

# Session III: Focus on citizen participation

## 11:00 Community owned and led energy for security climate change and employment

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# COALESCCE

## Community Owned And Led Energy for Security, Climate Change and Employment

- INTERREG Europe project
- 7 partner regions in UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania
- A focus on citizen energy to address energy security, carbon emissions reduction targets and building the local economy
- Good practice examples identified a number of models where citizen energy can help to address energy poverty

# BIO-BRIQUETTES

## Village of Told, Hungary

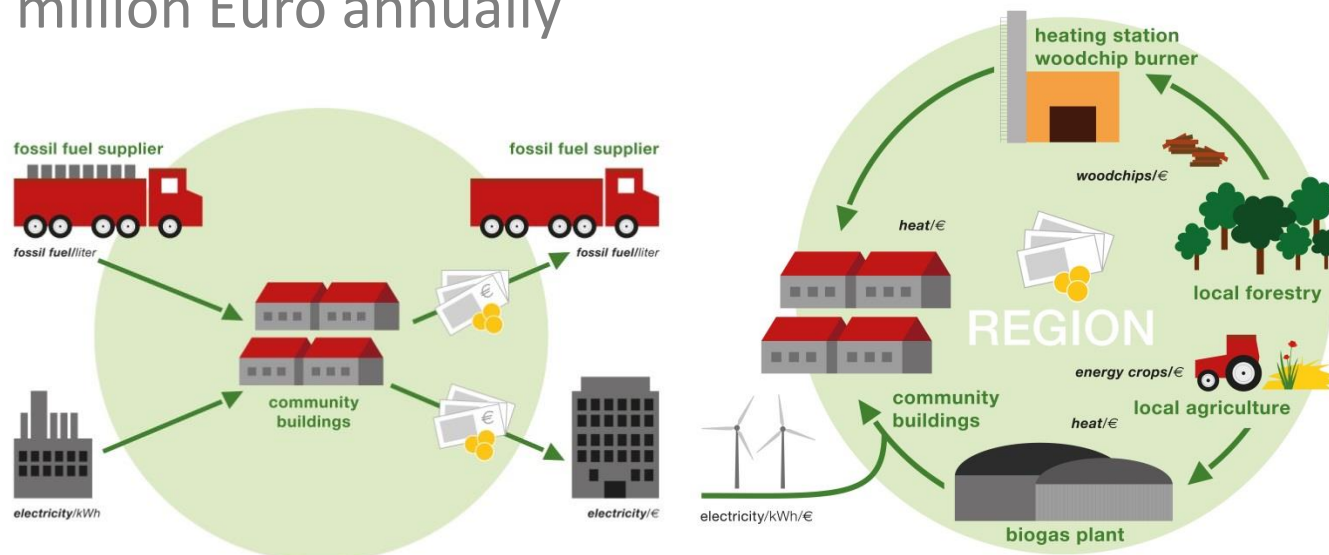
- Told is a village in Hungary with a majority Roma population who live in extreme poverty
- “Real Pearl Foundation”, a charity, put in place a self-reliance educational programme and introduced the bio-briquette manufacturing facility
- Briquettes are made by the community from donated waste paper and agricultural by-products such as straw and corn residue, and used by 23 families in winter



# BIOENERGY VILLAGES

## Baden-Württemberg, Germany

- 170 bioenergy villages in Baden-Württemberg
- Wood chip biomass running district heat networks
- Community is the heat customer, investor, operator and sometimes biomass supplier
- Fixes the cost of heat for householders and saves around 50 million Euro annually



Loss of added value when using fossil fuels

Added value by bioenergy villages and district heating

# APARTMENT BLOCK RETROFIT

## Sofia, Bulgaria

- Sofia has many Soviet-era concrete apartment blocks which are poorly insulated, cold and expensive to heat
- However, roofs are suitable for solar PV or solar hot water and heating systems can be converted to wood pellet
- A number of buildings have received energy efficiency retrofit and renewable energy via an ESCO approach
- Residents benefit via lower bills but can also be investors





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