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Involving citizens in the energy transition in Croatia

Two C4ET workshops were organized this summer in Croatia. The first one took place the 20th of June within the University of Zagreb. Around 10 participants from key organizations (NGOs, chamber of commerce, companies, etc.) tested the tools of their choice under the guidance of C4ET partners, which were all gathered for the occasion. The second event took place on the Island of Solta the 17th of July 2018, with over 20 participants. This workshop was organized in parallel to another meeting, targeting representatives of civil society organisations working on energy related topics. Divided in groups, participants had the chance to discover various tools and rate them based on their field experience. Both events were highly appreciated by participants, who found the materials developed by C4ET very relevant to their work.



For more about the scope of C4ET, the tools and the focus subjects please consult our pedagogical programme available at the link below: <http://citizens4energytransition.org/our-vision/>

Tools of the month

Our 30 tools are now available and freely accessible to anyone who wants to have fun, get informed, learn and/or raise their relatives' and friends' awareness on the energy transition. For more, consult the dedicated page at <http://citizens4energytransition.org/tools/>

Why don't you try the following yourself?

Poster "Your opinion counts"

Any of us has the possibility to participate in decision making processes related to energy issues... and to contribute to the overall prosperity of the community

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/your-opinion-counts/>



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C4ET's submarine game on the energy transition

Print the board and play our revisited submarine game with your friends... while learning key facts on the energy transition

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/submarines-game/>



Participate in energy policies as a citizen

This ebook will take you further down the road of citizens' involvement in energy policies processes. Start taking action and influence decision makers!

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/how-to-participate-in-energy-policies-as-a-citizen/>

Why public participation?

- As a citizen, you can have a meaningful impact on a decision-making process
 - It is an opportunity for mutual education of everyone involved
 - It can lead to community capacity building and development
- At the EU level, engaging public in a policy-making process is of the essence: "The significance of citizen participation in public policy processes has been acknowledged not only at the national, but also at the international level. Thus various forms of consultation involving CSOs have become a standard practice of major multilateral, intergovernmental organisations, including the United Nations, the World Bank, Council of Europe, and the EU." - The European Center for Non-Profit Law

The goals of public participation (and their meaning)²

- 1. Inform** - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
- 2. Consult** - To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
- 3. Involve** - To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
- 4. Collaborate** - To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
- 5. Empower** - To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

The public policies process



Surfing in the depth of a sustainable office

Start a tour at the heart of a sustainable office, learn more on how companies impact energy and resource use, and discover tips for implementing energy efficiency measures at home

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/surfing-in-the-deep-of-a-sustainable-office/>



Sustainable project of the month

Time for saving the environment: draw your employees' attention to various energy issues, using our 12 monthly fact sheets. These fact sheets can either be used as they are but also adapted to your specific needs

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/project-of-the-month/>



Especially flying is energy-intensive and harms the climate!

Business trips are inevitable for national and international meetings and work. Short distance flights hereby emit up to seven times more CO₂ than travelling by train and often only save little time. For international travel, using the train is no option, but CO₂ emissions can be off-set by CO₂ compensation schemes.

Sustainability in European companies

Ever wonder about how companies tackle the challenges of the energy transition in Europe? Discover a set of best practices with our interactive map

<http://citizens4energytransition.org/sustainability-in-european-companies/>



Gaining new ambassadors for the energy transition in Germany

Two C4ET workshops took place in Germany, targeting different geographical areas and organisations. The first one was organised on the 12th of June as a part of the BUND Energy Visions Programme in cooperation with BUND Konstanz. The Energy Visions Programme is a series of 20 events which are taking place regularly in Constance. The second workshop took place on the 24th of August in GNF's office in Berlin. Representatives of companies, civil organisations, as well as interested citizens attended this event.

A wide selection of tools was presented in both events, so that the audience could see the variety of methods used, and each participant had the opportunity to visit several "testing stations" – both on- (with a computer) and off-line (with printed games). Very positive feedbacks were received – C4ET may have gained new Energy Transition ambassadors in the country!



We are welcoming partnerships with any organization willing to use our materials! For further information on our upcoming events (webinars, workshops, etc.), feel free to contact us.



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