



Call for replication – Description

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The present document intends to provide information and helpful insights into the open call for replication provided by the LIFE-BECKON project. Further information is available via the Climate Alliance [website](#) and the LIFE-BECKON's One-stop-shop [website](#).

About the LIFE-BECKON project

The LIFE-BECKON project is a European project funded by the LIFE programme, which is dedicated towards enabling municipalities to better support and set up energy communities in their territories. To achieve this goal, LIFE-BECKON supports municipalities and local authorities in setting up Technical Assistance Offices (TAO). Currently, LIFE-BECKON is implementing TAOs in three local authorities that are piloting the activity: Copenhagen in Denmark, the Province of Ávila in Spain and Sofia's energy agency in Bulgaria.

Energy communities

Energy communities represent a disruptive opportunity to achieve a just and climate-friendly energy system. An energy community is a community that works and invests together to develop a sustainable energy system to enhance quality of life and economic competitiveness of a local context, empowering people by connecting sustainable energy, local economic development, and public wellbeing. In this context, the LIFE-BECKON project facilitates and boosts the deployment of energy communities by providing public authorities at local, regional and national levels with a comprehensive technical assistance cookbook, capacity building program and tailored integrated services to develop energy communities in their territories.

The call for replication

LIFE-BECKON supports a wider range of local authorities, energy agencies and energy communities in starting out or proceeding in their efforts to support collective energy actions. Therefore, LIFE-BECKON has launched an open call for replication. The goal is to enable local authorities to set up Technical Assistance Offices and to familiarize them with the concept of energy communities, empower them to create spaces for such citizen-centred energy projects and support them.

We invite local authorities, municipalities in cooperation with energy communities and energy agencies to apply for the open call for replication to receive the following support and service package and come on a learning journey with LIFE-BECKON:

- Access to the LIFE-BECKON One-Stop-Shop (OSS) platform providing guidance to information, documents, templates you need for your specific needs; in addition, you get access to our pilots community and to experts who can assist you
- Participation in 3 four-hours-workshops in which you learn from our pilots how to run a successful OSS and about adequate business models, legal frameworks etc.
- 3 Webinars / trainings + 15 Direct one-hour support sessions / mentoring session + 1 Webinar on how to use OSS
- Technical & commercial assistance
- Information in your local language ("How to"-technical paper for public authorities; Country-specific guidelines for replicating OSS locally)
- Access and exchange with the networks of the Climate Alliance, the Covenant of Mayors and the Climate Pact

Apply for the open call now via this simple [Google form](#) until 15 February 2024. Applicants will be selected soon after, and the learning programme will start in March 2024.

Who can apply?

Applicants can either be municipalities by themselves, municipalities in cooperation with energy communities, local authorities such as regions by themselves or in cooperation with energy communities and local or regional energy agencies looking to support energy communities.