



Liège's project of «Inclusive and Solidary Citizens' Energy Community»

Solutions integrator to fight & prevent energy poverty



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#### City of Liège (BE)

200,000 inhabitants 109,000 housings 25% vulnerable households 35 % beneficiaries of social helps





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500 Km FRANCE

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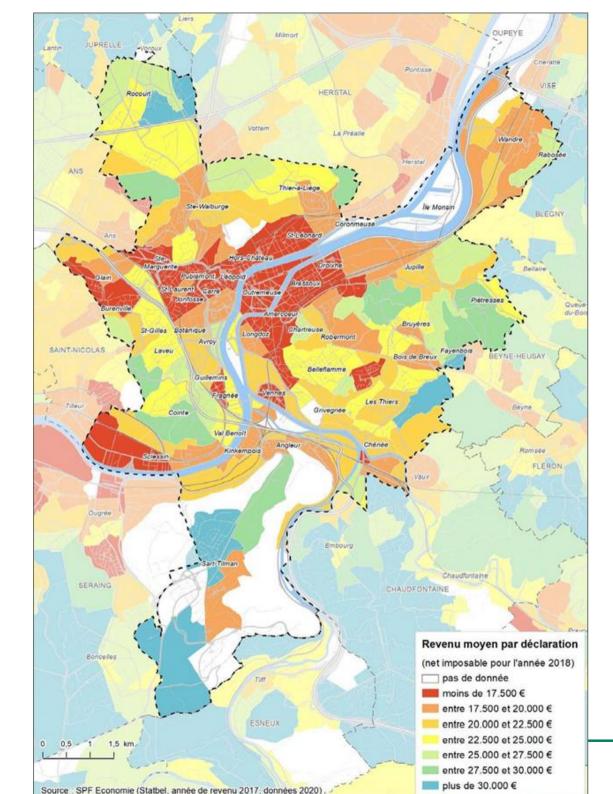
#### Main target-groups inside Liège population:

- Low-income households 40,000 pers
- Elderly people (18% 36,000 pers over 65 y.o.)
- Single persons households (53 % 55,000 households)
- Tenants (45% of households ¼ public / ¾ private)
- Condominiums (30% of Households 25% of population)
- Housing located in the Protected Heritage Areas (?)
- Single parent families (10,3% W + 1,9% M = 12,2%)
- Disabled persons (?);
- New comers or migrants (+/-1,700 pers/year);
- Joung households accessing to a first housing (?);
- Homeless people in housing reinsertion process (?);

- ...

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Low-income households
Liège situation compared to
the surrounding
municipalities

The city concentrates jobs and activities but also poverty

A strong network of social stakeholders is active – public / associative





## Baromètre de la précarité énernétique

Analyse et interprétation des résultats 2021

#### **Statistics:**

- National Energy Poverty Rate: 20.6%
- ➤ Most vulnerable groups:
  - Tenants / Condominiums
  - Elderly
  - Women / single parent households
  - New Comers / Migrants



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Projets menés par les CPAS pour prévenir la précarité énergétique

Une initiative de la Plateforme de lutte contre la précarité énergétique gérée par la Fondation Roi Baudouin

# Energy Quality of the housing stock(parc

immobilier) For Liège (May 2017):

32.000 BEP Certificates (House energy rating HER)

Classes EFG = bad
-48% / Apartments
-81% / Houses
Classes BCD = medium
-51% / Apartments
-19% / Houses

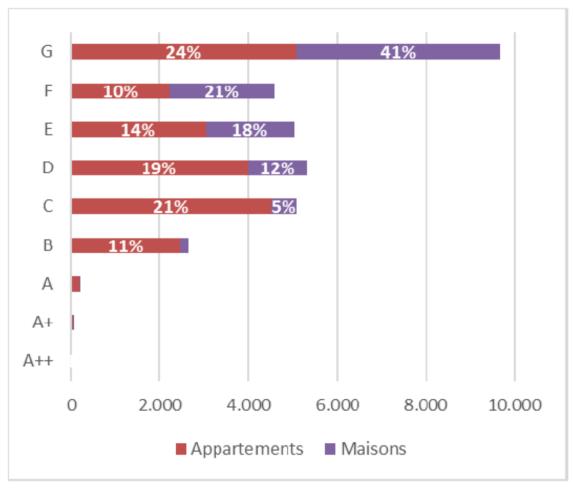
Source: Study Energ'Ethic – ULB

Data Base RW / DGO4 Certif. BEP 2017





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# Energy Communities as inclusive solution integrators to fight & prevent energy poverty



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Many buildings constructed before 1980, with low energy efficiency and lack of investments

A difficult trip to implement an efficient and bankable renovation project

Various kinds of owners not able to drive alone their retrofitting project Small & medium measures non bankable (susceptible de rapportende l'argent)



A complex and non attractive market for building professionals

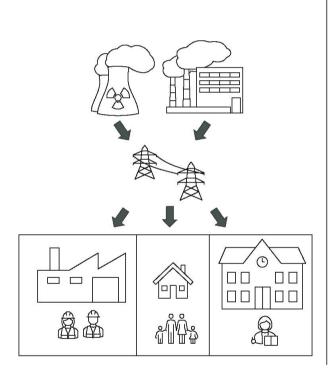
Financing design of a renovation project is complex

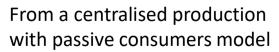
Tailor made support solutions are necessary

### **Energy Communities Change of the EU Energy Paradygm**



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To a decentralised production with active producers&consumers

#### Principle:

- Collective RE production
- Sharing between the community members.

#### Important potentialities:

- Condominiums
- Neighbourhoods
- Economic activity areas
- Mix of all



### **Energy Communities & Energy Sharing**

Collective
Self-Consumption:
Energy Sharing
inside a single
building





Renewable Energy Community (REC): Energy Sharing at a limited area scale

Peer-to-Peer Energy Exchange





Citizens' Energy Community (CEC):

- Energy Sharing without limit
- additionnal activities

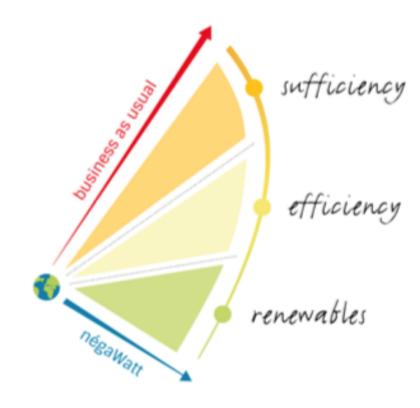


### Overall approach to achieve the challenges

Prioritising essential needs in individual and collective energy usage, through sufficiency actions (suppressing energy waste, limiting urban sprawl, promoting alternatives to cars, reducing packaging, etc.);

Diminishing the amount of energy used to satisfy these needs, through energy efficiency (deep building renovations, increasing the performance of appliances and vehicles, etc.);

Favouring renewable energies due to their low impacts on the environment and inexhaustibleness – they are flow energies compared to stock energies that can be depleted such as coal, oil, fossil gas, and uranium.



The négaWatt approach®

# **Energy Community as an Integrated Cooperation Ecosystem**



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Behaviour change

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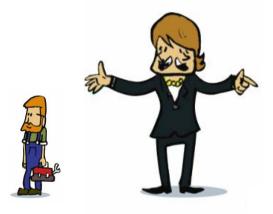
**Capacity Building** 



Energy Retrofitting Platform

Administrative Technical Financial Assistance





Special Purpose Vehicle

Bricobus: at home small-medium repairs/measures





Local Energy
Communities for
Collective RE
production and
sharing



### 3 main pilot-activities / Reinforcing civil society's solidarity mechanisms

**BricoBus initiative** 









**Energy Retrofitting Platform** 



**Energy Communities** 



# **Energy Communities acting as inclusive solutions integrators**





Experience
From the
INTERREG VB NWE 102
CAN
« Climate Active
Neighbourhouds »





## IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE POWER

Empowering our community to create a fair, affordable, zero carbon energy system with local people at its heart











### ■ Brest – Bricobus solidaire par les compagnons bâtisseurs



#### Quoi?

Petites réparations : luminaires, portes, prises électriques, joints, chasses d'eau, vitrerie, ventilation, etc.

#### Pour qui?

Pour les personnes à faibles revenus, non imposables...

#### Comment?

La fiche prescription doit être remplie par un travailleur social ou une structure ou association et envoyée par mail.

- Fiche de demande d'intervention de Bricobus solidaire 2020
- Mode d'emploi de Bricobus solidaire 2020

#### Attention! Bricobus intervient sur les quartiers de Recouvrance, Bellevue, Hauts Jaurès et Kérinou

Les personnes intéressées et qui remplissent les critères de ressources et de lieu d'habitation peuvent faire une demande directe auprès de l'association au 06 33 92 99 18





#### The Bricobus initiative

- Awareness raising and local advice
- Improve understanding of energy balances/bills
- Capacity building / know-how
- Home Visits / Technical/Behavioral Quick Scans

- Repair café at home / first line interventions
- Assistance to individual/collective self-renovation projects
- Supported participatory project
- Tool loan
- Stock market for materials and equipment





### Gathering of Housing Promotion Associations



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Un outil d'animation L'escape game du logement ludique et instructif Commandez gratuitement votre exemplaire sur rapel.be ou contactez nous via info@rapel.be!

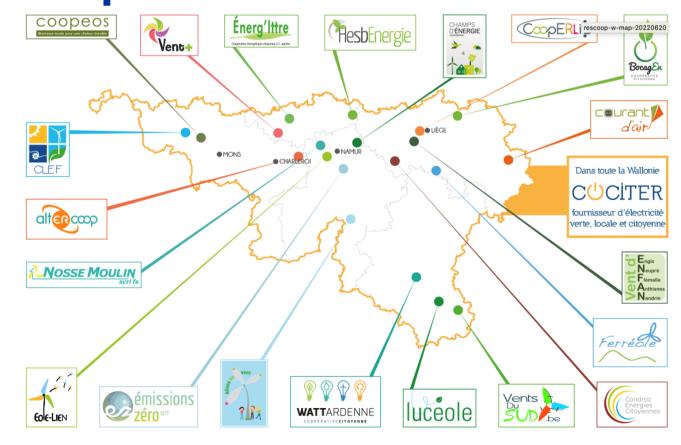




#### 2024

- 20 cooperatives
- 70 MW windmills fields,
   PV, biogaz, hydro
- 21,000 cooperators
- 29.300<sup>6</sup> € capital invested
- 117<sup>6</sup> gWh of production
- 32,470 households

# Walloon Federation of Citizens' Energy Cooperative



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### Initiatives from Citizens' Energy Cooperatives



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#### **GENERATION ZERO WATT**



#### Production d'énergie

Courant d'Air a pour but l'accès du plus grand nombre à une énergie propre et respectueuse de l'environnement.

#### Efficacité énergétique

Courant d'Air développe des mesures d'éfficacité d'énergétique pour des bâtiments publics et privés.



Courant d'Air informe et sensibilise aux mesures d'économie d'énergie et à l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie.



#### Mobilité

L'idée est d'offrir aux citoyens des possibilités de mobilité alternative grâce aux voitures électriques.



#### La transition énergétique

Courant d'Air est un acteur de l'économie sociale en intégrant les enjeux sociaux, écologiques et de développement durable.



Autres...







### **Cooperative Energy Retrofitting Platform**





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## Renewable Energy Citizen Counter

Electricity Supply Company

Maximum cotation/
Greenpeace Assessment
2016 - 2022



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