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Professional online roundtable on the operational and financial environment of energy communities in the Danube Region

Round table 2 – Main findings (Hungary)

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Factors that influenced the choice of appropriate business models for energy communities

- EU directives and legislation (RED II) and Hungarian adoption
- Availability of financial resources
- Seven national pilot projects

Balancing the interests of different stakeholders

- Participatory approach
- Continuous stakeholder engagement

Critical success factors

- Well functioning legal framework (first and foremost...)
- Access to financial resources
- Promoting the benefits of RECs

Most effective funding sources

- National project funding (National Research, Development and Innovation Agency)
- EU projects (Horizon Europe, LIFE, Interreg)
- Crowdfunding

Communicating the benefits of RECs

- Challenges: people unfamiliar with concept, afraid of financial risks, competition with big companies (network operators)
- Big media attention about the creation of the first RECs in 2023

Influencing policies

- Through the seven, nationally funded pilot projects (this was the purpose of their creation)
- Association of Hungarian Energy Communities and Flexibility Providers
→ Invited to stakeholder meetings, working groups

Organisational structure

- Determined by allowed legal form: non-profit ltd, and cooperative
- So far only ltd's were established: annual assembly (composed of REC members), executive director, management board (composed of project partners)

Capacity building and change management

- Capacity building initially covered from projects, but should be part of business plan
- Small REC's: personal consultancy, no formal training
- Management board agrees on on-going issues, annual assembly on

**Thanks for your
attention!**

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