

An energy perspective on climate governance


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COMMUNITY BENEFITS
REGIONAL POLICY
LOCAL VALUE CHAINS
ØSTFOLD
INFRASTRUCTURE
CLIMATE ACTION
EMMEN
HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS
EAST FLANDERS
RINGSKØBING-SKJERN
BUSINESS MODEL BLUEPRINTS
OSNABRÜCK
COMMUNITY ENERGY CONSORTIUMS
LOW-CARBON ECONOMY
ENERGY TRANSITION
PROSUMERS
CIVIC ENERGY
NORTH SEA REGION
COBEN

The Civic Energy concept

Near-synonyms:

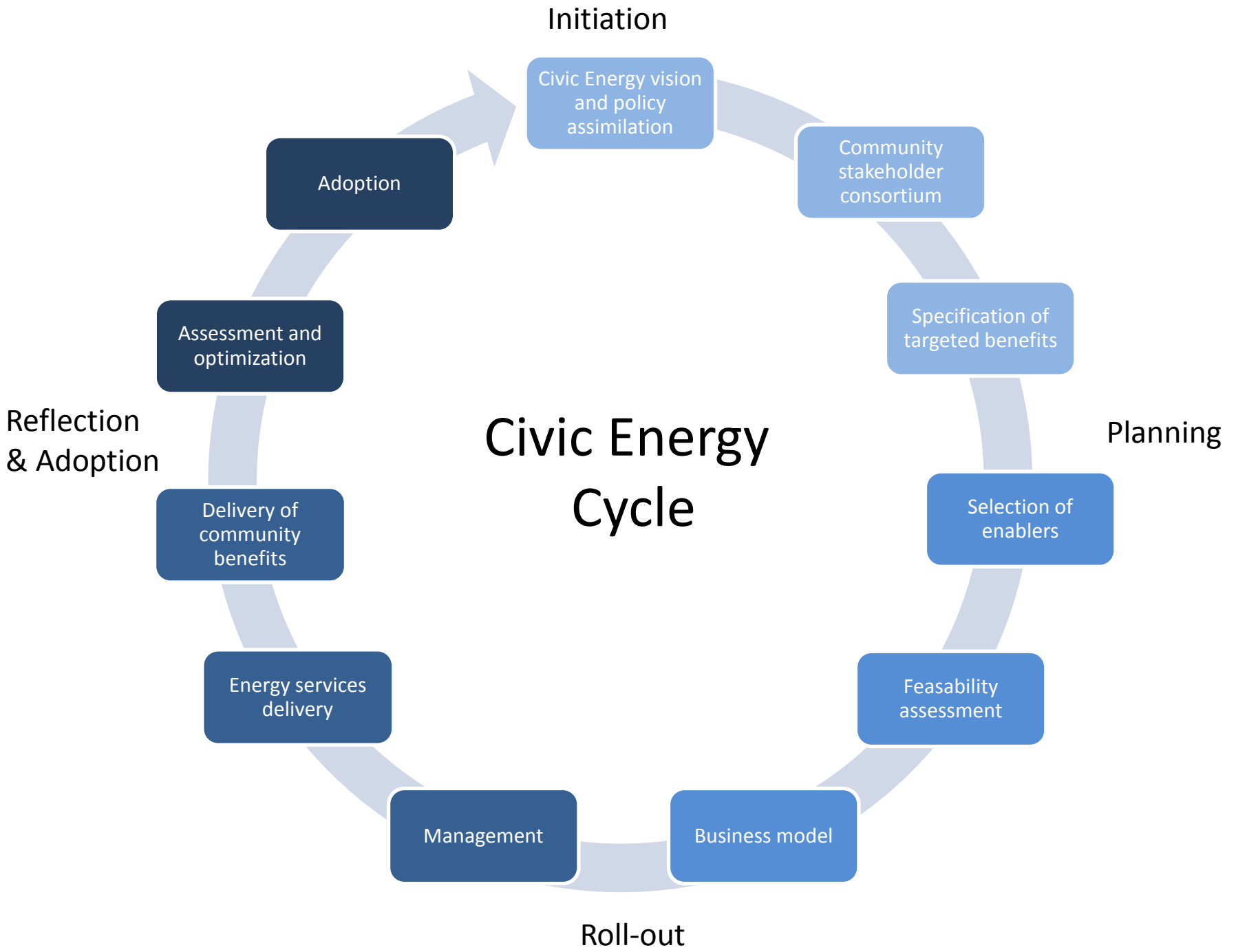
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- Community energy
 - Local energy
 - Decentralized energy
 - Regional energy
 - Zero-kilometer energy
 - Energy democracy

The Governance debate

Little need for another „level“ debate

but

**Real need to integrate governance into
the Civic Energy Process**



The Civic Energy Cycle

More detail:

> civic-energy.eu

> Library

> A process approach to mainstreaming civic energy
(Energies, 2018)

Best Practice: Example Østfold

Creative Public Procurement for pro-active investments

- # No minute technical specifications
- # Invite solutions
- # Stage bidders conference
- # Pool purchasing power

Challenges ahead

Establish a level playing field for local energy:

- ✓ non-discriminatory rules on market access for local energy communities
- ✓ political commitment to local energy ownership as part of the energy transition, with a system of policies dedicated to developing renewable energy sources at every tier of governance
- ✓ more stable policies on renewable energy and the energy transition, with guaranteed financial support mechanisms for renewable energy, so that local energy ownership can be placed on a more secure footing
- ✓ ensure that small energy producers have guaranteed access to the energy market and dedicated infrastructure

CoR Opinion ENVE-VI/032:

Models of local energy ownership and the role of local energy communities in energy transition in Europe

Scale-up

- ❑ Progress from citizen engagement to citizen/community ownership
- ❑ Strengthen roles of communities via an extended understanding of „public goods“
- ❑ Promote creative public procurement
- ❑ Include civic/community energy in new NSC strategy (policy enabler)