



COMETS 1<sup>o</sup> National Workshop (Webinar)  
**COLLECTIVE ACTION INITIATIVES  
IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

Tuesday 16 and Friday 19 June, 2020  
10.00 – 13.00

**THE COMETS PROJECT**

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COMETS is a Horizon 2020 project aimed at understanding, and possibly help to remove, the barriers that might hamper the active involvement of citizens in the energy transition.

Coordinated by the University of Turin, COMETS involves 12 partners from 8 European countries and it will last until April 2022. Through a complex work plan that includes diverse research tools and approaches (from massive data collection to in-depth reconstruction of case studies ) COMETS will make it possible to advance in the knowledge of the potential, objectives and conditions that can affect the spread of Collective Action Initiatives (CAI) in the energy sector, i.e. energy communities, cooperatives, purchasing groups and other similar entities. This new knowledge will therefore be the basis for the co-design and validation of tools to support the development of the CAIs in close collaboration with decision makers (public and private), the scientific community and with the CAIs themselves.

**THE WORKSHOP**

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This first National Workshop will be held in the 6 countries involved in COMETS' namely Spain, Belgium, Holland on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June and Italy, Poland and Estonia on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. The objective of the workshop is the discussion of some specific and urgent issues regarding the mechanisms that can facilitate the launch and growth of the CAI in the energy field with the ambition to collect ideas to mitigate the risks of failure. After a brief presentation of the activities and the first results of the project, we will focus on the two blocks of activities currently underway and soon to be launched, the European-wide survey and the case studies. Both were inspired by a participatory approach in which CAIs will at the same time produce and get back knowledge and information. A specific room will then be left to the presentation of the newly released 'Communities for Future' platform, a web tool also conceived as an environment to be developed and animated with the active participation of CAIs so as to be able to represent a catalyzer of information, synergies and energies.

If you are interested in exploring the potential of community-based initiatives in the energy transition, this workshop will be an excellent opportunity to acquire updated information on the current and future challenges facing the CAI. It is an excellent opportunity to become part of the COMETS community and get in touch with experts and stakeholders to start the construction of new networks which, hopefully, we could soon feed by meeting in person.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO THE EVENT:**

A) Go to Eventbrite page of the workshop you wish to take part to.

**June, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** : Belgium (*English*), Spain, The Netherlands

**June, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** : Italy, Poland, Estonia

You find the list at the URL [http://www.comets-project.eu/index.php?option=com\\_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=90](http://www.comets-project.eu/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=90)

B) The link to the webinar will be sent to the registered attendees the day before the meeting and will be then made available on the workshop day on [COMETS website](#) and [Communities for Future](#) platform



## AGENDA

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<b>10.00 – 10.10</b> <i>Welcome</i>	Introduction to the workshop <i>Technicalities</i> on how to use the webinar platform
<b>10.10 – 10.30</b> <i>Keynote speech</i>	<i>‘CAIs in the Energy Transition’</i>
<b>10.30 – 11.30</b> <i>The COMETS project</i>	10.30 – 10.50 Project’s Overview 10.50 – 11.10 The <i>survey</i> – Objectives, structure and first results 11.10 – 11.30 Next (participatory) activities – Case studies & Scenarios
<b>11:30 - 11:40</b> <i>Break</i>	
<b>11.40 – 12.20</b> <i>Energy CAIs</i>	11.40 – 12.00 CAIs introduce themselves (1-3 cases) 12.00 – 12.20 The ‘CfF - Communities for Future’ supporting platform
<b>12.20 - 12.30</b> <i>Conclusion</i>	Final Q&A and Comments Summary and next steps
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b> <i>Optional session</i>	The National Teams will be available for giving assistance in filling in the survey and/or surfing the CfF platform and/or a bit of networking