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This document provides an outline of the financial support programs available in Denmark to finance energy communities and related projects. **May 2023**

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1. Introduction

This document details some financial support programs for Energy Communities (“ECs”) in Denmark, including both Renewable Energy Communities (“REC”) and Citizen Energy Communities (“CEC”).

2. Energy Communities support

A framework for financial support for subsidies to local energy communities and local anchoring climate strategies is established in Denmark under BEK no 1162 of 09/08/2022, order on subsidies for local energy communities and local anchoring). Under this framework, DKK 4 million has been set aside from 2022 to 2025 to finance these subsidies.

On the other hand, renewable energy actors can also apply for the [individual grants for local energy communities and local anchoring or climate strategies](#) program from the Danish Energy Agency “Energisyrrelsen”. Both smaller projects, aimed at providing information, and larger programmes can be funded under this programme. Currently the program is not open for applications.

Moreover, the order developing the legal regime of REC and CEC in Denmark, BEK no 1069 of 30/05/2021, also includes several benefits to both kinds of energy communities, that result in support for their establishment:

- Article 16 recognizes that the use of the grid by REC and CEC results in savings for the collective electricity supply companies. As a consequence, the article imposes an obligation on those suppliers to calculate the tariffs for REC and CEC on the basis of the assessment by those electricity supply companies of the benefits resulting from the REC and CEC use of the energy grid.
- Article 17 exempts both REC and CEC from the general citizens’ energy duty to supply electricity. This exemption applies to electricity trading company’s electricity products that consist exclusively of the supply of electricity to participants or capital owners in a REC and CEC, insofar the electricity is produced in installations owned by the REC or the

CEC or by their members. This applies even if one or more members in the REC or CEC are household consumers.

3. Other support measures

Energy Communities may find relevant funding options in the subsidy's pool from the Danish Energy Community, which is accessible in [the State's Subsidy Pools webpage](#). Equally, funding options can also be found in the section of the State's Subsidy Pools webpage in relation to subsidies from the [Danish Business Authority](#).

Moreover, the Energy Technology Development and Demonstration Programme ("EUDP") may provide funding schemes and public aids that may be of interest to Energy Communities. Applications to the grants provided by the EUDP are to be submitted electronically before the Danish Energy Agency's [application portal](#). Foreign project participants can also receive EUDP aid according to the same rules as Danish participants. However, the main applicant must be a Danish registered company or university.

The funding projects of the EUDP are published in [this web portal](#). The grants published in the portal are updated every three months, and the next update is scheduled to happen in August.

Among those projects currently accepting calls, the CET Partnership Joint Call 2023 under EUDP, accessible in [this link](#), may be of interest to energy communities. This project offers grants for innovative projects that contribute to meeting Denmark's political objectives within energy and climate as well as creating jobs in Denmark and exports of energy technology.

The funding of this project is obtained from the CET Partnership, a joint international partnership between national and regional research, development and innovation programmes of EU Member States and associated countries.

Application to the CET Partnership Joint Call 2023 project is available until the 4th September 2023. One or two more calls for applications are scheduled for 2024, although currently the subsidy is not open for applications.

Specifically in Copenhagen, the Municipality offers the programme Solar Pool, available under [this link](#), which subsidises up to 50% of the consulting expenses resulting from support from a

professional technical advisor to carry out an initial screening on a property to determine whether it is suitable for a solar panel installation. The subsidy is also capped at DKK 15.000, including VAT (approximately 2000€).

This subsidy is available to the owners of privately owned multi-story residential properties with a minimum of five housing units located in Copenhagen, property administrators or advisors representing property owners or private business enterprises.

The application form for the solar pool is available in [this link](#). The application deadline is currently September 1st 2024.

Finally, the Foundation Industriens Fond provides support to projects aimed at enhancing the sustainability of the production in the Danish industry. More information on Industriens Fond can be accessed in the [foundation's webpage](#).