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The provincial council of East-Flanders approved on October 15th a new policy framework on civic energy in the wind energy sector - under the impulse of the COBEN-project.

The framework aims for a workable implementation of civic energy of onshore wind projects. Rather than a obligation of a certain degree of direct civil ownership in private projects, the council wants the wind projects within its territory to focus on following purposes:

- Awareness and acceptance of the energy transition
- Reduction of energy poverty
- Local right of say in the control of the environmental wind turbine effects
- Introduction of new patterns in energy use and new technologies on a local scale

The council wants to promote its model as an example of an effective facilitating framework to foster energy communities.

The coming month is going to be filled with big plans: The province of East Flanders (POVL) will start on the replication of the Eeklo heat-transition process in Zelzate. While updating their communication channels for local authorities on how to implement civic energy, POVL intends to weigh in on the preliminary decree of the Flemish Government that transposes EU-directives 2018/2001 and 2019/944.

The Hochschule Osnabrück (HSOS) has started to answer the first question they have set themselves: "What are the success factors for citizen energy communities?" For this purpose, contact was made with various citizen energy initiatives. With the citizen energy initiatives 12 expert interviews, each approx. 45-60 minutes, were accomplished. With the analysis of the data, success factors of citizen energy initiatives in Germany are to be recognized and designated.

They will share their initial findings and perhaps some insight into the preparation of the second question "How to expand activities along the value chain?" at the project meeting in December.

Climate-smart agriculture Østfold received the bronze price for «Local climate measure of the year»

We are also very excited to re-share the great achievement in Norway:

The Norwegian pilot has received the bronze prize for best climate action:

Congratulations! This is well deserved, great job!

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