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New Energy for Europe: Renewable Energy Prosumer initiatives

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About this questionnaire:

This questionnaire is part of the **European project PROSEU** (Prosumers for the Energy Union), which **aims to enable the wide-spread adoption of the so-called *Prosumer* phenomenon in Europe**. *Prosumers* in the field of renewable energy are **individual or collective energy users (such as energy cooperatives and energy communities) who both produce and consume energy from renewable energy sources (RES)**.

Energy cooperatives / communities and other types of Renewable Energy Self-Consumption Initiatives are increasing in number in most European countries. These actors could be instrumental in achieving the transition from fossil fuel-based energy to clean, low-carbon energy. To support the development of new policies for energy *Prosumers*, it is important to increase our knowledge of the economic, financial, technological and cultural factors that are driving the development and consolidation of Renewable Energy Initiatives.

No one is better placed to help us understand the challenges and opportunities faced by Renewable Energy *Prosumers* than the initiatives themselves.

As a participant in this questionnaire, we can provide you access to:

- our results and conclusions, which will enable you to compare your Initiative to those of others.
- a large community of *Prosumer* Initiatives.
- should this be of interest to you, you are invited to participate in face-to-face activities such as focus groups and collaborative workshops, to help achieve in-depth understanding and wide-spread adoption of the *Prosumer* phenomenon in Europe.

This survey will only be used to anonymously characterise, analyse and compare *Prosumer* Initiatives. Unless explicitly agreed to elsewhere, the data you provide will not identify your Initiative. The survey is estimated to take approximately 20 to 30 minutes to respond to.

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Section A

Basic information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

1. What is the name of your Prosumer Initiative?

2. Does your Initiative produce and consume energy from renewable sources, or is it planning to do so? (If yes, please answer the questions that follow)

Yes

No

3. In your national/local context, what is the legal status of the Prosumer Initiative (e.g. non-profit private association, cooperative, etc.)?

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Section A

Basic information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

4. Could you indicate your job title or role in your Initiative?

Director/Senior manager

Coordinator

Middle Manager

Employee/Staff

Member

Expert adviser

Prefer not to say

Other, please specify

5. When did the Initiative start?

February

2002

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Section A

Basic information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

6. Where is your Initiative based?

Portugal

Spain

The Netherlands

France

United Kingdom

Croatia

Belgium

Germany

Italy

Other, please indicate which country

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Section A

Basic information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

7. At which geographical scale are you operating your Initiative? (You may tick multiple options)

Locally (i.e. municipal or similar)

Regionally (i.e. an area, or part of a country having definable characteristics)

Nationally

Internationally

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Operational Information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

8. Which energy needs is your Initiative addressing or planning to address?

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Mobility

Other, please specify

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9. Which technologies is your Initiative using or planning to use to meet these energy needs?

- Solar PV
- Solar thermal
- Wind energy
- Biomass (e.g. wood pellets, waste wood)
- Biofuels (e.g. biodiesel)
- Biogas or bio-methane (gas produced from organic waste)
- Geothermal energy (heat or cold extracted from the Earth)
- Co-generation (e.g. combined heat and power or CHP)
- Heat storage
- Storage in batteries
- Storage in vehicle batteries
- Other
- Don't Know

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9. To meet the energy needs of your Initiative (or its members), what is the total installed or planned capacity for each of your technology choices?

(When filling in the values, please select from the drop-down menus in each response option the appropriate measurement unit, e.g. kW, or select N/A if you don't know the measurement unit. You may also consult a unit converter: <http://www.binarytranslator.com/power-converter>)

► Solar PV

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

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10. Is your Initiative connected to the electricity grid? (Whether regional, state or national)

Yes

No

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Section A

Basic information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

11. When did your Initiative start producing energy from renewable energy sources?

We have not started production yet, we will start this year.

We have not started production yet, we will start next year.

We do not have a date yet for starting production.

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Section B Operational Information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

12. How much energy from renewable energy sources did your Initiative produce in 2017?

(When filling in the values, please select from the drop-down menus in each response option the appropriate measurement unit, e.g. kWh or MJ, or select N/A if you don't know the measurement unit. You may also consult a unit converter: <http://www.binarytranslator.com/power-converter>)

► Solar PV

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Solar thermal

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Wind energy

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Biomass

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Biofuels (e.g. biodiesel)

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Biogas or bio-methane

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Geothermal energy

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

Prefer not to say

► Co-generation

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

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► Other, please specify

Electricity

Heating

Cooling

Don't Know

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Operational Information on your Renewable Energy Prosumer Initiative

13. Of the total energy that your initiative generates, what percentage respectively goes to which user?

Clarification of terms used:

A member is an active, voluntary and equal participant of your Initiative, with rights as well as duties, which are equal to any of the other participants.

A direct client is an individual, organisation or group who/that has agreed to buy energy from your Initiative, without having any other claim to said Initiative.

	0-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	81-100%	Don't Know	Prefer not to say
Self-consumed	<input type="radio"/>						
Sold directly to members and/or direct clients	<input type="radio"/>						
Sold directly to local companies/organisations	<input type="radio"/>						
Sold to a utility company	<input type="radio"/>						

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14. Are you offering or planning to offer the beneficiaries of your Initiative (e.g. members and/or direct clients) other services?

- We are not offering any additional services
- Energy efficiency advice
- Energy efficiency retrofit or management
- Grid integration of fluctuating renewable energy sources
- Energy aggregation
- Energy storage
- Energy focussed political organising
- Community organising
- Community-led investment
-
- Prefer not to say

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Please enter the number of persons directly involved in the activities of your Initiative for each of the following options.
(Tick "not applicable" (N/A) when the question does not apply to your Initiative)

15. What is the total number of staff/employees (incl. management staff or core team, other staff, whether paid or unpaid)?

N/A

16. What is the number of women vs. the number of men in the management staff/core team, e.g. 2 F, 2 M?

F: M:

N/A

17. What is the number of women vs. the number of men in the non-management staff/other teams?

F: M:

N/A

18. What is the number of staff/employees who are paid?

N/A

19. What is the number of staff/employees who are volunteers?

N/A

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20. If your Initiative functions by membership, how many members do you have?

Clarification: A member is an active, voluntary and equal participant of your Initiative, with rights as well as duties, which are equal to any of the other participants.

- Not applicable
- 1-20
- 21-50
- 51-100
- 101-500
- 501-1,000
- 1,001-5,000
- 5,001-10,000
- 10,001-20,000
- 20,001-50,000
- >50,000

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Section C Organisational capacity and resources

21. In the case that your Initiative has direct clients, how many are there?

Clarification: A direct client is an individual, organisation or group who/that has agreed to buy energy from your Initiative, without having any other claim to said Initiative.

- Not applicable
- 1-20
- 21-50
- 51-100
- 101-500
- 501-1,000
- 1,001-5,000
- 5,001-10,000
- 10,001-20,000
- 20,001-50,000
- >50,000

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22. Who owns the equipment that your Initiative is using to produce and possibly store/distribute energy from renewable sources?

- Our Initiative owns it.
- The organisation(s) that founded/supported the Initiative own(s) it.
- A leasing company owns it.
- It is co-owned with the project developer.
- It is co-owned with a utility.
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- Don't Know
- Prefer not to say

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23. How do you finance the activities of your Initiative?

- Contributions from the founders of your Initiative
- EU public funding
- National public funding
- Regional public funding
- Foundations and philanthropy capital
- Single donations from individuals
- Donations from private companies
- Crowd funding platforms
- Participation fees from members
- Traditional bank loan
- Ethical or non-traditional bank loan
- Leasing
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- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

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24. How much capital has been borrowed for your Initiative?

- 1,000-10,000€ [equivalent]
- 10,001-50,000€
- 50,001-150,000€
- >150,000€
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to say
- No capital was borrowed

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25. Please identify and rank your four biggest income generators, from 1 (first largest income generator) to 4 (fourth largest income generator).

Type of revenue:

	1	2	3	4
Self-consumption (savings in energy costs and/or rebate on energy bill)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy sales to members and/or direct clients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy sales to market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public subsidies (i.e. feed-in tariffs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="text" value="Other services (please specify)"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="text" value="Other services (please specify)"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Don't Know	<input type="radio"/>			
Prefer not to say	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			

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Section D Governance

By governance we mean the structures and methods you have set in place for coordinating and managing your Initiative.

26. How are major (strategic) decisions for your prosumer Initiative taken? (You may tick more than one option)

Clarification: In terms of decision-making, consensus is when everyone agrees, whereas consent is when not everyone agrees but they can all "live with it".

- Consensus in management/core team
- Consent in the management/core team
- Majority vote by management/core team
- Consensus by founders/founding organisations
- Consent by founders/founding organisations
- Majority vote by founders/founding organisations
- Consensus in the general assembly
- Consent in the general assembly
- Majority vote by the general assembly
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- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

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Section D Governance

27. What is the level of involvement of non-management staff and/or teams besides the core team in strategic decision-making in your Initiative?

- They (i.e. non-management staff or non-core teams) are not actively informed/involved in strategic decisions.
- They are not involved in the decision-making and are simply informed about decisions/activities after the decision has been made.
- They are informed and asked to give their inputs and provide information, knowledge, opinions; but these do not necessarily influence decision making.
- They are consulted. Activities may be modified considering their responses.
- They are involved in joint analysis and discussions, which have a meaningful role and influence on decision making.
- Only those who are most impacted by a decision and those who have relevant experience/expertise are included in the decision-making process.
- All strategic decisions are taken jointly by all staff/teams.
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- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

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Section D Governance

28. What other people or organisations does your initiative collaborate with on a regular basis? (Please indicate for each of your external relationships what the main objective or goal of the relationship is.)

	Knowledge sharing	Promoting the initiative	Get access to funding	Get access to human resources	Get access to material resources[1]
Citizens/Households	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil Society Organisations/NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communities/collectives/cooperatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other prosumer initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local government and/or administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional government and/or administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National government and/or administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business/companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
External advisers and experts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local utility companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional utility companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National utility companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EU institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National network(s), interest organisations or social movements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transnational network(s), interest organisations or social movements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Other"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>				

[1] products, infrastructure, technology, etc.

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Section D Governance

29. Are there specific criteria that determine who can join your Initiative (example: gender, residence or other)? If yes, please specify:

It is not possible for new persons or organisations to join our Initiative.

We have no criteria for joining our Initiative.

Yes, we have criteria for those wishing to join, namely:

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Section E Motivation

30. What were the reasons for starting your Initiative? Please indicate whether you strongly disagree (1) or strongly agree (5) with the reasons suggested.

Respond to local demand / needs	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Tackle the climate change problem	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Take advantage of policy incentives	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Take advantage of subsidy schemes	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Take advantage of new renewable energy technologies	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Reduce energy costs	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Reduce the environmental impact of existing activities of your organisation/ collective/community	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Be part of the clean and low carbon energy transition	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Improve revenue of your organisation/collective/community	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Achieve energy self-sufficiency	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Contribute to innovation in energy production	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Decentralise energy production	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Help tackle energy poverty	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
Create a sense of community	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
<input type="text" value="sdfsdf"/>	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say
<input type="text" value="sdfsdf"/>	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Prefer not to say

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Section E Motivation

31. Which factors do you feel have most slowed down and which have most facilitated the development of your initiative?

(Tick up to 3 factors that have slowed down and up to 3 factors that facilitated the development. For example: you may have either been able or not to access finance, depending on the public policies in your country these may have been an obstacle or on the contrary very helpful, or the available energy infrastructures may have been a either a positive or a negative factor.)

Factors:

	Slowed down the development of initiative	Facilitated the development of initiative
Renewable energy storage options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy infrastructures (e.g. grid, meters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable energy technology options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge of Renewable Energy technologies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge of policies and legislation in Renewable Energy production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to finance, subsidies or grants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public policies and Legislation for Renewable Energy Initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information and Communication Technologies applied to energy production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of your Initiative to generate income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaboration and networking with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to use Renewable energy technologies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Other, please specify"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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32. Is there any other information about your Prosumer Initiative that you believe is very relevant to our study and hasn't been covered by this survey? Thank you for sharing!

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The PROSEU partners have started a Community of Interest for RES Prosumers. This informal and international community unites Renewable Energy Prosumers to facilitate and support the development of the RES Prosumer phenomenon in Europe.

Our project website includes a webpage dedicated to this community and a European interactive map of RES Prosumers, where your initiative can be represented.

Would you like to be a part of this RES Prosumer Community?

Please tick one or more of the following forms of further contact that are of interest to you.

- We would like to receive the survey report (ready Spring 2019), allowing us to compare our Initiative to others in Europe.
- We would like to be included in your **upcoming** online interactive map of Renewable Energy Initiatives in Europe.
- We would like to be kept informed of the progress of the project by receiving the PROSEU newsletter.
- We would be interested in attending one of your workshops (This is a non-binding declaration of interest).
- We would be interested in participating in an assessment group that will draw up a roadmap for «mainstreaming» Energy Prosumers across Europe (This is a non-binding declaration of interest, you will be contacted by us).
- We are not interested in receiving further information/have further contact, except to clarify survey answers.
- No, we are not interested in having any further contact at all.

Do you know other RES Prosumer Initiatives that could be part of this survey?

- Yes
- No

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You have completed and answered all the questions in this survey and your results are now saved!

Thank you very much for taking the time to reply.

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