

# Social innovation in the energy transition: People-centered participation models

ENGAGE - Energy research and network building for the collaborative expansion of social engagement opportunities

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### Social innovation - What is that?





# engage - Project partners

### Partners









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### eueco GmbH (eueco)

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# engage - Activities

Transdisciplinary energy research

Inventory & analysis of innovative participation models & representative energy transition projects

• Energiewende-O-Mat (EOM)

Based on the inventory, develop a user-friendly online-tool

Communication, visualisation & capacity-building
 Creative communication, capacity-building workshops &
 visualisation



# engage - Goals

- Facilitate engagement in energy transition projects
- Increase social innovation in the energy transition
- Foster local acceptance of decentralized renewable energy
- Give citizens, communities, businesses & policy-makers the **know-how and tools** to tap into the potential of social innovation



## 5 Fields of Action











Power, Heat & Storage

- Citizen wind farm
- (Energy-)
  Cooperatives

Housing, Work & Life

- Tenant electricity
- Community energy storage

Mobility

- e-Carsharing
- Community echarging

Finance

- Crowdinvesting
- Financial participation in wind and PV plants

Education & capacity building

- Energy education
- Information

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# Citizen wind farm

What?

- The local (affected) population jointly develops a wind farm
- This concerns the planning and the financing of the wind farm

Why?

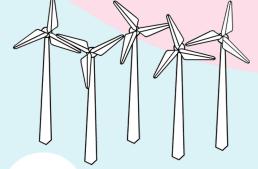
- Germany has to build 1500-2000 (BMWK) windmills per year to meet the German Climate targets
- 2 % of the landscape Germanys is blocked for windmills

Effort?

• Planning, investment, perseverance

### Advantages?

• Direct impact on the planing, jobs for the region and members, higher acceptance, financial benefits



# (Energy-) Cooperative

#### What?

• A voluntary association of persons in form of memberships

#### Why?

- Member is owner, partner and decision maker
- benefit from the dividend

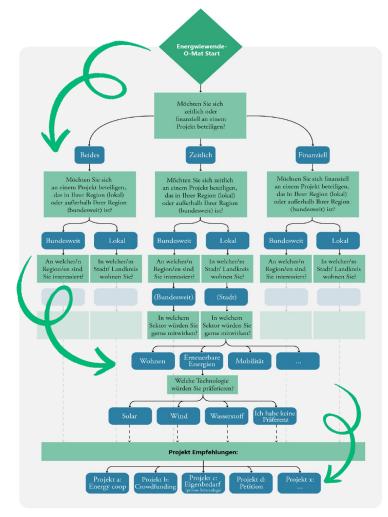
#### UrStrom cooperative:

- With a Membership: support the expansion of solar-panels and e-Carsharing system
- 100% renewable electricity & e-Carsharing use
- profit from cooperative's expertise and consulting



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### Energiewende-O-Mat (EOM)



- The award-winning EOM is a convenient one-stopshop for citizens who want to engage in an energy transition project
- The EOM's decision-tree connects users with a participatory project that matches their interests, and provides personalized recommendations
  - E.g. citizen wind farms, crowdfunding for solar power plants, or engagement in energy cooperatives

### **Social Innovation Challenge**

Social Innovation Challenge ongoing

- Submit your social innovation now
- Great prices
- Deadline: 14.08.2022



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### Looking forward to ENGAGEd discussions!



## **Customer Journey Map**

