



COLLABORATION

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- DOELGROEP -



For whom and how could we make a difference
in the neighborhood in terms of energy?

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Is there a group of neighborhood residents and organizations
that we can involve in this project?

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Which target groups are not yet at the table?

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- GOAL -

Why do you want to create an energy community?

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What does an energy community mean to you?

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Is the “why” of an energy community clear to everyone
around the table?

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“A group of people or organizations in rural areas, who are willing to test the CIRCUS method, commit collectively to the energy transition, and take action to implement energy initiatives in order to become more resilient as a community.”

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How can you formulate your objectives in a SMART way?
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- COMPOSITION -

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What skills are needed to drive
this energy community forward?
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Who (person or team) will take on the role of leader,
and what does that entail?
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How can the leader be supported?
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- PARTNERS -



Stakeholder Mapping Methodology

Which partners/organizations can you collaborate with,
both within and outside your own organization?

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How are the different strengths and talents of all partners and individuals actively identified and acknowledged?

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What is the individual motivation of each partner,
and how can you turn it into a shared one?

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How do you encourage open dialogue where
different opinions are welcome?

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With whom and when will you discuss and adjust
the role distribution?

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the role distribution?

Clearly define the roles of the core group and the partners.

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What opportunities are there to strengthen the connection between the parties?

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- CONCLUSION -

How will you make decisions together about the direction of this project? What framework is already in place?

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How will you give a voice in the design, decision-making, and implementation to everyone who wants to be involved?

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How will you ensure that your structures are flexible enough to respond to opportunities and newly identified needs?

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When will you be satisfied with the way collaboration
is happening?

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is happening?



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- LONG-TERM -

What change (in terms of energy) would you like to see happen
in the neighborhood? Where do you want to be in ten
(or twenty) years?

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What change(s) would you like to work on
in the upcoming year?

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in the upcoming year?



What are the first steps you can take right now?

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What will be the first signs that things are moving
in the right direction?

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in the right direction?

Are there already actions or initiatives with a clear long-term perspective? What are they? Where are they happening?

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How and where is the conversation with residents, partners, and local authorities held about the long-term perspective?

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How are residents and organizations encouraged to remain actively involved in this project?

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- RESOURCES -

Are there resources available or that can be tapped into to start, expand, and sustain achievements in the long term?

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Has fundraising been done?

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Are there other funding streams available?

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How will you ensure that the project is integrated
into other operations and structures?

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