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Programme Overview

Day 1, 1st October

- 16:00 Welcome and Site visit CityLife
- 19:30 Social event

Day 2, 2nd October

- 9:30 Opening Plenary
- 11:00 Breakout sessions
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:15 Knowledge Exchange session (posters)
- 15:00 Breakout sessions II
- 16:45 Closing Plenary
- 18:00 End

Day 3, 3rd October

- *Study trip Parma (only with confirmed separate registration!)*

1st October

Facilitation: Rebekka Bogner, HYVE

15:30	Arrivals
16:00	Welcome • Orsolya Küttel, FFG, CEO of DUT Partnership • Paola Clerici Maestosi, ENEA, Co-Chair PED Transition Pathway
16:10	Introduction to site visit CityLife District        Where city voices meet urban futures Moderator: Dott. Marco Plazzotta, RICS • City Life District Ing. Paolo Micucci, CEO CityLife S.p.A • Cascina Merlata District Arch. Valeria Lorenzelli, EuroMilano • Walk the Talk: City Life District Arch. Paola Clerici Maestosi, ENEA
17:00	<i>Participants will depart from the conference venue and travel to CityLife District by metro. Please note that it is possible to access the metro directly using a credit or debit card (contactless payment).</i>
17:45	Site visit CityLife District – Walk the Talk
19:30	<i>Social event in CityLife District</i>

2nd October

Facilitation: Rebekka Bogner, HYVE

09:00	Arrivals			
09:30	Opening Plenary – PED Mission Achieved: Celebrating 100 European PED Pilots 100 PED pilots in Europe – How did we get here? A success story to be continued? • Georg Houben, European Commission DG ENER • Anna Wang, BMIMI, Chair of DUT PED Transition Pathway • Christoph Gollner, FFG, Coordinator DUT PED Transition Pathway • Han Vandevyvere, Vito/NTNU, Smart Cities Marketplace • Michal Kuzmic, CTU UCEEB • Silvia Bossi, ENEA, DUT PED Transition Pathway Management			
10:45	Coffee			
11:00	Parallel Breakout Sessions 1 – Why are PEDs better? Achievements and success stories from PED projects - How to leverage achievements?			
	Track 1: Integrated energy systems <i>Hosted by: Dominic Stephen & Jonas Persson</i> Input: • Lorenz Leppin: GARDEN • Dimitrios Karamanis: Positive energy communities at Local Climate Zones	Track 2: Energy markets and commercial viability <i>Hosted by: Rolf Bastiaanssen, Nicola Iezza & Jennifer Wendelius</i> Input: • Gernot Tscherteu: HeatCoop • Martin Blackwell, Michael Yates: Norwich Solar System	Track 3: Urban regeneration <i>Hosted by: Anneloes van Noordt & Dieter Bruggeman</i> Input: • Daniela Patti: Energy4All • Adriano Bisello: PROPEL	Track 4: Energy in mission-oriented urban planning <i>Hosted by: Roos Marinissen & Han Vandevyvere</i> Input: • Daniele Vettorato: KINETIC • Nadja Riedel: City of Leipzig, MonuPED
12:30	Lunch			
13:15	PED Knowledge Exchange Session • Poster session • Interactive formats			



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14:15	Coffee			
14:45	Parallel Breakout Sessions 2 – Clearing the pathways towards a Positive Energy Future Key gaps and challenges from PED projects – What needs to be overcome?			
	Track 1: Integrated energy systems <i>Hosted by: Dominic Stephen & Jonas Persson</i> Input: - Daniele Vettorato: 4A4PEDs - Dmytri Petsii: Electric Transport Lviv	Track 2: Energy markets and commercial viability <i>Hosted by: Rolf Bastiaanssen & Nicola Iezza</i> Input: - Rolf Andre Leidland: COPPER - Luke Bates: DS4PED	Track 3: Urban regeneration <i>Hosted by: Anneloes van Noord & Enza Lissandrello</i> Input: - Ceyda Berk-Söderblom: CO-PED - Ghazal Etminan: MAKING PEDS, PED ACT	Track 4: Energy in mission-oriented urban planning <i>Hosted by: Roos Marinissen & Han Vandevyvere</i> Input: Giulia Turci: City of Cesena, POSEIDON
16:15	Refreshments			
16:45	Closing Plenary – The future of PEDs Making PEDs European practice Giulia Turci, Cesena municipality Sven van Elst, ASTER Nicola Iezza, GCoM, Urban Transitions Mission Urbano Tocci, European Commission (tbc) Paola Clerici, ENEA, Co-Chair DUT PED Transition Pathway			
18:00	End			

3rd October – separate registration closed, programme sent to registered participants

07:45 – 16:30	PED Study Trip Parma
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PARALLEL TRACKS DAY 2nd October

Track 1: Integrated energy systems

This track focuses on the functional integration of mature distributed energy and digital technologies to enhance regional energy system resilience and autonomy. While local generation and storage technologies are becoming increasingly competitive and affordable, system integration and grid balancing remain key challenges. It demonstrates how PEDs can optimise localised clean energy generation and matching.

Track 2: Energy markets and commercial viability

This track explores how innovative business, financing, and ownership models can support new local energy markets. Furthermore, amidst increasing costs of housing and general economic pressures, it is crucial to reframe PEDs from costly investments to cost-effective alternatives to traditional energy and housing. The KA demonstrates how PEDs can realistically deliver a just energy transition within a challenging economic climate, through more affordable energy for end-users while creating compelling value propositions for a wide range of local economic actors.

Track 3: Urban regeneration

This track focuses on using PEDs as a lever for holistic local neighbourhood development, including strategies for local community-building and engagement, alongside inclusive forms of neighbourhood refurbishment and revitalisation which consider socioeconomic dynamics within neighbourhoods. It builds on the latest research in energy communities and social innovation to explore scalable and effective stakeholder engagement models for PEDs. Recognising that participation remains a major barrier to scaling local and community energy projects, it tests alternative approaches balancing inclusivity and social benefits with true commercial viability and rapid diffusion. Particular focus is given to the organisation of refurbishment process, including energy efficiency and circularity aspects.

Track 4: Energy in mission-oriented urban planning

This track explores the integration of PEDs into mainstream urban planning processes, strengthening local authority capacity within the energy system and energy market design. With PEDs yet lacking formal European recognition, this KA identifies mainstreaming strategies through greater public sector adoption, enabling replication and scaling from local initiatives and contributing to broader policy frameworks.



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Facilitation



Rebekka Bogner brings clarity, energy, and genuine enthusiasm to every stage. She loves connecting people and ideas – whether at a panel, a conference, or a creative festival.

With a background in startups, consulting, the public sector, and innovation hubs like Tel Aviv and Silicon Valley, she's passionate about future thinking, creativity, and meaningful change. Her strength? Making complex topics feel relevant, inspiring, and easy to relate to.

Rebekka's style is both structured and full of life – thoughtful, light-hearted, and always engaging. She creates spaces where real connection and new perspectives can grow – and invites people to imagine and shape the future together.

Speakers & Panellists (in alphabetical order)

Luke Bates, Mobility Consultant at Factual

Ceyda Berk-Söderblom, Senior Project Manager and Researcher at Trans Europe Halles

Adriano Bisello, Urban Planner, Project Manager, Senior Researcher at Eurac Research

Martin Blackwell, Head Of Development at Norwich BID

Silvia Bossi, Scientific Researcher at ENEA

Paola Clerici, Senior Researcher at ENEA

Ghazal Etminan, Thematic Coordinator and Senior Research Engineer in Sustainable Digital Communities at AIT

Christoph Gollner, Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG

Georg Houben, Policy Officer at European Commission DG ENER

Nicola Iezza, Manager of the Finance & Funding Helpdesk of the Urban Transitions Mission (UTM) at Global Covenant of Mayors

Dimitrios Karamanis, Professor, Renewable Energy Sources & Cool Urban Environment Group, University of Patras

Orsolya Küttel, Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG

Michal Kuzmic, Head of Business and Interdisciplinary Cooperation at CTU UCEEB

Rolf Andre Leidland, ENH tomteutvikling AS

Lorenz Leppin, Scientific Researcher at AEE – Institute for Sustainable Technologies

Daniela Patti, Managing Director at Eutropian

Dmytro Petsii, Lviv City Council

Nadja Riedel, Senior Project and Team Lead at Digital City Unit Leipzig

Urbano Tocci, Policy Officer at European Commission DG RTD

Gernot Tscherteu, CEO Realitylab

Giulia Turci, Environment Department of Cesena Municipality

Sven van Elst, General Manager ASTER

Han Vandevyvere, Project manager/senior researcher at VITO/EnergyVille, associate professor at NTNU

Daniele Vettorato, Coordinator of the Urban and Regional Energy Systems research group at EURAC Research

Anna Wang, Austrian Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure

Michael Yates, Head of Operations at Norwich BID

Session Hosts

Rolf Bastiaanssen, BAX

Roos Marinissen, Platform 31, DUT

Dominic Stephen, BAX

Anneloes van Noordt, Flemish Departement Omgeving, DUT

Organisation & Support

Christoph Gollner, Paola Clerici Maestosi, Dominic Stephen, Rolf Bastiaanssen, Katarina Schylberg, Michela Pirro, Rosa Labellarte, Silvia Bossi, Anneloes van Noordt, Roos Marinissen, Rebekka Bogner, Mona Hickl, Jennifer Wendelius, Jakob Schabus, Ana Calvo, Jonas Guigonnat, Anna Wang, Emina Pasic, Gilda Massa, Rui Frazao, Barbara Bliemsrieder, Susanne Stremitzer, Matthias Ingerle