

Financing Local Energy Transition

Final Conference of EUKI-project ALLIES

Date: 26th May 2020

The European Green Deal calls for new means to build energy efficient and low carbon economies. Funded by the German Government's European Climate Initiative (EUKI), the ALLIES project offers precisely such means. It develops and implements the concept of Locally-rooted Financing Entities for Energy Efficiency (LFEEE), i.e. cooperative institutions to foster and finance energy efficiency measures in companies, private premises and municipalities. By doing so, LFEEEs function as a kind of Citizen Energy Community (CEC) as envisaged in the latest EC energy market directive. At the end of the ALLIES project, partners from Hungary, Poland and Germany seek to inspire followers in other countries to take on the concept of LFEEEs and adapt it to their needs.

Against this background, B.A.U.M. e.V., INEM (the International Network for Environmental Management) and the national project partners - FEWE in Poland, KÖVET Association in Hungary, B.A.U.M Consult GmbH in Germany - cordially invite you to the

ALLIES Virtual and Interactive Final Conference on 26th May

This interactive event will combine presentations with various thematic focuses, online panels with experts and parallel interactive capacity building workshops. We will use a virtual conferencing tool in combination with state-of-the-art visualisation. Please [register here](#) before 22.05.2020 to receive the connection details.

The two main objectives of the conference are:

1. To present the findings and results of ALLIES and discuss them with potential followers. We will hold special focus sessions for LFEEEs *in the Balkan, Baltic and Mediterranean countries*.
2. To embed ALLIES in supranational structures such as the EUKI or EC programs or the EC's directives on Energy Communities.

We invite everyone interested in the ALLIES results and keen to apply them in their local context:

- Policy makers
- National and international NGOs
- Representatives of SMEs
- Representatives of municipalities and local energy utilities
- Energy agencies and regional development centres
- Representatives of funding programmes

You participate in the virtual and interactive final conference to

- discuss interactively how ALLIES' results relate to the development of local energy communities as defined by the European Commission
- learn how to found cooperative institutions to foster and finance energy efficiency
- enrich your network and become part of the European wide „ALLIES community“

For any questions, please contact Katinka Györki-Vincze (gyorki@kovet.hu).

Agenda - Virtual and Interactive Final Conference

Time	Agenda point	Actor & audience
09:00 - 09:20	<i>Welcome by the project coordinator & introduction to ALLIES</i>	Rainer Kant, B.A.U.M. e.V. Ludwig Karg, B.A.U.M. Consult (moderator)
09:20 - 10:15	<i>ALLIES in the frame of European developments on local energy transition – Focus: Citizen Energy Communities</i>	Virtual panel discussion and Q&A with audience: Ludwig Karg, B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH (moderator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Steinkohl, European Commission, DG Energy • Dr. Márk Alföldy-Boruss, Head of Decarbonisation Department at the Ministry for Innovation and Technology • Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop • Wolfgang Teubner, ICLEI & Covenant of Mayors • Zbigniew Michniowski, Advisor to the Polish Association of Municipalities • Darko Jardas, Fedarene
10:15 - 10:30	<i>ALLIES in the EUKI community: Synergies among EUKI projects and ALLIES– Focus: Financing energy transition in urban and rural environments</i>	Matthias Daun, Project Finance Programme EUKI
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 - 11:30	<i>The ALLIES concept: Learnings and prospects (White Book, Tools and Guidelines) with experiences from Hungary, Poland and Germany</i>	Presentations and Q&A with audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamás Trenyik, KÖVET • Szymon Liszka, FEWE • Martin Sambale, eza!
11:30 - 11:55	<i>ALLIES, a role model for future economy and society?</i>	Virtual panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinhard Six, European Investment Bank, Elena Program • Kamelia Georgieva, National EcoTrust Fund, Bulgaria • Gergely Tóth, INEM
11:55 - 12:00	<i>Introduction to breakout sessions</i>	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	

13:00 - 14:00	<p><i>Validation of ALLIES approach for</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balkan countries • Baltic countries • Mediterranean countries 	<p><i>Parallel interactive working groups:</i></p> <p><u>Balkan countries</u> moderators: Todor Galev, Centre for the Study of Democracy & Philip Mathies, B.A.U.M. e.V.</p> <p><u>Baltic countries</u> moderators: Szymon Liszka, FEWE & Anna Stetter B.A.U.M. Consult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Grätz, Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) • Eloise Stancioff, FinEERGo-Dom H2020, NGO Ekubirojs (ESEB), Latvia <p><u>Mediterranean countries</u> moderators: Katalin Herner KÖVET & Rainer Kant, BeV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luisa Candido, Estabanell Catalunya • Vincenzo Bianco, RenOnBill H2020, University of Genova, Italy • Labros Bouklis, INEM - Greece • Vjeran Pirsic, IKRE – Croatia
14:00 - 14:30	Recap of the working group results in the virtual plenary	Ludwig Karg, B.A.U.M. Consult
14:30 - 17:00	Virtual market place: Discussion among participants on voluntary base	<p><u>Thematic “market booth”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding programs and projects • Financing models for LFEEEs and similar • Communication and motivation tools • Networking in Europe and beyond • Energy Efficiency means and measures • Organizing energy transition <p>Additional market booth topics are welcome!</p>