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# How WE engage citizens in renewable energy projects ?

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Barriers to RES



### administrative barriers

technical and technological barriers

financial barriers

### social barriers



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### Examples



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- Energy cooperatives
- Green energy suppliers
- Crowdfunding for RES
- We Engage!







### **Developing Energy cooperatives in Croatia**

- Organized 20 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 and new business models needed;
- Focus of cooperatives: biomass, PV, electro mobility, biogas, wind, energy efficiency in building sizenergy.ev







### **Crowdfunding for energy independent school in Croatia**



Indiegogo: 10.000 USD; total crowdfunding: 32.000 USD Support from the local County: 45.000 USD





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### WE Engage!

### Purpose

- Helps stakeholders to design a social acceptance strategy
- http://www.we-engage.eu/about-the-project/
- Requirements
- EU wide measures
- Transferability
- Knowledge into practice
- Inclusive







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# What it is all about – engage Honoren engage Honoren engage Honoren engage Honoren engage Honoren energy revolution energy revolution

#### **Providing Information**

• 1 way information to targeted stakeholders.

#### **Engaging local communities**

• 2 way interaction: dialogue & exchange of views.

### Innovative Financing / Benefit sharing

• Partnership models.



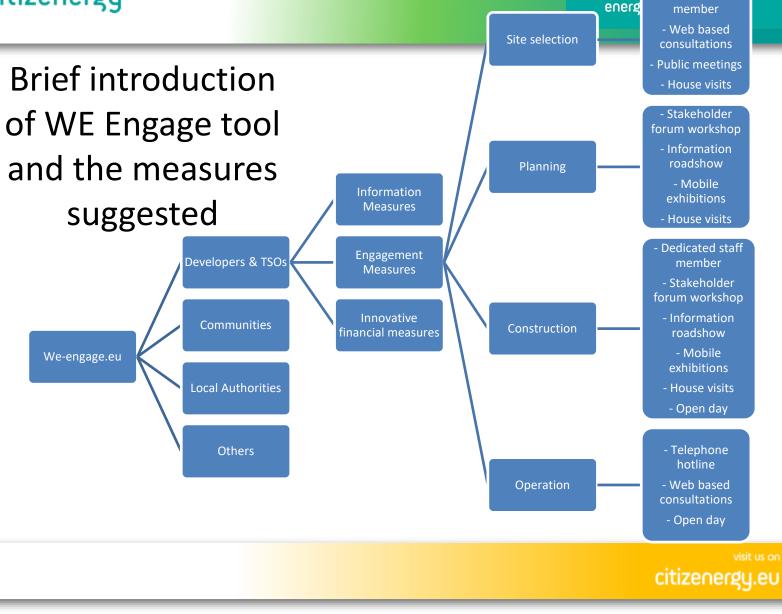
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## **Example 2 Citizenergy Real case scenarios Take part in the European**







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#### Terna Energy SA -Project Developer

- Dervenochoria wind farm cluster: 4 WFs in operation (19.5 MW) and 3 WFs under development (10 MW).
- Location: Viotia prefecture, Greece.

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### 50 Hertz - TSO

• Ex-post evaluation to investigate what measures suggested by the "**WE ENGAGE**" tool would have been appropriate for usage.

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### Key takeaways!



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- Local engagement enhances better understanding of RES projects and generally contributes to reducing NIMBY effects
- Citizens engagement can overbridge financial and social barriers on RES projects
- WE ENAGE tool is online and available for free, enabler of well designed social acceptance strategies.





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### **THANK YOU!**

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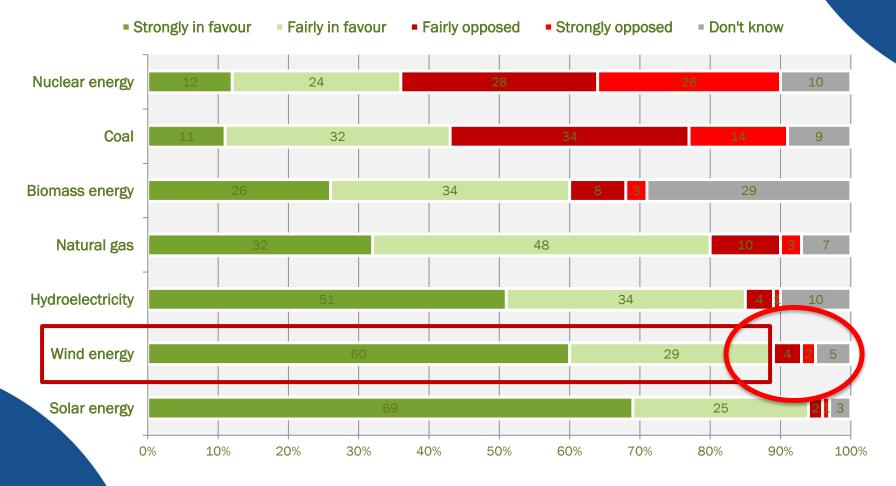
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How can local engagment and shared ownership help to increase wind power development ?



### Project rationale - 89% people support wind energy, what about the remaining 6%?



Source: Eurobarometer 364/2011 Public Awareness and Acceptance of CO2 capture and storage







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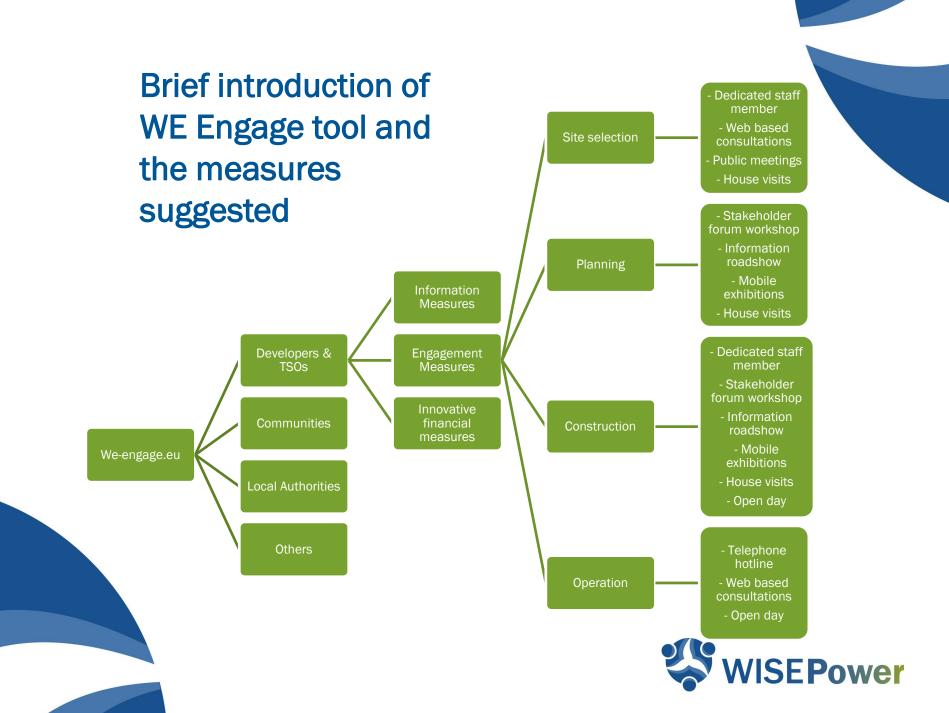
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### **Real case scenarios**







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- Private partnership with one cooperative and public private partnerships – the most SUCCESFULL alternative financing models for wind energy projects currently.



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