

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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If you go around Colombia or Latin America, without doubt you will find that 80 per cent of the time, you're discussing the past and only 20 per cent about the future.
- Juan Manuel Santos
President of Columbia



Thank you for your support and cooperation.
We wish you a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Googlemaps: Nueva Venecia, Colombia.

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

We hope that your new year is off to a good start. May 2020 bring you health, happiness and renewed inspiration!

It is halftime in our H2020 SCORE project: Pilot implementation is well under way and the group of „Follower Cities“ keen on replicating CSOPs is growing. We presented results on several occasions, most notably at the [International Collaboration for Climate Action 2019](#), at the conference [New Pathways for Community Energy](#), and at the [Right to Energy Forum](#)—a side event of the EUSEW19.

SCORE also continues to influence policy making worldwide: In California, home of the first 1958 flagship CSOP, the bankruptcy of PG&E which was largely responsible for a series of lethal wildfires, initiated a discussion [on making this utility consumer co-owned](#). Our team is working with local partners on a CSOP proposal.

In July, as a visiting professor at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia (UNAL) in Bogotá, Prof. Lowitzsch presented SCORE to the Vice-Minister of Environmental Protection. The development of a potential pilot project which would bring renewable energy to the 2,500 inhabitants of [Nueva Venecia, a dwelling on stilts in the Ciénaga lagoon](#) were the result of these meetings. This project neatly aligns with the [Clean Energy for EU Islands initiative](#) under which our team is also preparing a new H2020 proposal.

Landmark publications spread the word about Renewable Energy Communities (RECs) and CSOPs most importantly in [Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews](#), [Energies](#) and [Renewable Energy Law and Policy Review](#). Additional articles will appear in peer-reviewed journals in 2020.

In regard to **employee financial participation**, we successfully concluded an EU-funded project with partners from Lithuania and

Bulgaria. In consortium with AGP and HSU, we are now completing a study on employee share ownership in Germany and Europe commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy. The focus is on start-ups and SMEs.

Another highlight of the year was the 2nd meeting of the interdisciplinary international research group **“Property rights, globalisation and the social function of property”** at a symposium held on the island of Procida, Italy in September.

We much look forward to continuing our co-operation with you. Please stay in touch with us via [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sincerely,
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and

the Kelso Professorship team