

COMETS 1° National Workshops
COLLECTIVE ACTION INITIATIVES IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION
POLAND

Friday 19 June, 2020

Workshops in Poland were conducted online by the Institute of Sociology of the Jagiellonian University.

The title of the meeting was "Energy cooperatives. Opportunities and barriers for distributed energy in Poland". The aim of the workshop was to discuss some specific and urgent issues regarding support mechanisms for distributed civic energy in Poland. It was also the opportunity to exchange experiences between representatives of initiatives which are investing in renewable energy (CAIs). The meeting began with two keynote speeches. Ms. Izabela Zygmunt (CEE Bankwatch Network) talked about new mechanisms for financing prosumer energy, including Just Transition Fund perspective. Mr. Jan Ruskowski (Polish Green Network) presented the legal aspects of functioning energy initiatives. Afterwards Wit Hubert (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University) talked about the research currently carried out as in the COMETS project. The aim of this part of the event was to present the assumptions of the COMETS project.

During the second part of the workshop, two initiatives were presented: Towarzystwo Pomocy im. St. Brother Albert in Słupsk (energy efficiency projects in social welfare homes in Słupsk City) and Krakowska Elektrownia Społeczna (eng. Krakow Social Power Plant - energy cooperative). The meeting ended with a speech from a representative of the PV company - Ewa Urbaniec (director of business development w Columbus Energy S.A). All individual sessions ended with a moderated discussion of participants. Panelists answered also to the questions tipped in the main chat.

The first national seminar took place according to the schedule: 19 June 2020 at 10.00-12.30.

27 participants registered with the www.eventbrite.it platform. Because the event was informed through other channels, according to Webex Cisco data, a total of 36 people logged on to the workshops.

FRAMEWORK MEETING PROGRAM

10.00-10.10 - Welcome and establishing meeting rules

10.10-10.30 - expected financing mechanisms under the future EU budget - Izabela Zygmunt (CEE Bankwatch Network)

10.30-10.50 - energy cooperatives in the Polish legal system - Jan Ruskowski (Polish Green Network)

10.50-11.20 - presentation of the COMETS project - Wit Hubert (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University, COMETS)

11.20-11.35 - Krakow Social Power Plant as a local investment cooperative - Natalia Matuszak (Krakow Social Power Plant)



- 11.35-11.50 - prosumer shareholding at the headquarters of Towarzystwo Pomocy im. St. Brother Albert in Słupsk - Dariusz Szwed (Green Institute)
- 11.50-12.05 - social energy initiatives from the perspective of the PV installation market - Ewa Urbaniec (Columbus Energy)
- 12.05-12.30 - open presentation of initiatives and discussion

