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**February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, room ASP7H1, 10:00-12:00**  
**European Parliament, Brussels**

## ***The engagement of Citizens in Sustainable Energy.*** ***Sharing successful experiences across Europe***

### **09:30 – 10:00 Registration & Accreditation.**

Meeting point: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) entrance in front of Place du Luxembourg

- Chair: **Sarah Mekjian** Communication director of Climate Alliance

### **10:00- 10:30 Welcome address and keynote presentation.**

- **MEP Dario Tamburrano** ITRE member
- **Mariano Votta**, Director of Active Citizenship Network and full member of the European Consumer Consultative Group
- **Nuno Brito Jorge**, Consortium Leader of Citizenenergy and president of Boa Energia

### **10:30- 11:00 The European Institutional commitment in reducing greenhouse emission and the importance of citizens' involvement in renewable and sustainable energy initiatives.**

*The European Commission is promoting the use of renewable energy through different initiatives such as the multiannual program Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) and now with Horizon 2020. These initiatives recognized the importance to involve directly citizens in their energy future, both as a "producer-consumer" of energy and as small investors capable of supporting renewable energy projects: wind, solar, hydroelectric and tidal power. Which financing models bolster public involvement in sustainable energy project? How stimulate the growth of EU markets for high quality renewable energy products and services? Is the European legislation on the matter enough exhaustive and clear? Which policies the European institution should be further implemented?*

- **Eero Ailio**, Deputy Head of Unit, and **Sébastien Occhipenti**, Policy officer, DG Energy
- **Andrew Ebrill** Secretary General at Council of European Energy Regulators
- **Henrique Burnay**, Managing partner of Eupportunity



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### **11:00-11:35, Citizens engagement in RES through cooperatives and crowdfunding.**

*Concrete cross border initiatives that engage citizens among the European countries such as Citizenenergy, the European platform that match existent renewable energy projects and cooperatives and citizens interests. Starting from the concrete experience of Citizenenergy, how build consumer confidence in such projects? Which are the barriers to citizen investment? How match citizen investors with new RES projects in Europe? How can be assess the success of such initiatives? What are the limits and the potentiality? How to ensure adequate protection to the different market players?*

- **Winner of the Award**
- **Sara Capuzzo**, Vicepresident of *ènostra* Cooperative
- **Karl Harder**, Director of Abundance Investment
- **Flavia Cavalero**, Coordinator of the European Consumer Union

### **11:35 -12:00 Debates and closing remarks.**

- **Stefano da Empoli**, President of the Institute for Competitiveness
- **MEP Dario Tamburrano** ITRE member



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