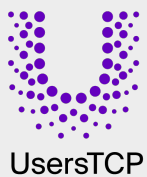


Welcome to the webinar

Getting all onboard!

An interactive tool for guiding  
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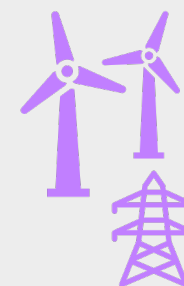




# Why do we need public engagement?



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3x times  
more  
renewables  
by 2030



More  
decentralised  
energy  
production



Infrastructure  
closer to the  
people



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# The Task in a nutshell



**Task Leaders**



Renewables  
Grid Initiative 



**Duration**

March 2023 –  
March 2024



**Participating countries**

Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden,  
Switzerland and United Kingdom



Learn more about our task  
[on our webpage](#)



# The Task in a nutshell

## Scope of phase I:



## Forms of engagement:

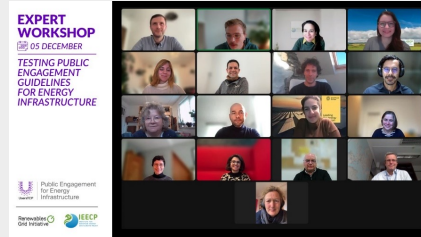


- identify common challenges and drivers for effective public engagement for energy infrastructure
- collect evidence from international case studies about which public engagement approaches are effective or ineffective
- develop best practice guide for **transferable and actionable guidance for future engagement** around energy infrastructure (grids, wind, solar)



# Outcomes of phase I

Drivers and barriers of public engagement in energy infrastructure projects based on literature review and 24 interviews (Report, Factsheet, Slide pack) Nov 2023



Impact assessment of 98 selected, diverse case studies of public engagement in energy infrastructure (Report) Feb. 2023

Users TCP Policy brief Planned for April 2024

User-Centred Energy Systems

Drivers and barriers of public engagement in energy infrastructure  
Literature review and expert interviews

November 2023

Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy (IEECP) and Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI)

One stakeholder workshop to improve the best practice guide Dec. 2023

User-Centred Energy Systems

Impact assessment of case studies  
Assessing the impacts of public engagement in energy infrastructure projects

February 2024

Diana Süsser, Ira Shefer, Shima Ebrahimi, Samuele Livraghi, Nathalia Fernandes, Marco Pometto, Esther Harari, Andrioz Coglieri

Best Practice Guide for public engagement in different energy projects and contexts (interactive tool)

Launch today!



# Policy recommendations



## Communicate about the energy transition and engagement opportunities:

Public engagement opportunities as well as benefits for the public must be better communicated to enhance engagement. Policymakers should also create awareness about the need for energy infrastructure, its impacts and benefits.



## Provide resources for public engagement:

Public engagement requires dedicated resources for meaningful public engagement, such as deliberative processes. Engagement processes take time, but they can also save a lot of time and money that might otherwise be spent on conflict mediation and litigation.



## Support capacity-building for public engagement:

Public engagement requires awareness and specific capacities among implementing organizations to facilitate meaningful engagement methods and tools. In addition, local and regional authorities must be better prepared to take up their role in supporting local and regional transition processes.



## Initiate stronger multi-level and multi-stakeholder collaborations

Policymakers should initiate dialogues among different actors to share experiences and knowledge within and across energy technologies, ensuring engagement processes on the ground are inclusive and fair.



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**Engage4Energy: Our  
interactive guide for  
developers, policymakers and  
civil society**



# The #Engage4Energy tool

- Interactive PDF, [available online](#)
- Subject to ongoing updates by RGI and IEECP
- Target groups:
  - Developers in grids, wind and solar
  - Policymakers at national, regional and local level;
  - Civil society organizations & citizens

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# The #Engage4Energy tool

- **Public engagement challenges** that promoters are facing; and that relevant to policy makers and civil society actors:



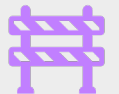
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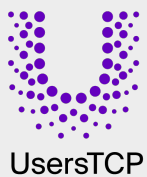
Public opposition



Saving resources (costs & time)



Overcoming institutional barriers

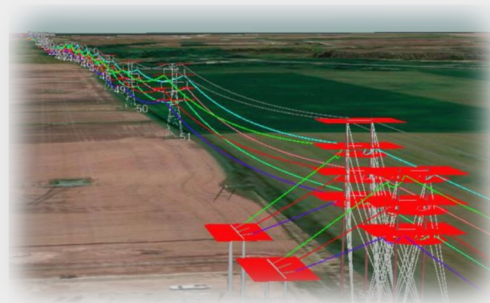


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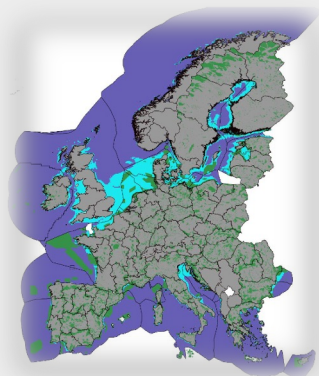
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(3) Project's planning



(5) End-of-Life



(2) System  
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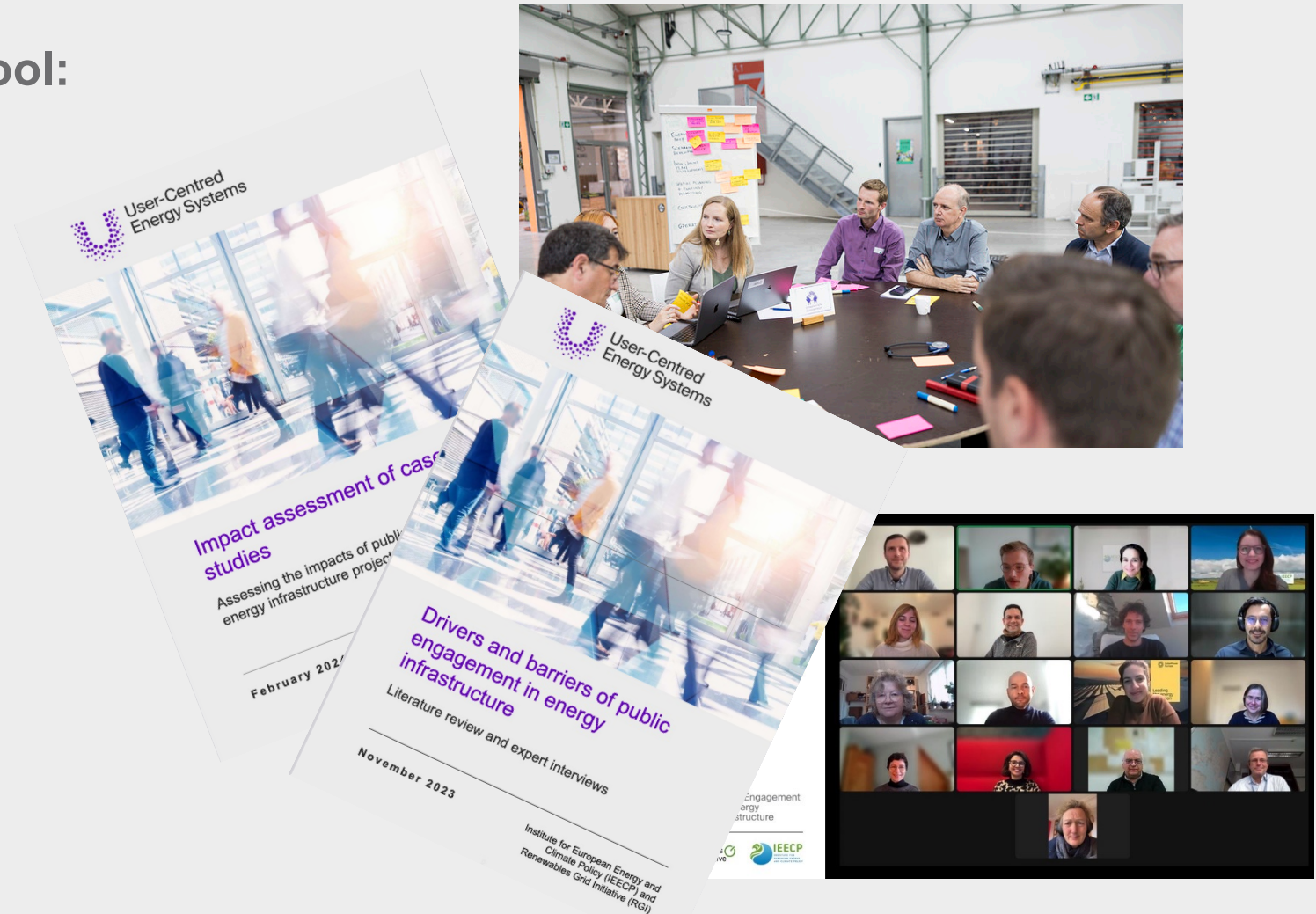
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# The #Engage4Energy tool

## Data sources for developing the tool:

- Task outputs
- RGI & IEECP previous and ongoing works
- Expert's feedback (professional and academic workshops, round tables & online meetings)





# The #Engage4Energy tool

## Four key principles for meaningful public engagement



**Early** engagement of stakeholders



**Inclusiveness** of diverse individuals and social groups in the entire lifecycle (policy making to end-of-life phases)



**Transparency** about the engagement process and its outcomes



Developing **trust** in project developers and policymakers



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**Let's get inspired!**  
**Benefits from public engagement  
in energy infrastructure**

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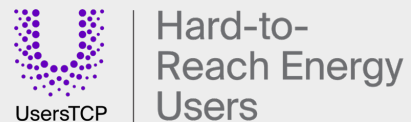
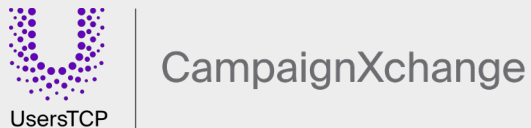
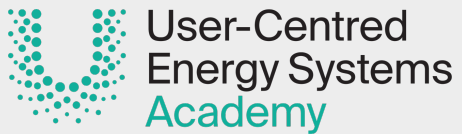
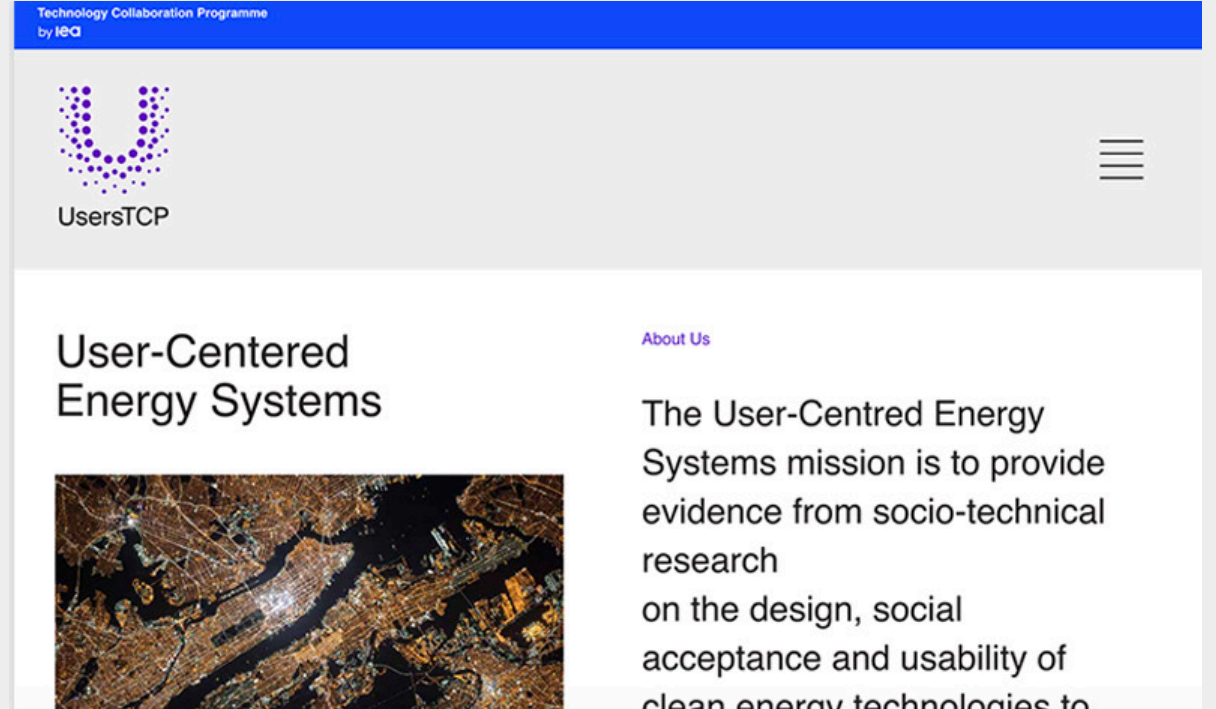
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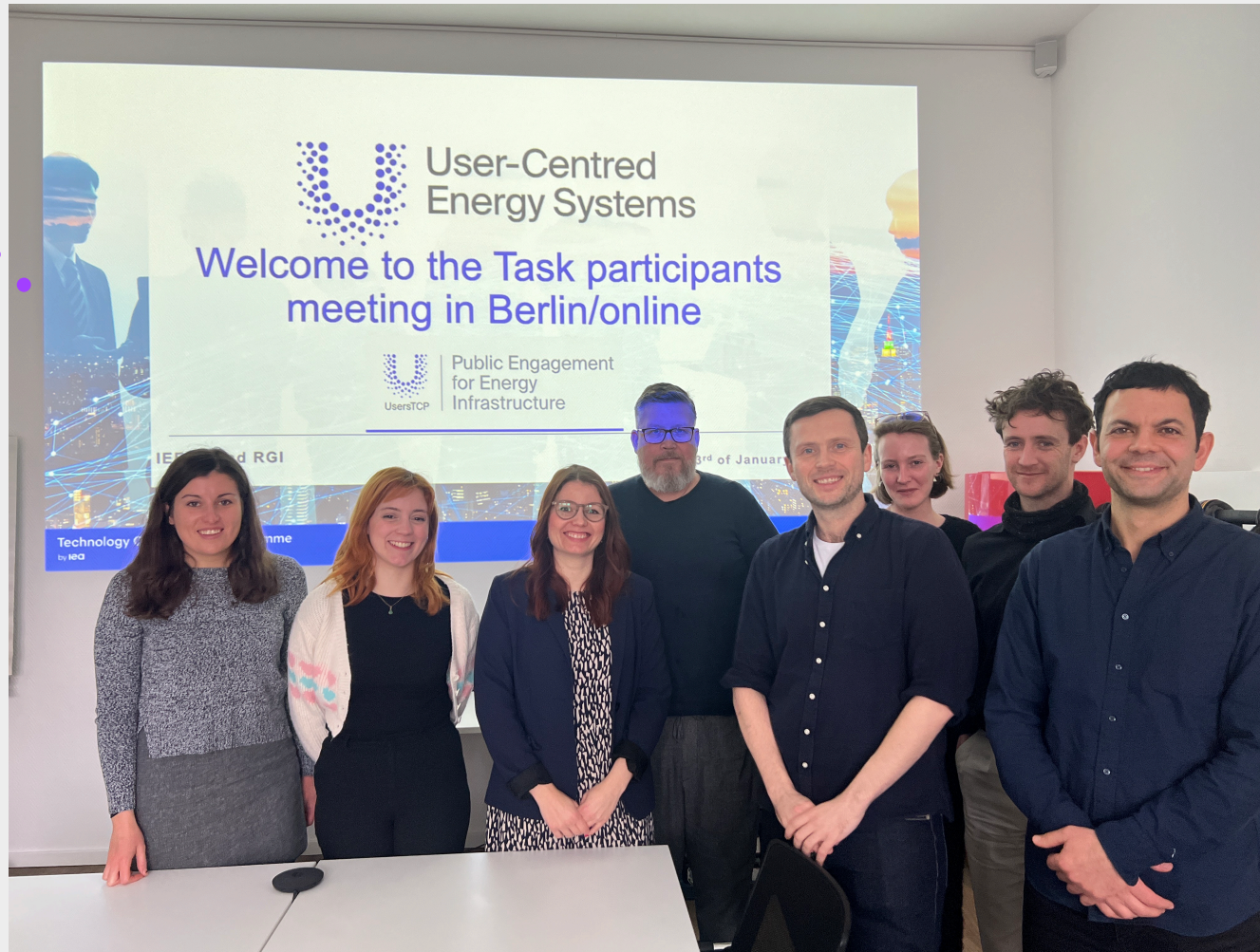
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# THANK YOU



To the task  
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To the interviewees  
and workshop  
participants.

To the whole RGI  
and IEECP team.

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