

# TURNING THE DECADE

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This report is dedicated to all the colleagues who have crossed their path with IEECP in the past 10 years - institutes, universities, companies, governmental authorities, non-governmental institutions, associations, and professionals in general.

Thank you.



## Foreword

Over the past decade that IEECP operates, Europe's climate agenda has shifted from broad ambition to a more operational and tangible framework, particularly in energy. The European Green Deal has been instrumental in turning targets into concrete actions that shape markets and infrastructure. Yet, while ambition remains largely intact, it is increasingly debated. Maintaining Europe's leadership will depend less on setting goals and more on demonstrating that the transition delivers stability, fairness, and real economic benefits, while also strengthening resilience to the growing impacts of climate change through adaptation efforts. Globally, roles are also shifting, with former laggards accelerating their efforts and some frontrunners slowing down—making sustained EU leadership far from guaranteed.

Despite short-term fluctuations, fossil fuel prices have followed a clear upward path since the mid-2000s. Europe is now facing a second energy price crisis in under five years, exposing continued dependence on imported fuels. Rather than weakening the case for transition, this underlines the need to accelerate it. Reducing reliance on volatile imports is not only a climate imperative but an economic and strategic necessity, while also contributing to more resilient energy systems in the face of climate-related disruptions.

At the same time, affordability has become central. For many, the cost of energy, housing, and transport outweighs climate concerns. A narrow focus on competitiveness—especially through innovation for lowering labour costs—offers unsustainable answers. In contrast, reducing energy costs through clean technologies can strengthen both competitiveness and household welfare. This is where energy efficiency stands out. Beyond emissions reduction, it acts as a buffer against price shocks and a cornerstone of energy security. Before expanding supply through advanced technologies, demand should be reduced as much as possible. In essence, the transition must prioritise cleaner, more affordable solutions, with stronger attention to how energy is used and clearer transparency in policymaking.

As a research institute, IEECP believes that current research priorities should focus on developing new ideas and also making existing ones work in practice—through piloting early-stage concepts and scaling up proven solutions. Research should also deepen its focus on implementation challenges, from energy savings and poverty to industrial decarbonisation, while better integrating climate adaptation and resilience considerations across sectors. Just as importantly, it must be willing to question assumptions. Not all policy ideas will succeed in practice, and recognising limitations is as valuable as confirming success. In this context, the role of local and regional authorities, and the need for effective multi-level governance, are critical to ensure that both mitigation and adaptation policies are implemented coherently and reflect territorial realities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Oikonomou', written over a horizontal line.

Vlasios Oikonomou

# This is US

## Realistic

We understand the success of any policy relies heavily on legitimacy and citizen acceptance. We exist to provide policymakers with the research insights they need to make informed decisions, confident that they are creating resilient systems aligned with the needs of their citizens.

## Transparent

We assist Europe's Member States with their transition to climate neutrality through analysis that are transparent, jargon-free, and to the point - information that is accurate, understandable, and usable.

## Scientifically sound

We collect scientifically sound data and validate it with relevant stakeholders to provide policymakers with analysis that are academically accurate but also sensitive to field contexts.

# A friendly business



Together though far: our team works in a full-remote setting, yet we collaborate closely through daily calls, virtual coffee-breaks, friendly check-ups and occasional spontaneous meet-ups. Once a year, we get together in a team retreat to bond, onboard new colleagues, and count how many new Giulias have joined the team.



### Vlasios Oikonomou

Managing director

Vlasios is an economist with over 20 years experience in coordinating EU-funded projects and carrying out policy studies. He holds a PhD on energy economics, and authored numerous publications on energy and climate policies and related issues.



### Vassilis Stravakas

Financial director

Vassilis holds a PhD in modelling and simulation methods in support of low-carbon energy systems. He has over 10 years of experience with EU-funded projects and authored 10+ articles in high-impact international scientific journals.



### Zsolt Lengyel

General secretary

Zsolt is a founding member of IEECP and has been serving as its Chairperson since its establishment in 2015. He is an economist, a climate action policy veteran and specialist of the corresponding instruments, policies and measures.



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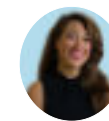
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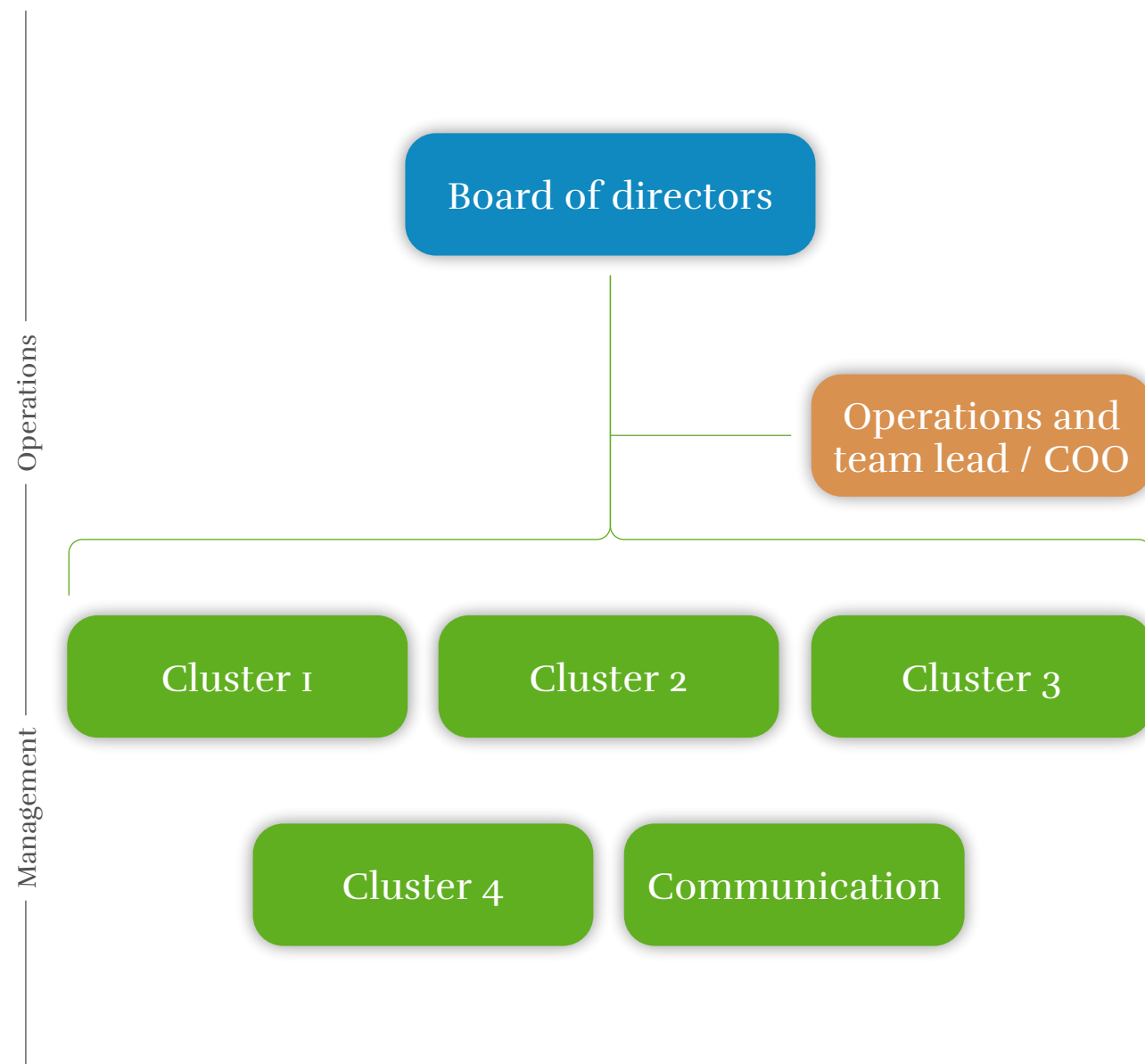
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**Cluster 1: Industry, business and financing**

Cluster 1 focuses on the energy transition in industry and the business sector, advancing energy efficiency and sustainable energy investments through applied research, policy support and market-oriented approaches.

It connects technical solutions with financing and competitiveness outcomes, covering the full value chain from energy supply to final use.

With a focus on underrepresented sectors and company sizes, the cluster demonstrates that sustainability and competitiveness go hand in hand.

**Cluster 2: Multi-Level Governance for Climate and Energy**

CL2 supports local, regional and national authorities in delivering the energy and climate transition through planning, governance, implementation support, capacity building and peer learning. Since 2018, we have worked with more than 500 authorities across Europe and beyond, strengthening capacities in integrated energy and climate planning, multi-level governance, access to finance, and implementation of local climate and energy actions. Our expertise spans climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

**Cluster 5: Communication**

Working transversally with all the other clusters, this team develops research in the fields of communication and offers expertise to support stakeholder engagement activities, dissemination of project results, and the development of targeted and effective events and communication campaigns. It also provides internal support to researchers and leads organisational communication.

**Cluster 3: Policies for all**

Starting from the end-users and their needs, for participatory and inclusive policy processes, with Just Transition in mind: this cluster aims at making the energy transition economically viable and affordable to all, tackling energy poverty.

With core expertise in energy efficiency policies, we build on the Energy Efficiency First principle to look at the energy system as a whole, considering multiple impacts. Integrated approaches also go beyond energy, considering interactions between policy areas (e.g. housing, health), as well as sufficiency as a way to factor in both, the planet boundaries and fairness.

Our multidisciplinary team bridges engineering, economics and social sciences. We facilitate cross-country and multi-stakeholder knowledge and experience sharing to support informed policymaking for relevant, fair and effective policies.

**Cluster 4: Buildings and the built environment**

Over the past decade, recognising the crucial role of buildings in the green transition, IEECP has strategically expanded its expertise in decarbonisation strategies and policies for the built environment. Key areas include smart buildings, affordable energy solutions, sustainable renovation, circular and low-carbon renovation practices, citizen-led renovation, building data and observatories and one-stop-shops.

All in all, CL4 brings together technical, environmental, policy and social expertise to champion affordable housing, low-carbon materials, and inclusive renovation models, while supporting policy makers at all levels to decarbonise the EU building stock.

Dozens of people have written lines in the story of IEECP. Some have left to new professional endeavours; many still take part in the team. All remain in regular contact, continuing friendships that go way beyond professional collaboration.

As a young organisation, IEECP grew with its people, learning and improving in parallel with their experience and maturity. Institutional and individual ambitions often go hand in hand, and the team also has a say in the direction we take.

Ten years later - and with 41 IEECPers in 2025 working from all over the European continent -, our core values remain the same: to foster honest collaboration in a friendly, inclusive, and open environment.

We know each other's pets and children; we know who loves to eat cookies and who's the best at making them. Strong professional collaboration relies on human trust - and that is built through happy chats over (real) coffee.





41 people

10 countries

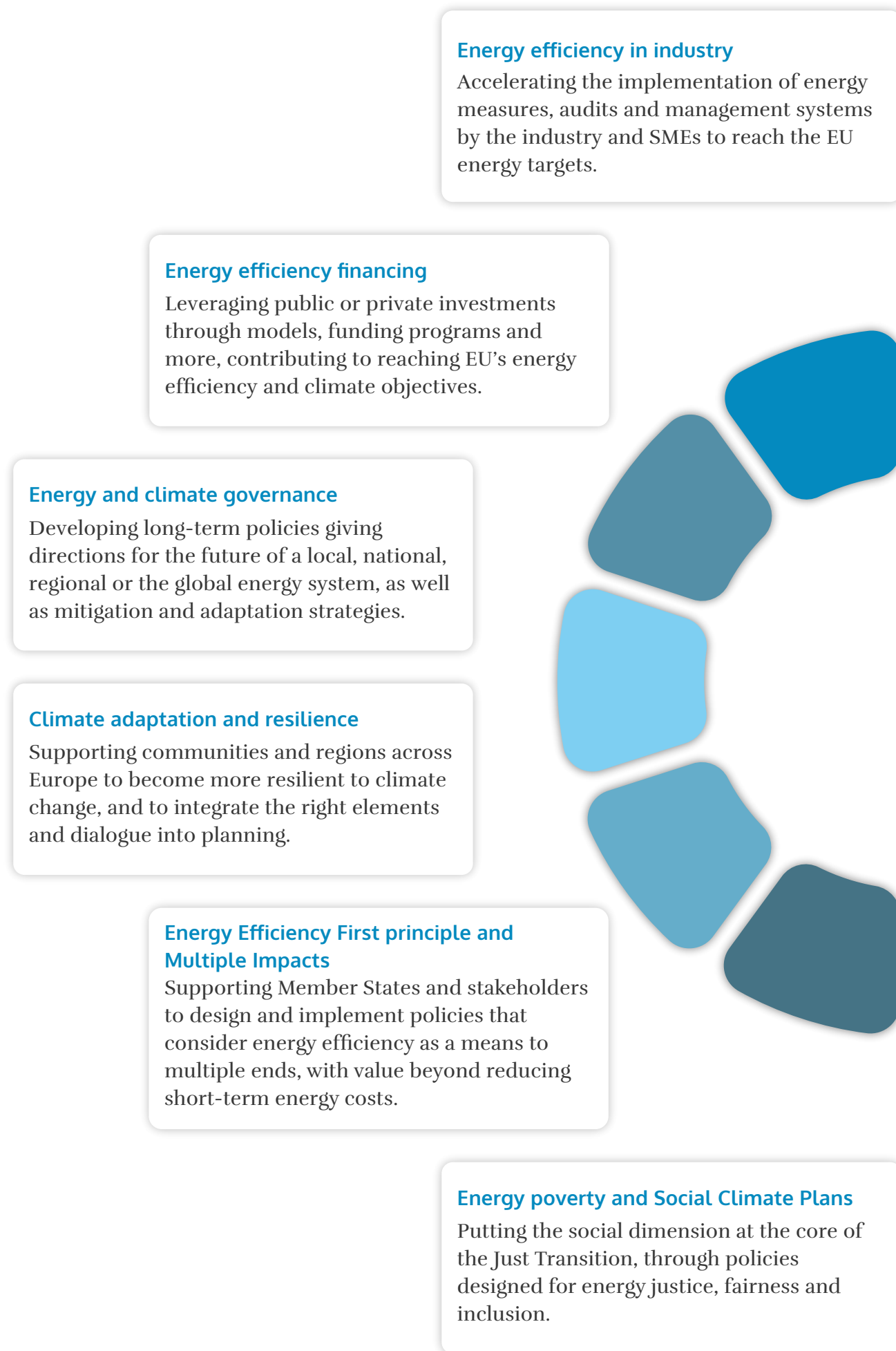
Working remotely can be challenging; yet, our team organises regular virtual and in-person activities to build trust and bond within and outside their "usual" working partners.

The result? An organisation that spans across many countries and engages policy-makers outside the central bubble.



# Informing policies

Effective policy-making begins with sound and robust knowledge. For ten years, our team has provided high-quality, unbiased, and transparent data and analysis to support the development of realistic energy and climate policies in Europe.



The topics on the left illustrate some of the key issues in the climate & energy fields that guide our work, and where the expertise we have developed over the past ten years has been acknowledged.

Organised into topic clusters, we count on the expertise of researchers with diverse academic and scientific backgrounds. Together, they cover the multiple knowledge areas necessary for a comprehensive understanding of social, economic, environmental, and technical impacts of energy and climate policies.

Through various activities, our researchers inform and support policymakers with the aim to ensure that their policies - at national and European level - are based on accurate, realistic, and honest scientific data.

The outcomes of our research are always presented in a digestible, transparent format, facilitating the transfer of scientific knowledge to concrete policies, standards, and national requirements.

In all areas, knowledge and experience sharing lies at the heart of our work: we connect people across countries, disciplines, and stakeholder profiles because we can all learn from each other. And because success grows higher with everyone's involvement.

Following our ambition to support data-based policies, we engage local, national, regional, and European groups of stakeholders to collect real market experiences about a variety of topics - and then use our learnings to develop realistic recommendations and information sessions to those making the decisions.

Looking to ensure adoption on both sides of the policymaking process, our team also designs and implements targeted communication campaigns and tools to facilitate the implementation of policies and measures in various fields and ensure regulatory compliance.

Our training programs are tailored to the specific needs of market segments, actors, and industries; experts share their knowledge in contextual and applicable manners, designed to facilitate broad replication anywhere in the EU.

#### Stakeholder engagement

Co-design sessions for policy development, workshops with all actors of the energy market, and fruitful feedback loops that feed into research.

#### Policy evaluation and recommendations

Thorough analysis of policy implementation across countries, stakeholder consultation, and discussion of recommendations for future policy works.

#### Communication

Awareness and dissemination campaigns, events, and targeted outreach to strengthen the impact of research among communities, public bodies, and stakeholders.

#### Data analysis and modelling

Data collection, processing, and analysis to inform better policies and guarantee their realism and feasibility. Development of models to improve policymaking.

#### Development of tools

Support to policymakers, national authorities, and other market stakeholders with real-data-based tools that facilitate and improve assessment, implementation and monitoring.

#### Capacity building and learning programmes

Training courses, masterclasses, and peer-to-peer learning tailored to the needs of specific target groups, businesses, and organisations.



In ten years, our team issued dozens of policy briefs and recommendations to support European, national, and regional authorities with the implementation of fair, effective, and sustainable green transitions. Find them at [ieecp.org/resources/#allPublications](https://ieecp.org/resources/#allPublications).



### Understanding Transformational Adaptation

This policy brief is developed under the Working Group on Transformational Adaptation of MIP4Adapt and targets actors involved in the implementation of transformational adaptation, at local and regional level in Europe.



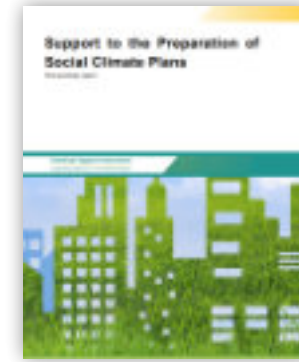
### Understanding the regulations governing waste heat and cooling technologies

Overview of waste heat and cooling technologies in two key pieces of EU legislation: The Renewable Energy Directive RED III ((EU) 2023/2413) and The Energy Efficiency Directive (EED III) ((EU) 2023/1791) to support translation into national policies.



### Why Local Authorities Struggle with Innovative Financing

Consultations conducted under PROSPECT+ gathered feedback from national, municipal, and city-level authorities and agencies across 20 European countries to understand the attitudes of public authorities toward innovative financing instruments.



### Support to the Preparation of Social Climate Plans

This document is the final report for the project with the same name, which provided technical support to nine EU Member States in the preparation of their Social Climate Plans, as required under Regulation establishing the Social Climate Fund.



### Enhancing multilevel governance in the Governance Regulation

With a spotlight on Article 11, this key piece of legislation is meant to ensure ongoing, inclusive engagement between national governments, sub-national authorities, civil society, and other stakeholders on energy and climate matters.



### Final NECPs, Energy Poverty & Energy Efficiency Targets: Where do we stand?

As measures and policies foreseen in the Social Climate Plan will also contribute to the achievement of Member States' energy savings obligations, it is crucial to clarify and define appropriately the concepts of energy poverty and vulnerability.

# Building a village



It takes a village to raise an institute, and we had the fortune to find ourselves in a very good village, surrounded by partners that are equally skilled and friendly. They are part of our history - past and future.



Over 300 partners have collaborated with us over these ten years. Organisations - but, more importantly, people in them - are a fundamental part of fruitful research.

Behind every speaker there is a team: we all take the unspoken mission of celebrating colleagues in our internal channels every time they present at an event.



Ten years is enough time for a lot of adventures. During that time, we were never alone. From European Commission project officers and advisors to consortium partners, regional and local authorities, universities, ministries, agencies, energy companies and ESCOs, NGOs, European associations and trade organisations, consultancies, colleagues, and friends, our network is an essential part of who we are.

Collaboration with our partners has taken many different shapes; scientific publications, EU-funded projects, market analysis, workshops, trainings, journals, peer-reviewing, conferences... if we are there, so is at least one of our partners.

Truthful to our nature, we see partners beyond their institutional emblems: they are colleagues and, though indirectly, they are also part of the team. For this reason, many partners are recurring and have been working with us in several projects in the past decade.

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We started counting late - in 2019 - but the number of events quickly piled up.

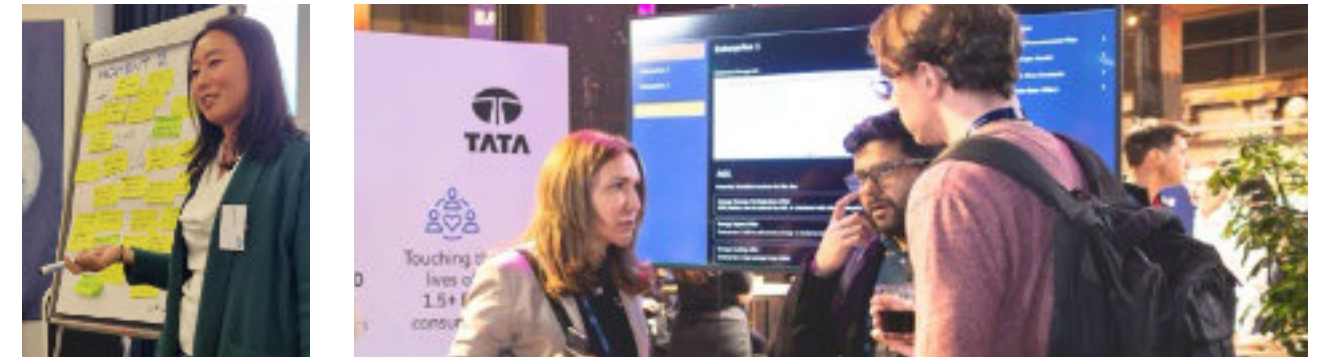
Conferences, webinars, fairs - our team has attended almost two hundreds of events to disseminate knowledge and reinforce the bond with the community around us. They were speakers, moderators, keynote speakers, organisers, hosts.

In 2025 we organised our second big conference in Brussels: a two-day event where our team, our work, and our projects were in the spotlight. The title?

**Please look up! Efficient, resilient, fair and smart – what does our energy and climate future look like?**

Discussions were relevant then, and remain relevant today. A video with the highlights is still available in our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@ieecp3943](https://www.youtube.com/@ieecp3943).

(Curious about our first big event? Check out Re-Energising Europe from 2023!)



Belonging to a village often translates into cooperation beyond the institution's borders. Over the past decade, several IEECPers have been invited to join working groups, associations, partnerships, events, and many other activities that somehow touch the core topics of our work. We see these cooperation activities also as a means to "give back" the immense support that the community has given to us.



Launched by IEECP in partnership with NTUA, the #SmartEnergyCluster gathers more than 20 EU projects focused on merging different energy services and incorporating non-energy benefits whilst overcoming market fragmentation.

### Just Transition Platform

The Just Transition Platform is the key tool to help EU Member States and regions unlock support available through the Just Transition Mechanism. IEECP participates in two of its working groups.



The European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy generates and provides evidence-based knowledge and analysis of policies. IEECP is a member of the board.



The Coalition for Energy Savings is a European non-for profit association that advocates energy efficiency as the driving force towards a secure, competitive, sustainable and climate neutral European Union. IEECP is an advisory member.



SEFA is a European Not for Profit entity that is accelerating the transition to a net zero carbon economy by advancing the development and financing of sustainable energy across Europe's built environment. IEECP is a member of the association.



The Smart City Expo World Congress brings together leaders from global companies, governments and strategic organisations driving real change. IEECP is a partner organisation of the event.



Energy Evaluation is a charity that gathers people involved in evaluating energy policies who will work together to improve the quality and effectiveness of energy policy. IEECP is a member of the association board and of the European conference committee.



ECF is a philanthropic initiative working to catalyse climate action towards a greener, more peaceful and democratic Europe made possible by climate action. IEECP is a member of its European Resilience Partnership group.

### Equality platform for the energy sector

This platform aims at strengthening the commitment to equality in all its dimensions, notably by promoting workplaces that are more diverse and inclusive. IEECP is a member of the community.



Launched by the European Commission, the Rural Pact provides a framework for cooperation between public authorities, civil society, businesses, academia and citizens. IEECP is a member of the working group on energy transition in rural areas.



The Deep Dive Community of experts formed in the framework of the P2R project aims to generate knowledge on the climate resilience of European regions. IEECP is a member of the Community of Experts.



This content management and sharing system is a one-stop Hub for climate governance-related content. IEECP is a partner of the initiative and produces content for the hub.



The European Climate Pact is a movement launched by the European Commission as part of the European Green Deal. It gathers people taking action to help build a cleaner and more resilient Europe. IEECP is a VIP member of the movement.



U4Earth is a networked learning organisation committed to the urgent transformation of human activities into Earth regeneration practices by 2050. IEECP is a member of the network.



# Making an impact

Either remotely or visiting pilots and partners, work gets done. From EU-funded projects to contracts and consultancy, our team's sleeves are up and ready to make things happen.

EU-funded projects - mostly LIFE and HORIZON programs - make up of most of our activity. Over the past 10 years we have taken part, either as coordinators or partners, in over 60 projects.

Our role in these projects covered several fields, from research to policy and citizen engagement, communication, and exploitation management.

Complementarily, we have taken part in several contracts with European institutions and organisations, such as DG ENER, Greenpeace, WWF, and the European Climate Foundation.



There is a lot of work going on behind closed doors: along the years our team founded informal working groups to address topics that are relevant for the organisation despite not fitting into formal research projects.

These groups are voluntary and aim to develop skills and share knowledge internally, improving the overall capacity of the team and issuing recommendations for management.

#### Working group for Modelling

The members of this group research and work on innovative energy modelling solutions for buildings, cities, and regions. Their findings support other teams.

#### Working group for CARE

This group meets regularly to address the invisible side of work: personal relations, emotional well-being, and strategies to find a balance between work and personal life.

#### Working group for AI

This group keeps an eye on the advances of AI and explores paths to integrate it in the work of the team, issuing recommendations on good practices and rules of thumb.

#### Working group for Social Climate Plans

This group focuses on the development and implementation of Social Climate Plans, gathering experiences and lessons learnt to inform regions across the EU.

#### Working group for Diversity & Inclusion

The members of this group monitor and issue recommendations to improve the organisational approach to diversity in daily work and institutional processes.

#### Working group for Green Management

The members of this group are on the look out for ideas on how to make our project management greener - from the way we work to the activities we lead.



Impact is also internal: IEECPers care for one another personally and often catch up outside the usual work environment.

Because research is our core activity, scientific production becomes inevitable. Over a decade, IEECPers have (co-)authored 43 scientific papers, book chapters, and other peer-reviewed publications, and they have contributed as reviewers and editors for several journals and conferences in the fields of climate and energy.

Today, an internal scientific board oversees our publications and guarantees their quality even before they go through peer review, while also supporting and tutoring colleagues pursuing academic degrees.

Fulfilling our mission to translate research outputs into transparent, understandable, and usable outputs, many scientific publications are also turned into white papers, briefs, and other easier-to-consume formats which are disseminated directly among those who could potentially benefit the most from them.

All our scientific publications are available at [ieecp.org/resources/#allPublications](https://ieecp.org/resources/#allPublications).

Decarbonisation Policies in the Residential Sector and Energy Poverty: Mitigation Strategies and Impacts in Central and Southern Eastern Europe

Rogulj, I.; Peretto, M.; Oikonomou, V.; Ebrahimigharehbaghi, S.; Tourkolias, C.

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Just energy transition in coal regions: Innovative framework for assessing territorial just transition plans

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Exploring the Determinants of Energy Vulnerability in Micro-Enterprises: Insights from the Croatian Case Study

Rogulj, I.; Žiković, S.; Spyridakos, S.

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Innovative Business Models Towards Sustainable Energy Development: Assessing Benefits, Risks, and Optimal Approaches of Blockchain Exploitation in the Energy Transition

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Why do people turn down the heat? Applying behavioural theories to assess reductions in space heating and energy consumption in Europe

Conradie, P.; van Hove, S.; Pelka, S.; Karaliopoulos, M.; Anagnostopoulos, F.; Brugger, H.; Ponnet, K.

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Expanding natural gas infrastructure in Greece: Good practice or missed opportunity of a green and inclusive transition?

Papantonis, D.; Stavrakas, V.; Oikonomou, V.; Flamos, A.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2025.136314>

Multilevel governance: Involving subnational authorities and other stakeholders in national energy and climate policy making

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Energy System Effects of the Energy Efficiency First Principle

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Smartphone-enabled real-time data on home electricity use and indoor air quality to promote energy-saving behaviors

Gabriel, M. F.; Conradie, P.; Felgueiras, F.; Cardoso, J. P.; Azeredo, J.; Filipe, D.; Chitos, A.; Karaliopoulos, M.; Preuß, S.; Keranidis, S.; Azevedo, I.; Anagnostopoulos, F.

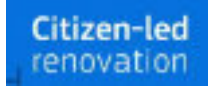
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The **Social Cost-Benefit Analysis tool** is a MS excel-based model is highly customisable and can greatly help regional authorities and policymakers in understanding which type of intervention would yield the best results.



The **Integrated Multiple Benefits Tool** aims to guide SMEs and national authorities through the energy transition by taking advantage of multiple benefits and energy management approaches.



The **Citizen-Led Renovation Retrofitting Guidelines** address three building typologies provide a technical and social framework for retrofitting, combining passive and active measures with considerations of heritage, affordability, and inclusion.



The **REGIO1st Planning Framework** provides a comprehensive, structured approach to develop and sustainable, cost-effective energy strategies to implement in line with the Energy Efficiency First (EE1st) principle.



The **Digital Practice** is designed to help you find what you need faster, engage with the content more deeply, and access key tools and resources in just a few clicks.



The **Split Incentive Quantification Tool** allocates the costs and benefits of energy efficiency interventions for landlords and tenants. The tool contributes to a deeper understanding about how to tackle energy efficiency in the private rented sector.



**SocialWatt Analyser, Check, and Plan** are decision support tools designed to help utilities, energy providers and energy service companies identify energy poor households among their clients and monitor the performance of their targeted actions.



**SYNERGISE+** is an innovative and practical Excel-based tool designed to help decision-makers prioritise actions from Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs), aligning local goals and preferences with climate resilience objectives.



**Knowledge Hubs** such as Ensmov Plus, Enefirst+, and Energy Efficient Industry aggregate learnings, reports, case studies, and trainings from several EU-funded projects in thematic-oriented spaces where stakeholders can exchange with peers.



The **Triple-A scheme** identifies “Triple-A” energy efficiency investments, aiming to reduce the respective time and effort required for conceptualisation and to increase transparency and efficiency of respective decision making.



Engage4Energy Guidelines are for citizens, developers and policymakers to achieve meaningful engagement in energy infrastructure projects. The interactive tool aims at providing guidance for the user, tailored to their specific context.



The **Quick Guides on Natural Hazards** break down complex challenges into concise, engaging formats. With infographics, checklists, case studies, and key resources, these guides are more than just reports— they are tools for action.





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Lights may be dim, cameras not always there, but action never stops. Our team and our projects were featured in the media dozens of times since IEECP started.

Interviews, opinion articles, editorials, and contributions to daily media queries have become frequent in the daily work of an IEECPer. It is not a coincidence: we see media outlets - both mainstream and specialised - as a valuable bridge between science and the common citizen.

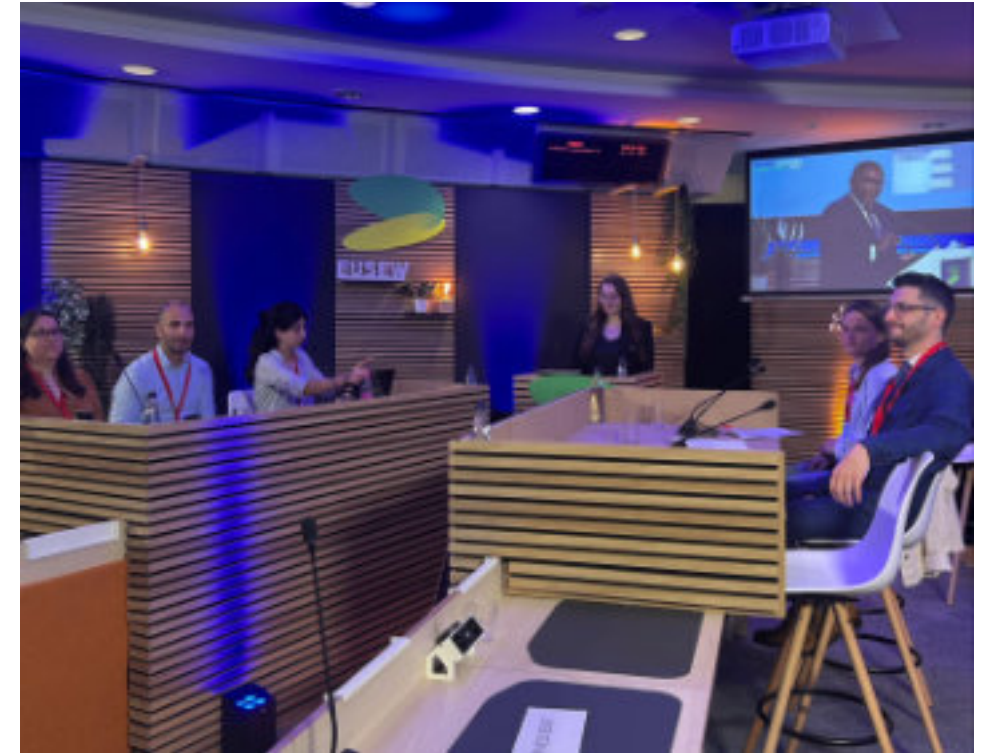
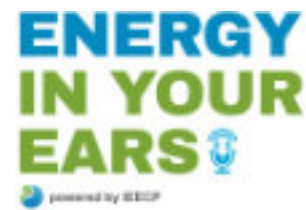
Our interaction with journalists is clear, honest, and unbiased; our goal for the next decade? To take this collaboration even further, raising general awareness about what can be done to make the Green Europe ideal come true.



Many words can describe our organisational age - but boredom is not one of them. We celebrated our tenth anniversary by launching a new podcast series, [Energy In Your Ears](#), and the team still has fun producing them.

Seven episodes are out, and more are in the making: they feature projects, explore topics, and interview experts who talk energy in simple terms.

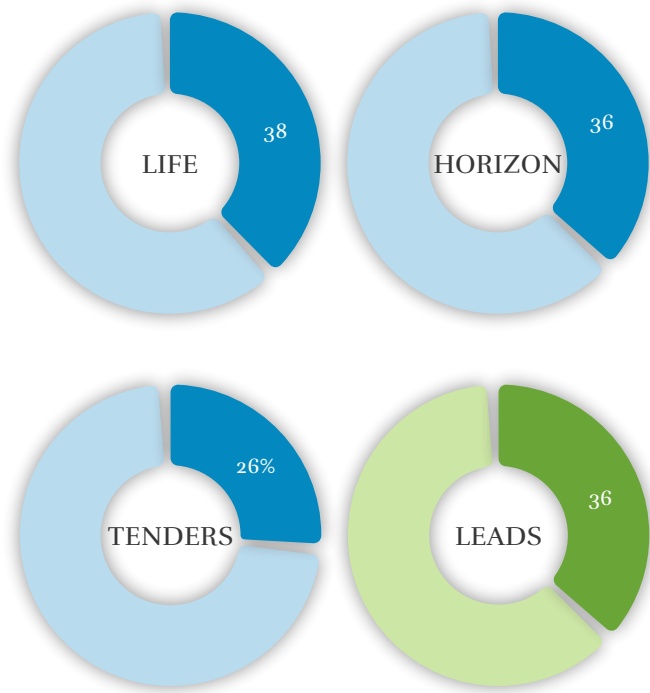
Available on YouTube and Spotify, this is an ongoing series that sums hundreds of views since its debut in early 2025.



Because adventure can never be too much (and a podcast was not enough to exhaust our team), IEECP also launched a new webinar series called [Energy and Climate Academy](#). There we invite colleagues, partners, and external guests to discuss the findings from EU-funded projects and offer insights on how policies can be realistic, applicable, and fair for everyone.

The webinars are live-streamed and the recordings are later published in our YouTube channel, where subscribers receive a notification every time a new session is out.



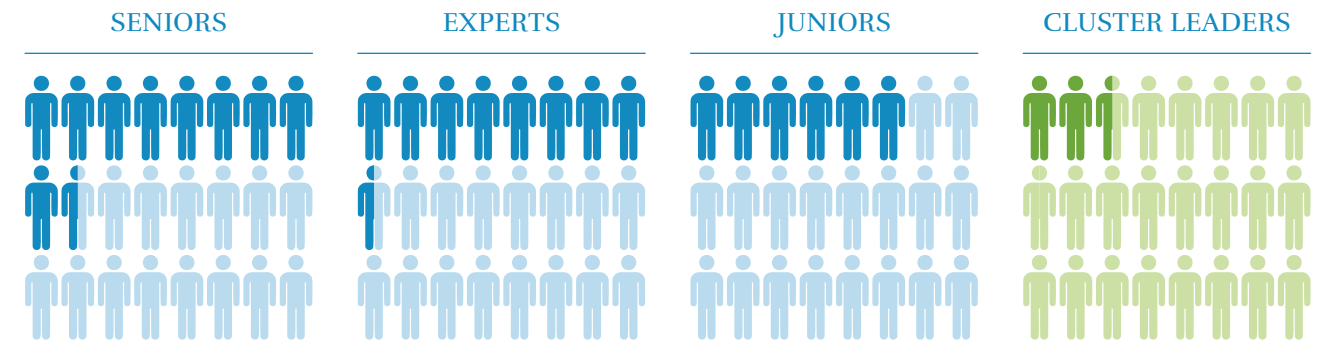


A total of 85 projects and contracts have had the IEECP stamp over the past decade, of which 32 were coordinated by our team. We still work every day to add new ones to our records, as coordinators and as partners.



**69%**

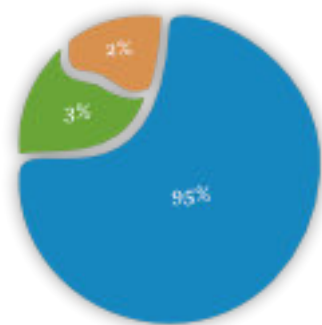
In nominal terms, women are a majority in our team. We also work on the gender balance across roles and in management positions.



The IEECP team is mostly seniors and experts who ensure scientific and technical quality of our outputs. They are supported by a group of junior experts who aspire to grow in their experience. Team planning and strategy are implemented by a small group of senior experts acting as cluster leaders.

## Publications

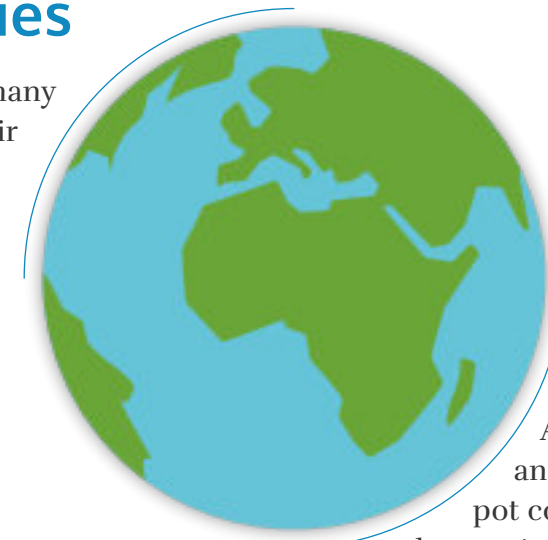
In total, 93 publications were signed by at least one IEECPer in the past ten years. The distribution is also proportional to our ambition: 46% of publications were scientific, 33% targeted policymakers and authorities, and 20% were published on mainstream media to engage the public.



EU-funded projects have been a consistently relevant funding source for IEECP (95%). Additionally, service contracts (3%) and other works (2%) ensure our independence and connection to the realities on the field.

## 13 nationalities

Located across Europe, many IEECPers live outside their countries of origin, and some even have double nationality. It is our own melting pot!



## 21 languages

As many of us have studied and lived abroad, our melting pot counts even more languages than nationalities.



# Eyes on the future

Our first decade will certainly not be our last; our team has grown in experience and in size, and we all know there are still many roads to explore together - for as many decades as the planet needs.

### The ambition that drives us

Looking ahead, the effectiveness of climate and energy policy will increasingly depend on public trust, clear communication, and the ability to adapt to uncertainty. The spread of misinformation and climate scepticism has become a structural challenge, directly affecting the legitimacy of policy decisions. Strengthening the link between policymakers and citizens is therefore essential, ensuring that climate measures are understood, accepted, and supported in practice.

At the same time, new dynamics—such as the growing role of artificial intelligence—are beginning to shape the transition. While AI offers significant potential for optimising energy systems and supporting decision-making, its long-term implications remain uncertain. Its integration into the energy sector will require careful oversight, particularly in terms of transparency and accountability.

A central challenge for the coming years is to demonstrate that decarbonisation delivers not only environmental benefits but also tangible economic advantages and fairness. This requires moving beyond technical language and policy discourse, and instead communicating through concrete, relatable examples. Evidence from research consistently shows that measures such as energy-efficient heating systems or building insulation reduce costs, yet these findings rarely reach the broader public. In practice, adoption is often driven by local, visible experiences—what works for households, neighbours, or small businesses. Bridging the gap between scientific evidence and everyday understanding, including through stronger engagement with mainstream media, will be critical.

Policy frameworks must also become more responsive. Instruments such as National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) are typically designed with a long-term perspective, but recent developments have shown that short-term disruptions—geopolitical shifts, market volatility, or changing policy priorities—can significantly alter trajectories. Incorporating short-term actions and sensitivity analyses would allow for more flexible and resilient planning.

In parallel, there is a need to rethink how knowledge is produced and shared. Greater emphasis should be placed on collaboration, synergies, and open dissemination of results, moving beyond traditional expert circles. Making knowledge accessible and usable for society at large will be key to accelerating implementation.

Within this context, organisations such as Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy are expected to continue evolving in response to societal and market needs, while maintaining a strong focus on climate action. Priorities include supporting evidence-based policymaking, investing in data-driven approaches, and delivering projects that generate measurable environmental and social impacts.

Finally, the interdisciplinary nature of the energy transition will become even more pronounced. Alongside established fields such as economics, engineering, and social sciences, additional expertise will be required in areas such as artificial intelligence, behavioural insights, and industrial transformation. Addressing challenges such as industrial decarbonisation, competitiveness, and short-term system disruptions will require balancing immediate pressures with long-term climate objectives, while ensuring that decisions are grounded in robust and transparent evidence.

See you around!



