Community Energy Accreditation Scheme
Charter for municipalities

By signing this charter the municipality of: _____

shows its commitment to empower and speed up the creation of energy communities in its area.

What is an Energy Community?

An energy community is a way to 'organise' citizens that want to cooperate together in an energy-sector related activity based on open and democratic participation and governance, so that the activity can provide services or other benefits to the members or the local community. Renewable energy communities can be composed of natural persons, local authorities as well as micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Our municipality of _____ wants to drive a socially just and climate-friendly energy system with renewables and people at its core. As shown during the energy crisis, energy communities have the potential to play a vital role in shielding consumers from volatile market prices. They embody democratic principles by prioritising direct participation, inclusivity, collective decision-making and bringing out new non-profit-driven economic models based exclusively on consumer interest

What better time than now for local authorities like ours to be more involved in community energy projects? All over Europe, many cities have already been testing multiple ways to initiate, support and facilitate such projects.

As we want to see where we stand, build skills and and advance on community energy, we decided to participate in the **LIFE LOOP accreditation scheme** through which we commit to:

- **Assessing our state of the art with the self-assessment tracker**: How much of a community energy supporter is our municipality and what is missing?
- **Encouraging capacity-building**: Providing staff time to enable civil servant colleagues to benefit from the self-paced Community Energy Espresso course running between 1 April and 14 June 2024.
  Modules and civil servants can be freely chosen by the municipal decision-makers according to relevance and local needs.
- **Listing our municipal assets** on the LIFE LOOP asset match-making tool and linking with new or existing energy communities in their area. Those assets can then be allocated to local project developers following local legal requirements.

_____
(Name and title of person signing this commitment)

Mandated by the _____
(Municipal council or equivalent)

on __/__/__
(dd/mm/yy)

(Name and complete address of the signing authority)

(Name, e-mail and phone number of the contact person)

(Signature)

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