

Workshop: Regional and local approaches to fight energy poverty 17 March 2021

Pilot action: Energy communities serving vulnerable households





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- Goal: experiment the feasibility that the local energy community takes over the investment in renewable energy equipment on behalf of the vulnerable household and reimburse itself on the basis of a rent paid by the household according to the fossil fuel energy savings achieved
- 2 pilot territories: 1 rural and 1 urban
- Contents:
 - ✓ Legal and economic feasibility study
 - ✓ Support 10 households
 - Help the energy community to support the investment

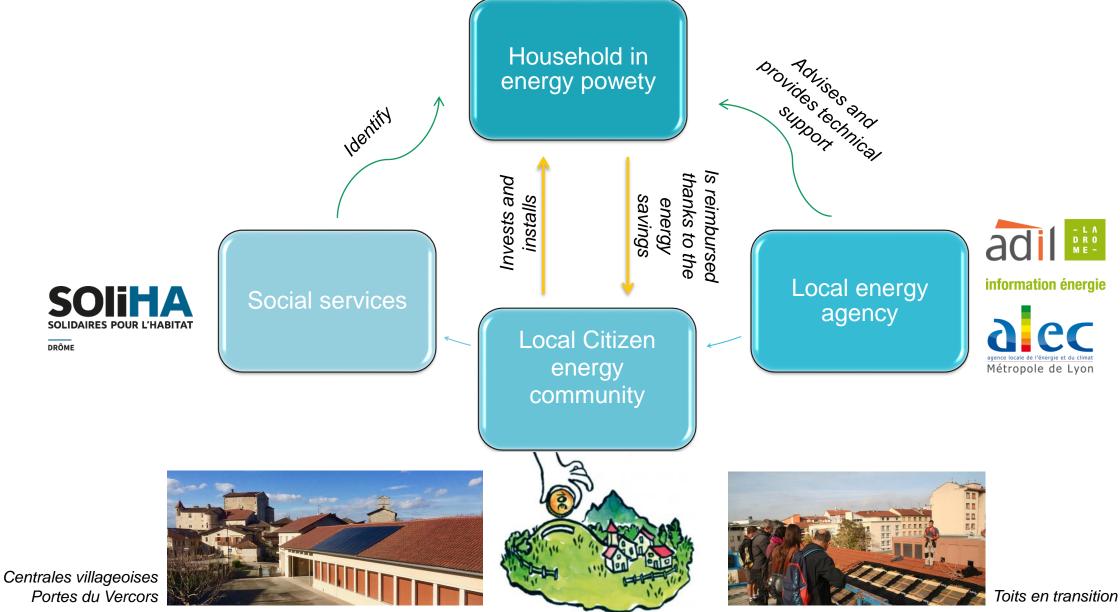






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Legal and economic study

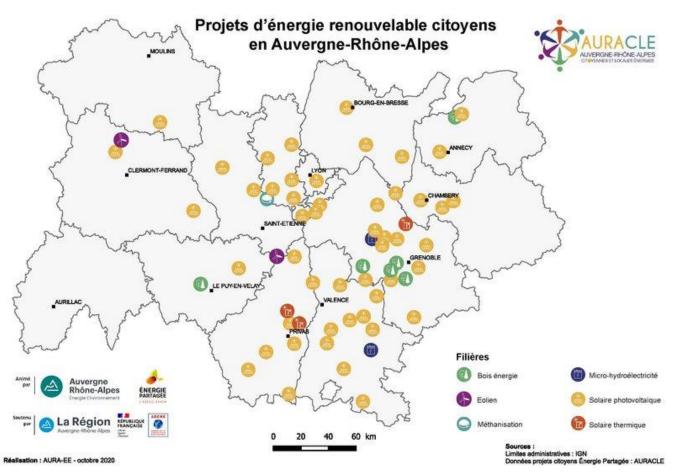


- Establishment of contractual models, with 2 levels of commitment:
 - The Citizen energy community (CEC) is the owner of the renewable energy installation
 - The CEC acts for the project owner, finances the installation but is not the owner of the installation
- Establishment of an economic model for each contractual model, taking into account:
 - Incentives for each stakeholder
 - Failure to achieve the expected energy savings
 - The risk of non-payment
 - The risk concerning maintenance and equipment repairs



Expected results

- Dissemination of this pilot action in local and regional action plans
- Strengthening the capacity of energy communities
- Possible replication with the 48 other energy communities in the region



Lessons for other regions

- How to develop energy communities (social, legal and economic assistance)
- How to include vulnerable groups in the energy communities
- How to involve local public authorities in citizen energy communities, how to manage the legal papers, how they can do a cession of their public space to install RES for the community, etc.





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Thank you!

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