

WHAT IS ENERGY CITIZENSHIP?

To tackle the climate crisis, we need a radical shift in our energy system.

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ENERGY CITIZENSHIP is people's rights to and responsibilities for a just and sustainable energy transition.

THE EU AIMS FOR 45% OF ITS ENERGY to come from renewable sources by 2030. This will require not only technological innovation, but **citizen participation** and collective action.

WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN?

RIGHTS

people are **entitled to** and **supported by** governments and decision-makers to access energy services and opportunities to participate in the energy transition

JUST TRANSITION

a fair and **inclusive system** where the costs and benefits of the transition are fairly distributed, and nobody is left behind

SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

making decisions that seeking **long-term stability** of the environment and economy

RESPONSIBILITIES

people are **committed to** promoting and participating in the energy transition

CITIZENS are already playing a crucial role in the energy transition

1800+   
COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECTS IN EUROPE

    
1 MILLION+
CITIZENS INVOLVED

These citizen-led projects are **reducing carbon emissions**, reviving local economies, and helping reduce energy poverty.

WHAT CAN ENERGY CITIZENSHIP LOOK LIKE?

- ✓ Changing energy suppliers
- ✓ Writing to decision-makers about clean energy issues
- ✓ Installing solar panels
- ✓ Joining a renewable energy community
- ✓ Collaborating with friends, neighbours, and fellow citizens to work together on energy issues

► The concept of energy citizenship represents a **PARADIGM SHIFT** IN OUR ENERGY AND ECONOMIC MODELS:

From a market of passive consumers to one where empowered citizens, **supported by their communities, governments and regulators**, take **collective action** around the production and use of clean, green energy, in a way where nobody gets left behind.

But there are often **legal and economic barriers** to active energy citizenship, even if people are motivated to act - so **governments need to support citizen action** by removing barriers and creating supportive policies for the energy transition.

THE GOAL?

To create an **equitable and regenerative energy system**, for a better world and a thriving living planet for current and future generations.