# **Energy Communities** Sustainability and Energy

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#### **Characterizing studies**

The role of contract, local authorities, no profit organisations and citizens in energy transition and the transformative potential of Renewable Energy Communities (RECs):

- 1. Synergy between RECs and digitalization in Smart Cities
- 2. Facilitation of green mobility through self-produced energy
- 3. Innovative financing models balancing investor remuneration with socio-environmental goals
- 4. The role of local and public authorities.

#### **National Impact**

The impact of the research project lies in identifying the best legal models to ensure the protection of consumer rights, in synergy with the goals of energy transition, technological innovation, and energy democracy. By analyzing RECs and the studing their contractual models, the research group contributes to building regulatory frameworks that balance public and private interests.

#### International Impact

The research also has an international im pact, as demonstrated by the following collaborations, as it contributes to the study of **comparative law - legal acts**, **contractual models and policies** - useful for implementing the energy transition, ensuring social justice and technological innovation for resilient communities.

### Roles in scientific societies/ Networks/ Research centers:

#### Network in Scientific Societies:

IFEL - Istituto per la Finanza e l'Economia Locale; ENSIEL - Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale "Energia e Sistemi Elettrici"

Sgem World Science (SWS) Scholarly Society

#### Network Municipalities:

Comune di Camerino Comune di Castellana Sicula Comune di Tasnad Comune di Rapagnano Comune di Magliano Alpi Comune di Lovrin Comune di Gottlob Comune di Serrenti Comune di Petralia Soprana Comune di Pieve Torina Comune di Vallefoglia



#### International collaborations:

Toyo University, Tokyo, Japan University of Almeria, Spain University Carlos III, S pain University of Maryland, USA

#### **Relations with SME**

The following companies, interested in the results of research in the field of sustainability and energy law, have **funded several research scholarships**:

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Other companies are **stakeholders in research projects**: Carry The Sun -Japan Enercade S.r.l. Engreen S.r.l.

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Network Associations and Foundations: European Consumers Union (ECU) Legambiente Marche Federconsumatori Lazio Unione Nazionale Consumatori delegazione di Rieti e di Terni Consumers' Forum Unione Montana Di Camerino

Network RECs: Cer Valdarno Green Wolf Cer Cenergam Comunità Energetica Amendolarese

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