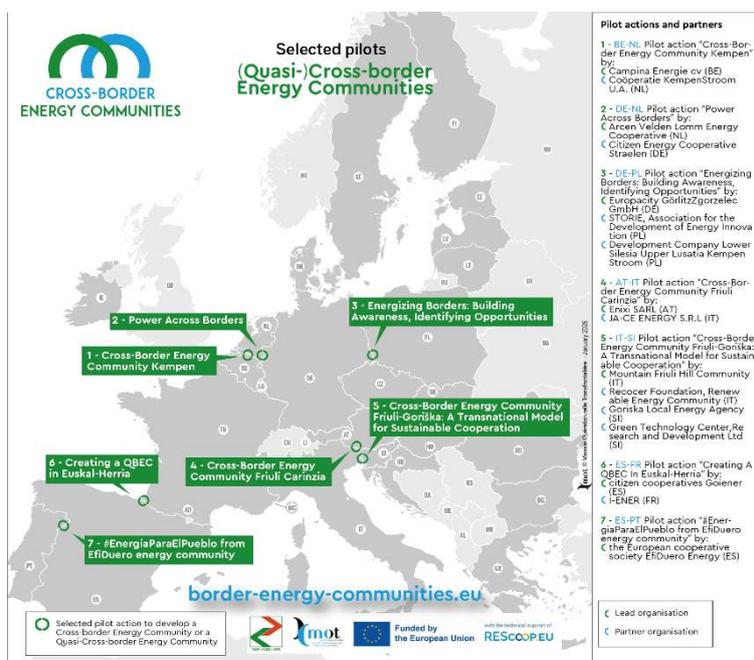


PRESS RELEASE - CROSS-BORDER ENERGY COMMUNITIES – PILOTS ACTIONS ARE NOW SELECTED!

The European Commission's DG REGIO funds 7 pilot actions for the creation or development of joint cross-border energy communities. The beneficiaries have been selected, and the implementation period of the pilot actions will start in March 2026 to encourage energy cross-border cooperation in border regions to enhanced local energy transition.



MAP OF SELECTED PILOT ACTIONS FOR CROSS-BORDER ENERGY COMMUNITIES

'CBEC - Cross-border Energy Communities Pilot Actions' is an initiative of the European Commission, managed by Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), to support energy transition and citizen cooperation in border regions. It builds on the framework of the Handbook for Cross-border energy communities¹ published by the European Commission in 2025.

Following the dedicated call for proposals, 7 successful applicants have now been selected to implement pilot actions to develop their own (quasi-)cross-border energy community². The beneficiaries of CBEC will receive a financial grant of 15,000€ and dedicated technical support by REScoop.eu, the European Federation of Energy Communities to develop their communities to make energy in their cross-border territories locally produces, citizen owned and more integrated into the European market across border.

After a common kick-off event of all pilot actions on 23rd February 2026 in presence of DG REGIO, the 7 selected pilot actions will officially start on 1st March 2026 for a 12-month implementation period.

Throughout the implementation period, they will benefit from REScoop.eu technical support through dedicated workshop, webinars, and guidance from national experts. Hereby they will follow the LICHT methodology developed by REScoop.eu to set up their energy community and will benefit from the guidelines of the Commissions' Handbook to tackle cross-border challenges that may arise from setting up an energy community across border.

¹ DG REGIO, "Handbook on Cross-border Energy Communities" (2025), https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/studies/2025/Handbook_on_Cross-border_Energy_Communities.pdf

² Cross-border energy community and Quasi-cross-border energy community are defined in the "Call for proposals for cross-border energy communities". You may also refer to the Handbook on Cross-border Energy Communities.

RESULTS OF SELECTION

The **selected pilot actions** to develop a **(quasi-)cross-border energy community** are:

- Pilot action “**Cross-Border Energy Community Kempen**”
by citizen energy cooperatives Campina Energie (BE) and KempenStroom (NL) aiming to develop a Quasi-Cross-border Citizen Energy Community
- Pilot action “**Power Across Borders**”
by Arcen Velden Lomm Energy Cooperative (NL) and Citizen Energy Cooperative Straelen (DE) aiming to develop a Quasi-Cross-border Citizen Energy Community
- Pilot action “**Energizing Borders: Building Awareness, Identifying Opportunities**”
by Europacity GörlitzZgorzelec GmbH (DE) and the Association for the Development of Energy Innovation STORIE and the Development Company Lower Silesia Upper Lusatia KempenStroom (PL) aiming to develop a Cross-border Renewable Energy Community
- Pilot action “**Cross-Border Energy Community Friuli Carinzia**”
by Enixi SARL (AT) and JA-CE ENERGY S.R.L (IT) aiming to develop a Quasi-Cross-border Renewable Energy Community
- Pilot action “**Cross-Border Energy Community Friuli-Goriška: A Transnational Model for Sustainable Cooperation**”
by Mountain Hill Community (IT), RECOCER Foundation, Renewable Energy Community (IT), Goriska Local Energy Agency (SI) and the Green Technology Center, Research and Development Ltd (SI) aiming to develop a Cross-border Renewable Energy Community
- Pilot action “**Creating a Q-CBEC in Euskal-Herria**”
by citizen cooperatives GoiEner (ES) and I-ENER (FR) aiming to develop a Quasi-Cross-border Citizen Energy Community
- Pilot action “**#EnergiaParaElPueblo from EfiDuero energy community**”
by the European cooperative society EfiDuero Energy (ES-PT) aiming to develop a Cross-border Renewable Energy Community

To learn more about the initiative or the selected pilot actions:

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