ENER/483 - Meeting with ReScoop

Meeting date and place
Meeting held on 04/10/2022 11:00

Participating organisation(s) representative(s)
REScoop.eu Participant
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Main issues discussed

- Some (associations of) energy communities are seeking participation in offshore projects. However, both private and public banks prefer providing loans to large corporates with PPAs in place. Some energy cooperatives are already establishing PPAs and legislative measures under the electricity market design could be helpful to increase availability and accessibility of PPA agreements for smaller projects. REScoop will provide examples of existing PPA constructs.

- REScoop.eu expressed concern over a hasty reform of the electricity market design – some ideas still need time to mature, such as local energy platforms. Changes to the still recent framework could turn out to be suboptimal.

- REScoop.eu called for an overarching strategy on energy communities by the Commission, to support the ongoing transposition process and in particular to help fill the gaps in terms of enabling frameworks, recognise the role of energy communities for security of supply and to provide clarifications over various concepts of collective action in the field of energy. Alternatively, NECP assessments could be used to provide policy guidance.

ENER agreed that a substantive reform of the market design requires time and will impact decentralised production. Concerning the price cap, the issue could be raised at upcoming technical meetings with Member States. ENER highlighted the relevance of facilitating PPAs for energy communities. A dedicated strategy on energy communities could be considered, but resources are currently limited due to the ongoing crisis. ENER agreed on the need to prevent corporate capture of energy communities, e.g. through regulatory oversight and guidance to Member States. The model of citizen energy communities allows for municipalities to be in effective control, but this is to be flanked by citizen involvement. Innovation in actor configurations is not necessarily negative.