

Local energy communities are designed to facilitate local RES electricity generation and consumption

'local energy community' means: an association, a cooperative, a partnership, a non-profit organisation or other legal entity which is effectively controlled by local shareholders or members, generally value rather than profit-driven, involved in distributed generation and in performing activities of a distribution system operator, supplier or aggregator at local level, including across borders (ED, Art2(7))

New realities

- Consumers have the right to generate and sell their electricity, individually and collectively via energy communities

DSOs play a crucial role

- DSOs facilitate the energy transition by connecting ever more distributed generation

A fair system for all

- All market actors should participate in the market on a level playing field
- Costs should be covered by those who cause them
- Network and policy charges must be paid by all consumers

Market distortions should be avoided which drive up costs for all stakeholders

**Self consumption also includes a commitment to pay all regulated charges
Net-metering should be explicitly excluded**