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# RENCONTRES DE L'ÉNERGIE CITOYENNE

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## Program overview

To help you navigate the program, here is the schedule for these three days:

- **Tuesday, June 23** – A day of internal sessions, featuring two technical seminars reserved for invited members.
- **Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25:** Time for the National Encounters

### European Dimension!

Because our challenges cross borders, these National Encounters are at the crossroads of several European programs. To ensure everyone can participate fully, French/English translation services will be provided for several sessions throughout the program.

Look for the symbol  throughout the program to quickly identify the workshops and conferences with available translation! Sessions without this symbol are in French only.

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## Location and access

We look forward to seeing you at the  
**Espace socioculturel Pierre Étrillard**  
(14 rue de Tabago, Saint-Nicolas-de-Redon).



### Evening Events

These will take place at the **P'tit Théâtre Notre-Dame** (4 quai Surcouf, Redon), a 25-minute walk from Espace Pierre Étrillard.

A shuttle service will be available.

### Coming by Public Transport

The Étrillard site is easily accessible from the Redon TGV station.

- By Bus: 15 mins via the "Ligne B" (Yellow Line), stop: "Coude du Canal".
- On Foot: 30 mins via Avenue Jean Burel (same route as the bus).

Quick tip: Be sure to check the bus schedules before you head out!



[Key spots on the interactive map!](#)



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# Tuesday, June 23



Tuesday, June 23 is dedicated to internal work. Access to these seminars is exclusively reserved for pre-invited network members.

**09h00 - 09h30**    **Welcome coffee**

**09h30 - 12h30**    **Heat Workshop Seminar**

**Circus Seminar**

**12h30 - 14h00**    **Lunch break**

**14h00 - 17h30**    **Heat Workshop Seminar**

**Circus Seminar**

**19h00**    **Informal dinner at P'tit Théâtre Notre Dame**

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# Wednesday 24 June 2026

**09h - 10h** Welcome coffee

**10h - 10h30** Opening

**10h30 - 12h30** Round table: From pioneers of citizen energy to tomorrow's energy communities: time for us to reinvent ourselves?

It's been twenty years since the dawn of citizen energy. We often forget the many hurdles and barriers overcome since those first pioneering projects. In these troubled times, let us remember our movement's capacity for innovation. Let's broaden our horizons across France and Europe, looking toward those who are proposing solutions, experimenting, pushing boundaries, and building our future energy communities at a local level.

**12h30 - 14h** Lunch in two services

**14h - 15h45** Choose-your-workshop! *Descriptions on the next page*

Roll up for the magical European energy communities tour !

Vision and goals for the citizen energy movement

Aggregation, local supply, and addressing the phase-out of feed-in tariffs

Expand your business model: sell negawatts

Beyond the local elections: engaging with the teams in power

Why do some territories succeed... while others stall?

Entrepreneurship in citizen energy: business models and professionalization

For the love of risk! A story of citizen shareholders

**16h15 - 18h** Choose-your-workshop! *Descriptions on the next page*

Wind repowering: myth or reality?

Powering partnerships with local government

Reigniting engagement: how to spark new interest

Collaborative fundraising campaign

Local flexibility projects: why and how to lead them?

Engaging new audiences

Energy storage: a good or bad idea?

Wood energy: how citizen heat operators are 'chopping away' to transform their local areas

**18h30 - 3h** Evening Celebration at P'tit Théâtre Notre Dame  
Potluck drinks, theater performance, dinner, and dancing

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## Wednesday 24 June 2026 Workshops: 2:00 PM – 3:45 PM

### ROLL UP FOR THE MAGICAL EUROPEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES TOUR!



First, discover 3 European projects : CIRCUS (launching energy communities), SATCOMM (manage energy in a local, flexible and sustainable way) and SMARTCORE (tools for flexibility). Then contribute to find solutions to ensure that our methods and tools remain available over time and useful to energy communities.

### VISION AND AMBITIONS OF THE CITIZEN ENERGY MOVEMENT

In 2026, Énergie Partagée is launching a strategic review against the backdrop of scaling up citizen energy in all its forms. What is our Movement's vision for the world? What are our ambitions, and what operational resources do we need to achieve them? We will be sharing our initial thoughts with you come and join the debate!

### AGGREGATION AND LOCAL SUPPLY: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE END OF SUPPORT SCHEMES?

In a post-Feed-in Tariff context (as state support for renewables phases out), how can we organize to add value to local electricity production, from rooftop solar to 10MW plants? What are our new challenges (surplus management, balancing responsibility, aggregation, etc.), and how can we identify and pool our needs? Featuring insights from several network partners actively engaged in these issues.

### EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS MODEL: SELL NEGAWATTS!

Selling energy is good, but selling negawatts is better! Since the energy transition can only happen by reducing demand, come and draw inspiration from the pioneers. Let's imagine local, sustainable solutions for everything from building renovation to mobility.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CITIZEN ENERGY: BUSINESS MODELS AND PROFESSIONALIZATION

How can we resolve structural challenges before considering scaling up? What are the options and models for professionalizing our organization? Which economic models can create sustainable jobs? We will share more on these lessons learned from the European ESF+ program: 'Replicating the regional and citizen-led energy operator model in rural areas'.

### WHY DO SOME TERRITORIES SUCCEED... WHILE OTHERS STALL?

Social capital, local alliances, and activist legacies: the hidden drivers of emergence. From Béganne to Mauges and Le Mené, this workshop, the result of a three-year field study, sociological interviews, and original mapping, revisits the history of citizen energy in Western France to understand the practical conditions for project success.

### BEYOND THE LOCAL ELECTIONS: ENGAGING WITH THE TEAMS IN POWER

The elections are over and the new teams are settling into their town halls. How can we make the most of this post-election period, when elected officials are most likely to listen, to build a constructive dialogue that lasts throughout their term? Regardless of their political leaning or their existing knowledge of energy issues, this workshop is designed for you. Together, we will test tools developed by volunteers and elected officials from the citizen energy movement.

### FOR THE LOVE OF RISK! A STORY OF CITIZEN SHAREHOLDERS

We could have given you a historical timeline of all the projects we have supported over the last 15 years. Instead, come and step into the shoes of citizen project leaders. This theatrical and humorous workshop is based on real-life feedback and testimonials, highlighting the vital role of residents in citizen-led renewable energy projects.



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## Wednesday 24 June 2026 Workshops: 3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

### WIND REPOWERING: MYTH OR REALITY?

While land for new projects is becoming increasingly scarce, many wind farms that have been in operation for over 20 years are now entering a renewal phase. Repowering offers the opportunity to upgrade existing sites, improve performance, and reduce environmental impacts. However, do public stakeholders and citizens truly have the means to establish a foothold in this sector?

### COLLABORATIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Behind the fundraising efforts of our local cooperatives lie the challenges of building awareness for citizen energy and encouraging people to take action through co-investment. Designing an effective fundraising strategy is a complex art that is constantly evolving. If we were to join forces tomorrow, what would be the right recipe for success?

### LOCAL FLEXIBILITY PROJECTS: WHY AND HOW TO LEAD THEM?



EPV has been rolling out flexibility tools for several years now. In this workshop, we'll lift the lid and show you everything there is to know about this local, community-led flexibility project. Come along and ask your questions so we can shape the models of tomorrow together.

### ENERGY STORAGE: A GOOD OR BAD IDEA?

Everything leads us to believe that (renewable) electricity storage is necessary... but is it truly a necessity? Why? If so, at what scale? And at what cost(s)? Should citizen energy projects take on this subject, and if so, how?

### POWERING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Two territories, two winning strategies to build alliances between citizens and local authorities and scale up the transition through concrete examples. In the Centre region, the LETsGO4Climate experience shows how co-creating a shared narrative inspired elected officials and citizens to form a joint association and launch five collectives simultaneously, which have now become the primary local drivers for climate action plans. Meanwhile, in the Pays de Redon, discover how the deep-rooted presence and expertise of citizen groups have become essential resources for co-writing local energy policies such as regional energy and climate strategies.

### ENGAGEMENT, MOTIVATION, AND REIGNITING THE SPARK.

In these gloomy times, let's join forces to brainstorm innovative solutions, recharge our motivation to tackle these challenges, and refuse to give up!

### ENGAGING NEW AUDIENCES



It's not always easy to reach out to new people and get them on board with the community energy initiative! Come along to brainstorm and develop a pitch to attract new audiences, then leave with practical ideas to try out in your own community.

### WOOD ENERGY: HOW CITIZEN-LED HEAT OPERATORS ARE BRANCHING OUT TO IMPACT THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Impact study of heat operators: "citizen projects are 2 to 3 times more profitable for the local area than private projects." "For every euro invested, 2.5 euros benefit the local territory." It's impossible to miss these slogans when you're part of the EP network. And yet, they only apply to citizen-led... electricity projects! What about renewable heat, and wood energy in particular? This workshop aims to present and discuss ongoing work regarding the local economic benefits of citizen-led renewable heat projects.



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## Thursday, June 25

### 09h00 - 12h **Visit: Heat network**

When hedgerows supply a local network... Discover a range of initiatives. Meet the local players in the wood energy sector (as well as mulch, bedding and timber) behind sustainable, community-led and grassroots initiatives. From residents to elected representatives, and from NGO to farmers, everyone is playing their part in preserving hedgerows!

### 12h - 13h30 **Lunch**