



Setting up energy cooperatives in Croatia and Project CITIZENERGY

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Energy cooperatives project



- Organized 15 seminars across Croatia, developed web site, Manual on setting up energy coops;
- International conference "100% renewable energy on islands" in cooperation with REScoop project;
- As a result, in 2013, ten energy coops started in Croatia
- All energy coops are in early stage, and new financing opportunities are needed to help make them stronger
- Focus of cooperatives: biomass, PV, electro mobility, biogas, wind, energy efficiency in buildings...





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New environment for energy cooperatives

- Lack of subsidies for renewables
- Except in Western Europe, energy cooperatives not recognized from Government level as opposed to big investors
- Often good ideas lacks financing
- Barriers for RES support: quottas, new taxes
- At the same time, renewable energy is getting cheaper and cheaper





Three options to explore

- Crowdfunding getting money from many sources
- Net metering the price of electricity from PV is already competitive to the price of electricity from the grid
- Energy cooperative as energy supplier







Crowdfunding for the school in Croatia



http://igg.me/at/solar-school





Crowdfunding for the school in Croatia

Collected:

- 10,000 USD from crowdfunding on Indiegogo
- Additional 25,000 USD crowdfunding directly
- Additional 45,000 USD from local authorities
- Expected additional 30,000 USD from Environmental Fund





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Project CITIZENERGY summary



Development of an online platform to serve as EU-wide marketplace for citizen investment in RES projects

- CITIZENERGY is a project that builds on know-how developed within the EU to implement citizen renewable energy projects
- CITIZENERGY will:
 - ✓ promote synergies between projects
 - \checkmark identify barriers to citizen investment
 - ✓ promote the European transfer of main business models
 - ✓ match citizen investors with new RES projects in Europe

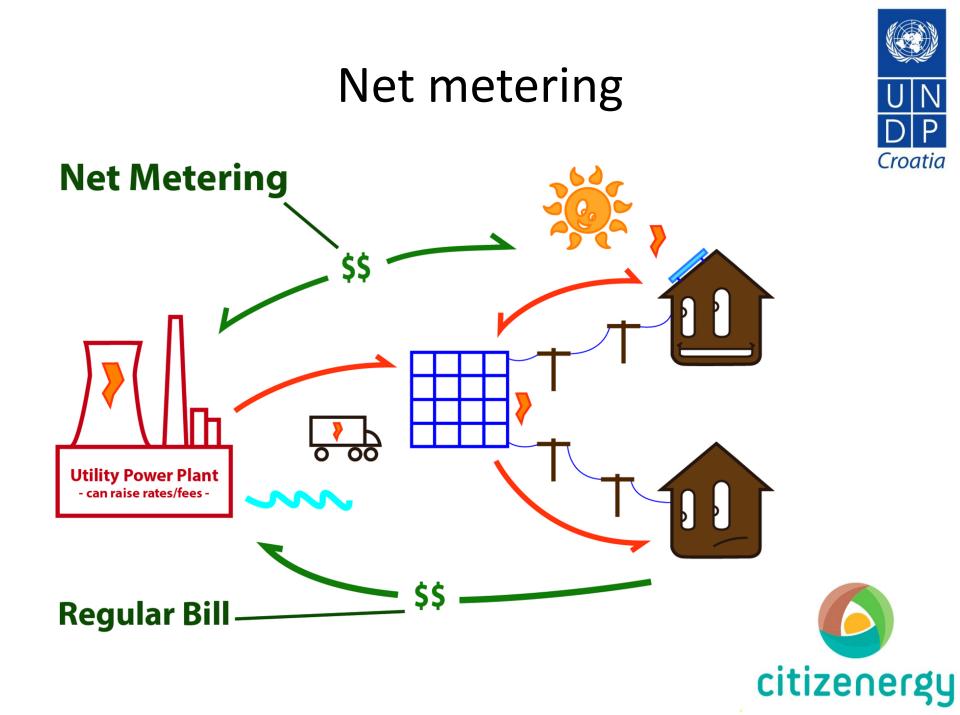


Project CITIZENERGY target



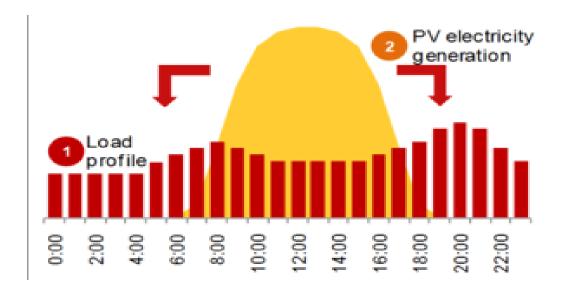
- Example: energy cooperative has 10% of the money for investments
- Puts its project on CITIZENERGY platform and collects other financing
- The CITIZENERGY platform is expected to raise 14.6 million euros by 2017, representing 6,000 citizen investments from 10 European Member States





Net metering

- Example: 1 kWh from the grid in Croatia costs the same amount as 1 kWh from own solar system
- The only needed thing is energy supplier that would agree to buy from the customer at the same price at which it sells
- So the net metering is consumption minus production!







Energy cooperative as energy supplier



- There are good experiences with energy cooperatives becoming suppliers (Western Europe)
- Like this, it is possible to ensure RES is built, and sold to cooperative members
- Could be managed on a small scale providing energy at the same costs to the customers, but also being co-owned by the customers



Thank you!

Expecting questions now and later?

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