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2,400 REScoops in Europe





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Small community shared PV Developments

Bristol Energy Co-operative

80kW Solar at three locations: 10kW install at
Bristol Folk House, 20kW at The Mill and 50kW at
South Bristol Sports Centre

£120,000 Share Offer



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Kilbraur Wind Energy Co-operative, Scotland

Shareholding ranging from £250 - £20,000

528 Members

27 x 2.5Mw turbines





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Supplier REScoops:

Enerco-op

French electric utility cooperative only uses renewable energy.

Over 20,000 clients





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Benefits of Network 1-4

- Follows up on energy policy issues and advocates for more energy democracy.
- Informs members about important issues that might affect their businesses.
- Provides a network where experts can share thoughts, knowledge, ideas.
- Active on social media and circulates news alerts.



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Benefits of Network 5-6

- Organises events and workshops to make the REScoop approach more convenient throughout Europe. Members can join these meetings and (many times) we are able to cover travels.
- Helps starting initiatives to get launched by means of providing them with tools, action support from mentors, financing, ...
- REScoop.eu is involved in various European projects. These projects are used to develop a valuable service to our members.





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Benefits of Network 7-9

- Will establish a revolving fund for European REScoops.
- Pools local projects from individual REScoops to apply for money from the European Investment Bank.
- Facilitates the collaboration between REScoops that have money but lack projects and REScoop that lack money but have projects.





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Benefits of Network

- **ICOS**: Co-op Establishment and Legal Advice.
- **REScoop** European Context.
- **ECI**: Irish Network – building community power, sharing information





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2010: Zero Irish Renewable Energy Co-operatives

Sept 2016: 4 Irish Renewable Energy Co-operatives

Dec 2016: 8 Irish Renewable Energy Co-operatives





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Case Studies



Aran Islands: Comharchumann Fuineamh Oileáin Árann Teo



Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-operative



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Why should a community group choose an Energy Co-operative as a vehicle as opposed to setting up a Limited company ?

- A co-op is democratic – with one member one vote
- It is accountable to its members
- It is regulated
- It provides REAL local by-in for local Renewable Energy projects of all kinds



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ECI is now a Mentor for the SEAI – Sustainable Energy Communities Programme

3 years of mentoring for local communities

Access to research and feasibility supports

Access to technical and expert financial consultants





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Many Thanks

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