

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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“A great misery among people is that they are always well aware of what is due them. Unfortunately, they remain oblivious of what they owe to others.”

–St Francis de Sales



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

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

We hope you are in good health and had a good start into 2021.

H2020 SCORE: We are delighted that the City of Essen joined the consortium in February 2020. In cooperation with Essen's [Green Capital Agency](#), we are proud to announce the launch of the first of the local pilot projects: As one of the first Renewable Energy Communities (RECs) in Germany, the project “[Franz Sales Haus & Vocational College East](#)” demonstrates the advantages of “electricity/energy sharing” under the new RED II.

In the Susa Valley, [on 16 December, a group of 21 mayors](#) gathered under the umbrella of SCORE has been recognised officially as one of [the first Italian RECs in formation](#), with implementation of the Oulx sub-pilot under way. The German national TV station ZDF documented SCORE both in the Susa Valley and in Essen. However, delayed by the Corona crisis, broadcasting is planned for spring 2021.

The group of “Follower Cities / Projects” is growing with [Czech Sušice](#), [Vega de Valcare in Spain](#) and the Dutch [Endona Coöperative in Heeten](#) being the latest members. We presented results on various occasions, e.g., at Fraunhofer ISI, Karlsruhe, with a [video available online](#).

SCORE continues influencing policy making across the EU: Chaired by MEP Jutta Paulus and jointly organised with EREF, Community Power, PROSEU, BRIDGE, REScoop.eu and the Renewables Networking Platform, a [EUFORES](#) academy event entitled “[Citizen Energy – making it real](#)” ([video link](#)) took place on 17 November, presenting a joint briefing for policy makers on [Transposition Guidance](#).

SCORE has also been selected as [Living Lab and Testbed](#) of the Joint Programming Platform Smart Energy Systems ([JPP SES](#)).

Landmark publications spread the word about RECs and CSOPs, most importantly forthcoming in the journal “Energy Policy” on the

[transposition of the New European Rules for RECs](#) and in RSER on the Asian Energy Transition with a focus on India and Pakistan. Articles on [financing energy efficiency and renewables](#), energy sharing and inclusion will appear in other peer-reviewed journals in 2021.

In April 2020, – in consortium with AGP and HSU – we delivered the study “[Incidence of employee share ownership in Germany and Europe](#)” commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy ([summary EN](#)). A new law supporting employee share ownership in start-ups and SMEs incorporating our recommendations is to be passed in spring.

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