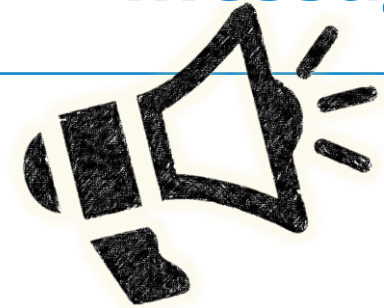# POLICY BRIEF 2022 EDITION

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Policy Recommendations

📢 **Recommendation A:** Include social sciences in Research, Development and Innovation programmes and projects

📢 **Recommendation B:** Involve potential user groups through agile, co-creative and user-centred technology design and development from the outset

📢 **Recommendation C:** Integrate citizens and consumers targeted, consciously and smartly

📢 **Recommendation D:** Shed light on the paths ahead with one voice and one direction

📢 **Recommendation E:** Integrate Small and Medium Enterprises as key players in the energy system

📢 **Recommendation F:** Leverage Energy Communities to counteract energy poverty

📢 **Recommendation G:** Empower citizens and consumers through access to interoperable technologies and tools

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Policy Recommendations

📢 **Recommendation A:** Develop a common EU-dataset based on available information to properly design, smarten and upgrade the policy measures on energy efficiency and decarbonisation

📢 **Recommendation B:** Provide guidelines for local cooperation and interaction

📢 **Recommendation C:** Adopt a consistent terminology for Energy Communities (including, but not limited to Citizen and Renewable Energy Communities)

📢 **Recommendation D:** Incentivize users' behaviour and better appreciation of demand flexibility

📢 **Recommendation E:** Foster exchange on Citizen and Renewable Energy Communities between researchers and local authorities

📢 **Recommendation F:** Provide clear EU policies and financing programmes to support efficient and standardised planning procedures

📢 **Recommendation G:** Build a climate of multilevel trust and cooperation among different actors in the energy sector

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Policy Recommendations

📢 **Recommendation A:** Assess and test support schemes to enable deployment of Citizen and Renewable Energy Communities

📢 **Recommendation B:** Enable context-based roles and regulation of energy sharing practices in Energy Communities

📢 **Recommendation C:** Consider regional requirements to ensure local quality and security of supply of electricity as well as heating in Energy Communities

📢 **Recommendation D:** Implement open-access regulatory sandbox programmes for Energy Communities based on innovative concepts

📢 **Recommendation E:** Designate a single National Regulatory Authority for electricity and gas (and possibly heat) to take better account of the evolution of sector coupling

📢 **Recommendation F:** Clearly define and regulate new actors and their relationship in the establishment of local electricity and flexibility markets

📢 **Recommendation G:** Adjust economic regulation to support grid owners and service providers in procuring optimised storage services

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Messages from the Working Group
Storage and Cross Energy Carrier Synergies

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Policy Recommendations

📢 **Recommendation A:** Plan energy systems holistically across energy carriers and sectors

📢 **Recommendation B:** Exploit flexibility to stabilize low-carbon integrated system

📢 **Recommendation C:** Plan storage for local energy production

📢 **Recommendation D:** Enable low-temperature district heating networks

📢 **Recommendation E:** Certify and validate low-carbon fuels for future energy systems

📢 **Recommendation F:** Promote digitalisation of energy systems / district heating to maximize energy efficiency and utilisation of waste heat

📢 **Recommendation G:** Promote utilisation of waste heat and thermal storages

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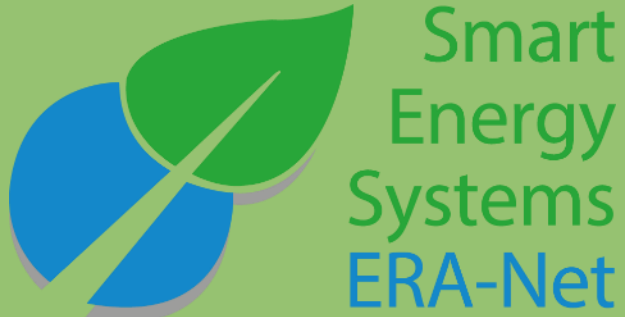
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Messages from the Working Group
System Architecture and Implementation Modelling

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Policy Recommendations

- **Recommendation A:** View energy transition and climate neutrality holistically

- **Recommendation B:** Develop a clear terminology for Distributed Energy Systems

- **Recommendation C:** Make system and market architecture models comprehensive and easy to use

- **Recommendation D:** Develop a holistic perspective on interoperability in energy systems

- **Recommendation E:** Strengthen the use of open resources for interoperability testing

- **Recommendation F:** Allow for defined and protected local access to system data

- **Recommendation G:** Fight vender lock-in effects in the system

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