



Set Up an Energy Community in the Alto Vicentino Area, Veneto Region, Italy, with Diversified Funding Sources

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Building an Energy Community (CER) in Veneto, Italy

The Energy Community (or Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile – CER in Italian) has seen the initial engagement of **16 municipalities** during its set-up activities. The aim was to create an energy community as a platform of opportunities for an area of around **100.000 inhabitants** in the Alto Vicentino area, with headquarter in Thiene (Vicenza Province).

The current CER sees the participation of municipalities, citizens and SMEs across a multi-municipality scale.

The project saw the active involvement and guidance by members of the technical team of the Energy and Sustainable Development Agency (i.e. Agenzia per l'Energia e lo Sviluppo Sostenibile – AESS), based in Modena, Italy.



Energy
Community

Alto Vicentino
area, Veneto
Region



650 kWp on
public
buildings, 100
kWp from
citizens



Bank foundation
(Cariverona), PNRR
funds; municipal
budget; GSE incentive
tariff for shared
energy

2024 –
ongoing





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Challenges

- Unstable **regulatory** framework;
- **Irregular pro-activity** level of municipalities involved;
- Absence of **medium term budget** towards the CER management.



Successes for Replicability

- Some challenges were mitigated by taking advantage of the **existing** conditions and **long-term collaboration** across several municipalities in the same area, such as a long term collaboration already undergoing (energy info point management);
- Board members **compensated** the lack of engagement of civil servants;
- Successful application to **grants**.



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