

# Good Practice

## THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COOPERATIVE – THE ECOFRIENDLY ENERGY SUPPLIER FROM BUCHAREST



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2. Organisation in charge of the Good Practice	
[ If your Organisation is not the one in charge of the Good Practice, you can indicate the relevant organisation in this section of the form ]	
Is your organisation the main institution in charge of this Good Practice?	NO

*In case 'no' is selected, the following sections should be filled in:*

Location of the organisation in charge:	Country	Romania
	Region	Bucharest-Ilfov Region, Bucharest Municipality
	City	Bucharest
Main institution in charge	Cooperativa de Energie (THE ENERGY COOPERATIVE)	

## 3. Good Practice general information

<b>Title of the Practice</b>	THE ENERGY COOPERATIVE – THE ECOFRIENDLY ENERGY SUPPLIER FROM BUCHAREST
<b>Source of the Good Practice</b>	Cooperativa de Energie (THE ENERGY COOPERATIVE)

<b>Please select the project acronym</b>	ECo REC	
<b>Geographical scope of the Practice</b> (Select National/Regional/Local)	National	
<b>Location of the Practice</b>	Country	Romania
	Region	Bucharest Ilfov Region, Bucharest Municipality
	City	Bucharest

## 3.1 Classification according to one of the following 5 Categories

	1) Legislative
X	2) Behavioral / Organizational
X	3) Economic
	4) Technological
	5) Operation scope and environment. Other features

7) Others (please provide details in the space below)

#### 4. Detailed description

##### 4.1 Short summary of the Practice

*The current practice is a start-up developed under the European cooperative standards and it's a model that exemplifies the cooperation of a group of consumers and prosumers that both share and manage the renewable energy resources in a sustainable and efficient way. Established in 2019, the Energy Cooperative (ECo) is the first renewable energy community in Romania, upholding from the first moments the main principles required by a cooperation entity, such as: voluntary participation and democratic control – with over 984 members; sustaining an economic activity, by supplying green energy to over 477 consumers and 2 GWH of green energy provided/supplied; autonomy and transparency as well as education and training; facilitating the cooperation between cooperatives; focusing on achieving benefits for the community (for different areas of life such as social, economic and environment improvement). Although it upholds the main principles promoted by any REC, the ECo still is not fully registered as an official REC (as regulated by the EC), since there aren't any norms or methodologies yet established for such endeavor at national/regional or local level, and therefore it cannot benefit yet from the advantages provided by such a structure/entity.*

#### 4.2 Detailed information on the Practice

*The Energy Cooperative (ECo) has been established in 2019 by 15 members from Europe with professional experience in business, renewable energy and civic activism and was organized as a European Cooperative under the Regulations (EC) nr. 1435/2003. The main purpose for establishing a European cooperative was that of changing the energy market by producing and delivering sustainable energy but also of contributing to educating and raising the awareness of the Romanian public regarding the importance of renewable resources use. The cooperative provides a democratic model of organization, where it is detained and controlled by its members and each member has equal access to the information and decision making, regardless of the share of quotas they detain. Nowadays, the cooperative has over 984 members; an average of 450 consumers and 2 GWH of green energy provided/supplied.*

*The Energy Cooperative (ECo) is a certified entity, that is part of a bigger movement, being one of the 2250 cooperatives of green energy that are reunited within REScoop, The European Federation of Renewable Energy Cooperative and thus benefiting from support, cooperation and know how on how to improve and better implement the concept of green energy cooperatives in our country.*

*The cooperative is also certified as a green energy supplier, because in May 2021, with the financial contribution of some of the entity's members, the Cooperative has purchased Apuron Energy SRL, an Energy provider Company, thus entering the energy market as the first 100% green energy supplier, with origin certificates. The "We invest in green energy" project was the first project of its kind, and it took 80 days to implement, 100 members from the cooperation chose to invest over 2 million LEI in green energy in order to facilitate the participation of the Cooperative in the energy suppliers market, so as to facilitate the access to green energy for all those interested in clean energy and reasonable prices.*

*The main objective of ECo is to contribute to the Romanian 2050 objective, of zero carbon emissions and climatic neutrality, by facilitating the energetic transition towards an energy market covered 100% by renewable energy resources.*

*In order to achieve the main goal, ECo will focus on:*

	<p><i>-Supplying green energy: ECo already supplies electric energy from different renewable resources (mostly solar), thus contributing to CO2 emissions reduction and combating climatic change.</i></p> <p><i>- Production of green energy: Although currently ECo does not yet contribute to the energy production, in the future the cooperative intends to become a direct producer of green energy, by launching an investment program in renewable energy for all its members, that will focus especially on solar energy. The members contributions will focus on developing new production capacities, but also on acquiring existing production capacities. ECo also wants to launch a system of Collective buying/group buying that will assist the members of the cooperative to purchase at advantageous prices green certified products, such as: solar panels.</i></p> <p><i>- Developing energy production projects portfolios – from solar, and storage facilities for the energy production.</i></p> <p><i>-Facilitating auto consumption by ensuring the installation on rooftops of photovoltaic systems, dedicated to residential and small enterprises consumers.</i></p> <p><i>- Providing energy education and involving citizens in the energy transition and the importance of the green energy and responsible consumption. The democratic involvement of the citizens (the ECo members) implies that these individuals have an active role in the decision-making regarding the energy transition and in investing in the green energy projects.</i></p> <p><i>Although the Energy Cooperative is constituted by upholding the principles stated for Renewable Energy Communities by the Directive 2018/2001, it cannot be considered an official REC (as stated by EC regulations) and therefore cannot benefit from the incentives and privileges established for an energy community. The reason why the ECo was not able to become an official REC consists mainly in the lack of methodologies and procedures at national, regional and local level for REC establishment in Romania, so no benefits are provided for such structures.</i></p>
4.3 Timescale (start/end date)	2019 – present

#### 4.4 Partnership

List of partners involved in the Practice:

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## Partner 1

Name of Institution/company: THE ENERGY COOPERATIVE (from Bucharest)

**Brief description:** A start-up developed under the European cooperative standards and a model that exemplifies the cooperation of a group of consumers and prosumers that both share and manage the renewable energy resources in a sustainable and efficient way. Established in 2019, the Energy Cooperative (ECo) can be considered the first renewable energy community in Romania, although not officially established as a REC due to the lack of procedures and connected legislation in the area, it can still be viewed as a relevant example for a sustainable energy provider and promoter to those interested consumers.

**Web:** <https://cooperativadeenergic.ro>

## Other partners

Name of Institution/company: -

Brief description: -

Web: -

## 4.5 Stakeholders / Target groups

Identify Stakeholders and target groups/customers of the Practice, by crossing the relevant cell (column **ST** if stakeholder, column **TG** if target group, or both if applicable)

**ST** **TG**

X		National authority
X	X	Regional authority
X	X	Local authority
X	X	Private companies (large)
X	X	Private companies (SMEs)
		Chamber of Commerce / Economy
		Regional Innovation Agency
	X	Financing institution
	X	Business incubator
X	X	Research institution
X	X	University
X		Technology transfer institution



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X		Regional Development Agency
X		Planning institution
X	X	Educational institution / training centre
	X	Association (e.g. friends of the theme)
		Employers' association
		Trade union
X	X	Environmental interest group
		Cultural initiative group / organization
	X	Non-Governmental Organization
		Transport operators
	X	Other interest groups (provide details in the space below)

- Private and public prosumers, ANRE, The Energy Ministry

4.6. Products and services

Describe specific products and services developed in the framework of the Practice (i.e. physical assets, services, manuals, training courses, catalogues, software, maps, agreements or other regulations, websites, newsletters, etc.):

-One cooperative (ECo) constituted since 2019 under the European cooperative standards, with over 984 members in 2024, the entity is pioneering the transition to a renewable energy market, empowering citizens to become green energy investors - <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/faq/>

-ECo represents the first green energy community from Romania dedicated to providing and producing 100% sustainable energy, as well as educating and raising the awareness of the citizens on the green energy topic. <https://www.facebook.com/cooperativadeenergie>

- The "We invest in green energy" project was the first project of its kind, and it took 80 days to implement, 100 members from the cooperation chose to invest over 2 million LEI in green energy in order to facilitate the participation of the Cooperative in the energy suppliers market, so as to facilitate the access to green energy for all those interested in clean energy and reasonable prices

- As a result, the Cooperative has become the main shareholder for a certified energy supply company and also a green energy supplier, called CooperativadeEnergie Furnizare SRL (the Cooperative for Energy Supply SRL) which nowadays exclusively provides sustainable energy (produced 100% by renewable energy resources) with origin certificates to an average of 450 consumers and within the last year it provided/supplied over 2 GWH of green energy.- <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/despre-cooperativa-de-energie/>

- The Energy Cooperative (ECo) is a certified entity, that is part of a bigger movement, being one of the 2250 cooperatives of green energy that are reunited within REScoop, The European Federation of Renewable

Energy Cooperative.

- As part of the second mission of ECo related to the awareness raising and educating citizens on the green energy topic, the cooperative is involved in organizing workshops for citizens and municipalities due to the partnerships developed within several projects funded from different sources like the Life program(<https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/introducere-proiecte/>):

- The results of this educational campaigns are the materials, websites and communication materials produced and promoted within the following projects carried out by the cooperative as a partner:

- **ACCE – Access to Capital for Community Energy** - November 2022-October 2025, Budget ECo **116 523,00 €** -dedicated to advancing and extending the energy community financing schemes throughout Europe (developing instruments and resources necessary for community energy projects)- the cooperative is a partner within this project - <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/proiecte-europene-acce/>

- **LIFE LOOP – Local Ownership Of Power** – October 2022-September 2025, Budget ECo **108 186,10 €** - supporting local authorities, citizens and other interested stakeholders to achieve new objectives in terms of green energy through new projects and partnerships - the cooperative is a partner within this project - <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/lifeloop/>

- **Project LIFE-COMET-** November 2023-October 2026, Budget ECo **156 134,40 €** - intends to create energy communities at national level in Eastern European countries and to support the pioneer communities established in Greece, Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Slovenia, Poland and Estonia. The project also aims to enhance the cooperation of the main stakeholders at national level to help developing legislation and implementing procedures for the community energy, but also to offer trainings and technical assistance for citizen renewable energy new projects - the cooperative is a partner within this project - <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/life-comet/>

## 5. Resources

## 5.1 Summary

*The Energy Cooperative (ECo) has been established in 2019 by 15 members from Europe and was organized as a European Cooperative under the Regulations (EC) nr. 1435/2003 with a subscribed social capital of 30000 Euro, which comes from its members.*

*The Limited Liability Company-CooperativadeEnergie Furnizare SRL (The Cooperative for Energy Supply LLC) under the management of ECo, which owns 100% shares, was established in 2021, when 100 members from the cooperation chose to invest over 2 million LEI for the purchase of APURON ENERGY SRL, in order to facilitate the participation of the Cooperative in the energy supplier's market.*

*The project team consisted at first of 15 members, but nowadays there is a board of directors formed by 10 members as well as 6 executive employees. It is important to underline that currently Eco has 984 members, and each member regardless of the level of shareholding has only one vote (one member -one vote).*

## 5.2. Financial resources

*Specify the resources utilized for financing the different stages of the Practice (design, implementation, maintenance, management) providing a breakdown by stage:*

*The concept and the design of the cooperative was proposed by 15 members that decided to constitute the Energy Cooperative (ECo) in 2019. The constituting members are from all over Europe, so the cooperative was designed and implemented as a European Cooperative under the Regulations (EC) nr. 1435/2003 with a subscribed social capital, collected as contribution from the members, in an amount of 30000 Euro (the minimum amount required by the norms from the EC Regulations),*

*The Limited Liability Company, CooperativadeEnergie Furnizare SRL (the Cooperative for Energy Supply LLC) under the management of ECo (which has 100% shares from the limited company) was established in 2021, when 100 members from the cooperation chose to invest over 2 million LEI, to facilitate the participation of the Cooperative as a certified energy supplier's (for green energy) on the Romanian energy market. The design and implementation of this practice was around 2.000.000 lei, that was the amount required to purchase APURON ENERGY SRL. In 2023 the turnover for the CooperativadeEnergie Furnizare SRL (LLC) was 1.847.315 lei diminished by 40.54% compared to the one in 2022, due to the energy crisis and fluctuating prices.*

*The management of both structures is ensured by the Board of directors, formed by 10 members which act on a voluntary basis (7 members for the cooperative and 3 members for the LLC), and thus require no financial resources.*

*The costs for maintenance and implementation of both entities, in an amount of 10000 lei/month for the cooperative and 50.000 lei/month for the LLC, and are carried out by 6 employees, with the funds received from the contribution of the members, from the projects that are implemented by the cooperative, but also by the income provided by the energy supply company.*

*Specify the source/s of financing (divided between public and private funds, in % terms) also broken down by stage as applicable:*

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*The source of financing is 100% from the private funds: funds from the members of the cooperative; income provided by the energy supply company from its customers; funds received within the implemented projects.*

## 5.3. Human resources

*Specify the persons (type & n°) engaged in the Practice, including their specialization / background:*

*The management of both structures is ensured by the Board of directors, formed by 10 members (7 members for the cooperative board and 3 members for the LL company) with different backgrounds (such as engineers, construction, banks and financial transformation specialist, software development, environmental activist) but all with experience in management and leadership. Since the board members are volunteers within the cooperative, there are several employees which carry on the activity for the two entities. The cooperative has 4 employees with different expertise and backgrounds: one project manager with background in finance and project management one communication manager with background in Campaigning on Energy Communities, one assistant analyst with background in data analysis, and one marketing assistant with background in content creation, that contribute to the implementation of the projects, but also to the regular activity of the cooperative. The LLC has 2 employees that carry on the activity of the company: one operation manager, with background in energy supply management and communications and one Operation Assistant with background in client services and communications.*

## 5.4. Legal framework

*Specify any regulatory requirement relevant to the implementation of the Practice*

- Regulations (EC) nr. 1435/2003 on the Statute for a European Cooperative Society (SCE)
- Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources
- Directive 2001/77/EC on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market
- Law no. 220/2008 and subsequent supplements regarding the system for the promotion of renewable energy production
- Governmental Decision (GD) 1535/2003-approving the "Strategy for the exploitation of renewable energy resources"
- Governmental Decision 443/2003 on the promotion of electricity production from renewable energy source
- Governmental Decision 1892/2004 establishing the system for the promotion of electricity production from renewable energy sources
- Governmental Emergency Ordinance (GEO) no. 163/2022 regarding the completion of the legal framework for the use of energy from renewable sources promotion

## 6. Monitoring and evaluation

**Insert: If the Practice has not been assessed yet, please enter NONE in 6.1**

## 6.1 Summary

*Both structures, the cooperative as well as the LL company prepare annual balance sheets as well as other financial situations and ledgers as required by the tax legislation. For the annual meetings with the cooperative members/board members we either prepare PPT with our activities, or we give a status report of the cooperative situation and of the LL Company.*

*As for the projects which are currently implemented by the cooperative, periodically reports are drawn up that show the state of execution for the activities carried out within the projects.*

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## 6.2. Assessment methods and tools

*Due to the status of both entities, as profit generating organizations, the assessment tools used by their governing bodies to establish the competitiveness and performance resides in the revenues and the profit achieved yearly that results from the annual balance sheets.*

*As for the projects implemented by ECo, the methods and tools of assessment are the monitoring and evaluation reports established by the Program.*

## 6.3 Indicators

*Specify the qualitative and quantitative indicators used to assess the Practice:*

*There are no qualitative and quantitative indicators used to assess the Practice from the perspective of the entities, other than the financial results in terms of income/expenditure/profit and profit margin.*

*In terms of the projects implemented by ECo, there are several indicators established within the projects, however they are not particularly relevant to the current practice.*

## 6.4. Monitoring materials available: Yes/No

Yes No

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*If Yes, please specify (report, spreadsheet, etc.)*

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## 7. Success factors / difficulties encountered

## 7.1

## Summary

*The Energy Cooperative is a pilot initiative, established in 2019, the entity can be considered the first renewable energy community in Romania. Although it upholds the main principles promoted by any REC, the ECo still is not fully registered as an official REC (as regulated by the EC), due to the lack of methodology and procedures in this domain, still the ECo is a very relevant example for pioneering the transition to a renewable energy market, empowering citizens to become green energy investors. With the forementioned objectives in mind, the Energy Cooperative (ECo) became also a certified entity for green energy supply in 2021, as a result of a strategic decision of the members to invest the cooperative funds in a private company authorized as an energy supplier, thus facilitating the participation of the Cooperative in the energy supplier's market. ECo is also part of a bigger movement, being one of the 1500 cooperatives of green energy that are reunited within REScoop, The European Federation of Renewable Energy Cooperative and thus benefiting from support, cooperation and know how on how to improve and better implement the concept of green energy cooperatives in our country. Although it is still a small entity, it has the potential to influence and bring forth initiatives relevant for the Romanian renewable energy market and future energy communities.*

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### 7.2. Enablers of the Practice

Identify among the actors mentioned in 4.5 those who contributed the most to the success of the practice and list them below:

*The Energy Cooperative is the main enabler of the practice because it is involved in the setting up of a cooperation between different individuals to trade or supply energy, thus enabling a community development where cooperative members, consumers, prosumers and renewable energy suppliers come together and make use of the benefits brought on by this cooperation.*

### 7.3. Success Factors of the Practice

Describe success factors:

*ECo set up a precedent for cooperation and community enablement and contributes now to promoting and educating regarding REC principles and renewable energy use for various individuals and interested stakeholders.*

*The success of ECo is translated in the following achievements:*

- constant increase in the number of members of the cooperative from 15 in 2019 to 984 in 2024;*
- increase in the number of consumers that are interested to receive green energy, since 2021 till present 477 consumers had become clients for the energy supply company with over 2 GWH of green energy provided/supplied.*
- over 10 workshops organized for the awareness raising and educating the population and authorities regarding the need to become more involved in renewable energy use and production, the importance to become involved in a renewable energy community, but also regarding the possible funding sources for renewable energy production.*

### 7.4. Challenges encountered

Describe difficulties encountered and solutions adopted to overcome them:

*The main challenges encountered:*

- the setup of the cooperative as an European cooperative, was actually quite difficult to achieve and time consuming, since there were no legal provisions at national level;*
- lack of procedures and methodology at national, regional or local level for setting up a REC;*
- difficulties in access to resources and funding procurement (for installation facilities, land and PV plants development);*
- lack of information for the citizens regarding the benefits and advantages provided by energy communities*
- difficulties in actively involving of citizens and authorities in renewable energy initiatives.*

### 7.5. Innovative content of the Practice

Specify additional information useful to justify this Practice as innovative, compared to similar practice design, implementation, and management:

*The Energy cooperative was established as a start-up developed under the European cooperative standards and it exemplifies the cooperation of a group of consumers and prosumers that both share and manage the renewable energy resources in a sustainable and efficient way, to contribute to the Romanian 2050 Goal towards a nearly zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions society. Besides from the organizational form of the cooperative, which was innovative since there were no European cooperatives at that time in Romania, the Energy Cooperative*



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*is a pilot initiative of constituting unofficially the first renewable energy community in Romania, bringing forth an innovative concept promoted only in Europe at the time. Since there is still a lack of procedures and methodology at national, regional or local level for setting up a REC, the ECo focuses on promoting and discussing this concept with all interested persons, as a step towards legalizing the REC and establishing the benefits for those entities that might constitute RECs in Romania.*

*Describe the innovation content in relation to one or more of the following:*

**Process:**

*The very process of establishing a European structure of cooperation in the renewable energy area is an innovative process. Furthermore, the innovative approach of purchasing a renewable energy supply company and thus becoming a certified renewable energy provider on the Romanian energy market is an innovative approach and one of the first steps towards becoming a legal REC.*

*The strategic mix of interventions, focused on becoming a recognized renewable energy community is an ongoing process designed to enable positive results with an innovative approach.*

**Product:**

*The practice of intertwining several entities with a single purpose of promoting and providing renewable energy to all those interested to contribute to environment protection and to use 100% renewable energy resources is the innovative product and approach. The informational resources generated by the practice serve as valuable tools for stakeholders, providing practical insights and actionable recommendations to promote the renewable energy use and the REC development.*

**Result:**

*In terms of results, the practice has reached an important milestone by filling a critical gap in the energy market by bringing forth a certified entity capable of supplying energy from 100% renewable energy resources. Also, the cooperation that brought together over 900 members from different areas and backgrounds because of their shared common goals, such as becoming an energy community and promoting the use of renewable energy resources, is a innovative result in itself.*

**Partnership:**

*Crucially, the practice represents already a formal partnership, that fosters the culture of collaboration and partnership and recognizes the importance of collective action for meaningful change in the renewable energy area. By actively engaging different society actors and fostering dialog, the initiative succeeded in building and consolidating a productive cooperation in the renewable energy area. This collaborative framework not only facilitated knowledge sharing and awareness raising around renewable energy resources, but also paved the way for coordinated efforts towards sustainable development goals.*

*In essence, the comprehensive approach to innovation underscored its commitment to addressing pressing renewable energy challenges while fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and actionable outcomes for those involved in the cooperation.*

**7.6. Added value of the Practice**

*Specify returns: generated revenue or savings, other results proving added value of the Practice, as applicable:*



*The practice comes to add valuable information and experience in creating, operationalizing and developing of an energy community to all those interested parties. One of the added values of the practice, derives from the very goal and activity of the cooperative, which consists in promoting and raising the awareness of the general public, regarding the necessity and importance of the renewable energy communities development providing not only information but also the methods and steps to follow in order to create and develop an energy community.*

#### *7.7. Possible leverage effect to trigger further improvements in policy instrument or practice*

*ECo is a Good Practice example providing valuable insights to trigger further improvements in the development of both new and existing cooperatives. The practice was able to identify a lack of policies which blocks or deters the development of the energy communities. For example, there is a lack of procedures and methodologies in developing an renewable energy community and also a lack of incentives to create a REC, which hinders the REC development and thus affects the possibilities in this area. This requires a Development of secondary legislation to allow energy sharing between energy communities for all consumers/prosumers within the community.*

*Furthermore, the political players must get involved in supporting the development of the REC, with both subsidies and funding in order to encourage the renewable resources use.*

*The actions must be considered in relation with other complementary interventions, such as the future plans of the cooperative, aimed towards the same goal, that of becoming both a producer and a supplier of renewable energy and achieving the status of an energy community. All the above-mentioned interventions are implemented in order to trigger further improvements in the environment protection and renewable resources use in Romania.*

### **1. Transferability and Durability**

#### **8.1 Potential for learning or transfer (Summary)**

*The Energy Cooperative is a showcase of the implemented solutions that is continuously transferred to its members, but also to the stakeholders and public interested in developing a cooperation or a community in the energy sector and renewable resources use, through different dissemination events.*

*The experience gained through the implementation of the practice and its mix of measures and examples can further be used in the design process of future RECs, becoming thus the relevant model for similar entities and a good practice that can be translated in second legislation measures that encourage and enforce the REC creation.*

#### **8.2. Transferable activities and features**

*The project provides a model and methodology that could be applied to new entities aiming to cooperate with the purpose of becoming a sustainable energy community. It is a showcase of an efficient cooperation between different people and entities, that generated a community that can feasibly provide electrical energy solely from renewable energy sources.*

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**8.3. Conditions required for the Practice to be adopted in other contexts**

Identification of the suitable territorial context will allow those interested in this specific topic to tailor and adapt the initial practice in order to develop the appropriate entities and procedures that will make possible the same outcome as this particular practice has had. The proposed practice could be adopted in other contexts after a detailed analysis of the implementing methods and of the interest and willingness of other interested parties to develop renewable energy communities.

**8.4. Previous transfer experience (if the Practice has been transferred already to another context)**

The practice had been promoted thoroughly through over 10 workshops focused on awareness raising and educating the population and authorities regarding the need to become more involved in renewable energy use and production, the importance to become involved in a renewable energy community, but also regarding the possible funding sources for renewable energy production.

It is also important to mention the Energy Community has provided free advice and informational materials to all the communities and actors interested in developing their own energy community. Specifically, so far ECo actively supported two other cooperatives, one functional and one currently being set up, with both expertise and help to draw up their statute and documentation for officially registering at the National Trade Register Office as European cooperatives.

**8.5. Other information**

List articles, press notes, links to available information about the Practice:

Website: <https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/>  
 The Blog - Cooperativa ([cooperativadeenergie.ro](https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/))  
[https://www.facebook.com/cooperativadeenergie?locale=ro\\_RO](https://www.facebook.com/cooperativadeenergie?locale=ro_RO)  
[https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/7-pasi-simpli-pentru-o-casa-eficienta-energetic-si-facturi-mai-mici/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFO5BleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHSpENasQt1joBYCdZG78maUkSEr1sBFvCxKZG6ydwLoadBmf\\_jC25CkjdA\\_aem\\_FdHyhHRH5S4Cdzws\\_JfL8g](https://cooperativadeenergie.ro/7-pasi-simpli-pentru-o-casa-eficienta-energetic-si-facturi-mai-mici/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFO5BleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHSpENasQt1joBYCdZG78maUkSEr1sBFvCxKZG6ydwLoadBmf_jC25CkjdA_aem_FdHyhHRH5S4Cdzws_JfL8g)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3sAHvPM4wb5YIdus0tTXEQ>

Specify any achieved public recognition of the Practice:

<https://www.presshub.ro/o-altfel-de-cooperativa-de-energie-cum-castigi-din-surse-verzi-286014/>  
<https://www.profit.ro/povesti-cu-profit/energie/cooperativa-de-energie-cumpara-apuron-energy-20227959>  
<https://www.forbes.ro/ce-isi-propune-cooperativa-de-energie-alternativa-pentru-consumatorii-de-energie-din-romania-149871>  
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**8.6. Durability**

Specify factors (financial revenues, limited or no costs, sponsorship etc.) which can make the Practice durable:

- Development of secondary legislation to allow energy sharing between energy communities for all consumers/prosumers within the community.

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- *The regulations should allow quantitative compensation at multiple consumption points owned by the members of the community.*
  - *Temporary or sandbox regulatory experimentation, providing residential energy communities the opportunity to manage their own microgrid for a limited time.*
  - *Substantial elimination/reduction of distribution tariffs, licensing fees, and costs for energy circulated within the community.*
  - *Imposing clear deadlines for the network operator to register the energy community and install smart meters for those who do not have them.*
  - *Simplifying the legislation of homeowners' associations to include tenants in the framework for establishing energy communities.*
- In the area of financing, the solutions include:*
- *Modifying existing and future financing guides (e.g., AFM, REPowerEU) through broad consultation with all interested parties.*
  - *Amending the legislation of local public authorities to encourage public-private partnerships in energy communities.*

## Further information

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