

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"When the wind of change blows, some build walls, while others build windmills."
Chinese Proverb

风向转变时,有人筑墙,有人造风车



Self-designed wind turbine from the early 1990s in Styria, Austria. Photo: M. Bucha.

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

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

We hope this message finds you healthy and in good spirits.

The [Kelso Institute Europe \(KIE\)](#) and the Kelso-Chair at Viadrina are continuing to extend their operations with membership in the [University Consortium on Employee Share Ownership](#) led by Rutgers University.

Following a screening of the 1965 [Baldwin-Buckley debate](#), Dr Camila Vergara held the keynote at the KIE's yearly Summer celebration entitled "[Eco-Kelso: The Almost Socialist](#)".

A new [Clean Energy Transition Partnership](#) project "Regional Energy Networking – Cross-Sectional Involvement through a Modular Interactive Toolbox" ([REInvolveIT](#)) kicked-off in December with partners from DE, A, CZ and NL. "Professionalisation, Inclusion, Acceptance (PIA) – Matchmaking & Energy Sharing for Energy Communities", although formally successful, was put on hold due to the demise of the German government.

[Federico Narracci](#) joined the KIE team coordinating work on a Circular Society.

[Wind In My Backyard – WIMBY](#)

After stakeholder engagement in two of four pilot projects on the island of Pantelleria (IT) and in Styria (A) we map national and EU regulations on wind power deployment in the last year of this Horizon Europe project.

[H2020 SCORE](#) Working with our Follower Cities we expand our [Morphological Box for RE Communities \(RECs\)](#), an innovation tool to optimise the economies of RE projects. Publishing "[Feeding bees according to desired honey type: tailoring support for European Energy Communities to their function to escape the energy trilemma](#)" with ER & SS we propose a new classification for RECs.

[FinSESCo](#) Digesting a survey among 2,600 German households we publish first results on effects of co-ownership in the building sector "[Crowdfunding and Energy Efficiency Contracting](#)".

[Asian Energy Transition](#) Regarding **female empowerment through co-ownership** and entrepreneurship, we partnered with [Fraunhofer IAO](#) on a large-scale survey in 6 EU and 4 African countries under the [HORIZON project gEneSys](#).

Employee Ownership Ensuing the launch of the [PEPPER V Report](#) and the [Virtual Centre for Employee Financial Participation](#), we published a [Special Issue](#) with the Journal of Participation and Employee Ownership and a [Comparative Econometric Analysis](#) with the International Review of Applied Economics.

A new land mark piece "[Automation, artificial intelligence and capital concentration – A race for the machine](#)" is available open access now with the International Review of Applied Economics.

New project proposals include [Wind In My Sea – WIMSEA](#) seeking to extend our current work on onshore wind energy to offshore deployment.

We look much forward to continuing our cooperation with you.

Sincerely,
Prof. Dr iur. Jens Lowitzsch & the Kelso Team

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