



## Energy Community in the Valsamoggia Energy Community (Bologna), Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy

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### Building an Energy Community (CER) in Emilia-Romagna, Italy

CER Valsamoggia is a Renewable Energy Community (REC) established in 2024 in the municipality of Valsamoggia (Emilia-Romagna).

The community is organised as a **cooperative** and is composed exclusively of citizens and SMEs, with no participation of the municipality as a member. At start-up, the CER counted **80 members**. The initiative aims to promote local renewable energy production (photovoltaic system) and energy sharing at municipal scale. The REC is now supported by the technical team of the Energy and Sustainable Development Agency (i.e. Agenzia per l'Energia e lo Sviluppo Sostenibile – AESS), among the Citizen Led Renovation (CLR3) initiative, to set up buying clubs for building energy retrofit.



### Challenges

- **Regulatory** and **bureaucratic** complexity.
- Contractual **set-up** difficulties.
- **Partner** selection.
- **Engagement** of citizens and SMEs.



### Successes for Replicability

- High **community engagement** already at the start-up, with 75 members joining early.
- The **risk management approach** can be assumed to follow the same regional guidelines and lessons learned presented for other Emilia-Romagna CER initiatives.
- **Direct investment** as REC for photovoltaic systems on associated SME building roofs.

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