

Our framework

1 Integrate

needs-based tools into the digital platforms known as National Gateways to support both established and emerging initiatives

2 Enhance

capacity of public and private actors to implement EU policies on collective action within local contexts

3 Learn

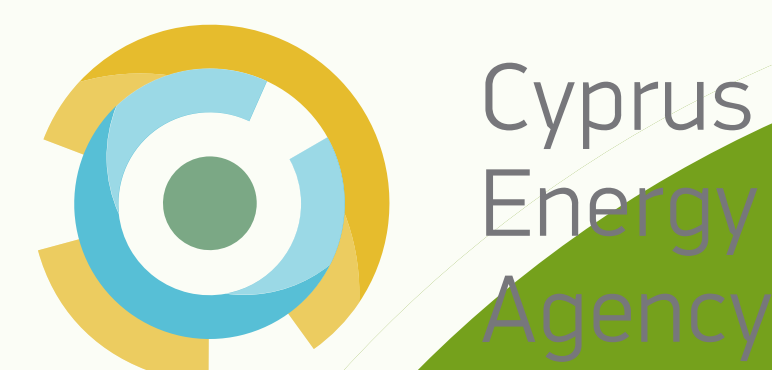
through scalable networks of strategic partners to facilitate ongoing knowledge exchange

4 Empower

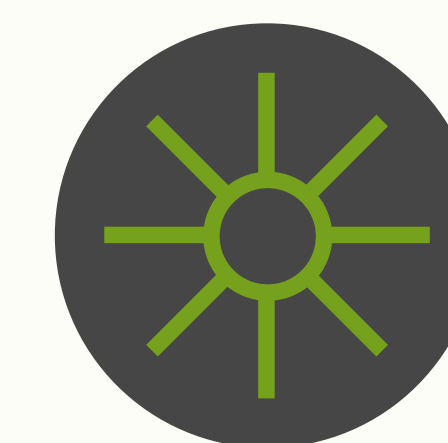
stakeholders and replication actors to drive broader adoption and impact

The consortium

The project focuses on Cyprus, North Macedonia, Romania, and Ukraine. Bulgaria acts as a pioneer in developing energy community framework and as a pilot site for citizen-led thermal renewable energy initiative. Austria serves as the project's frontrunner partner.



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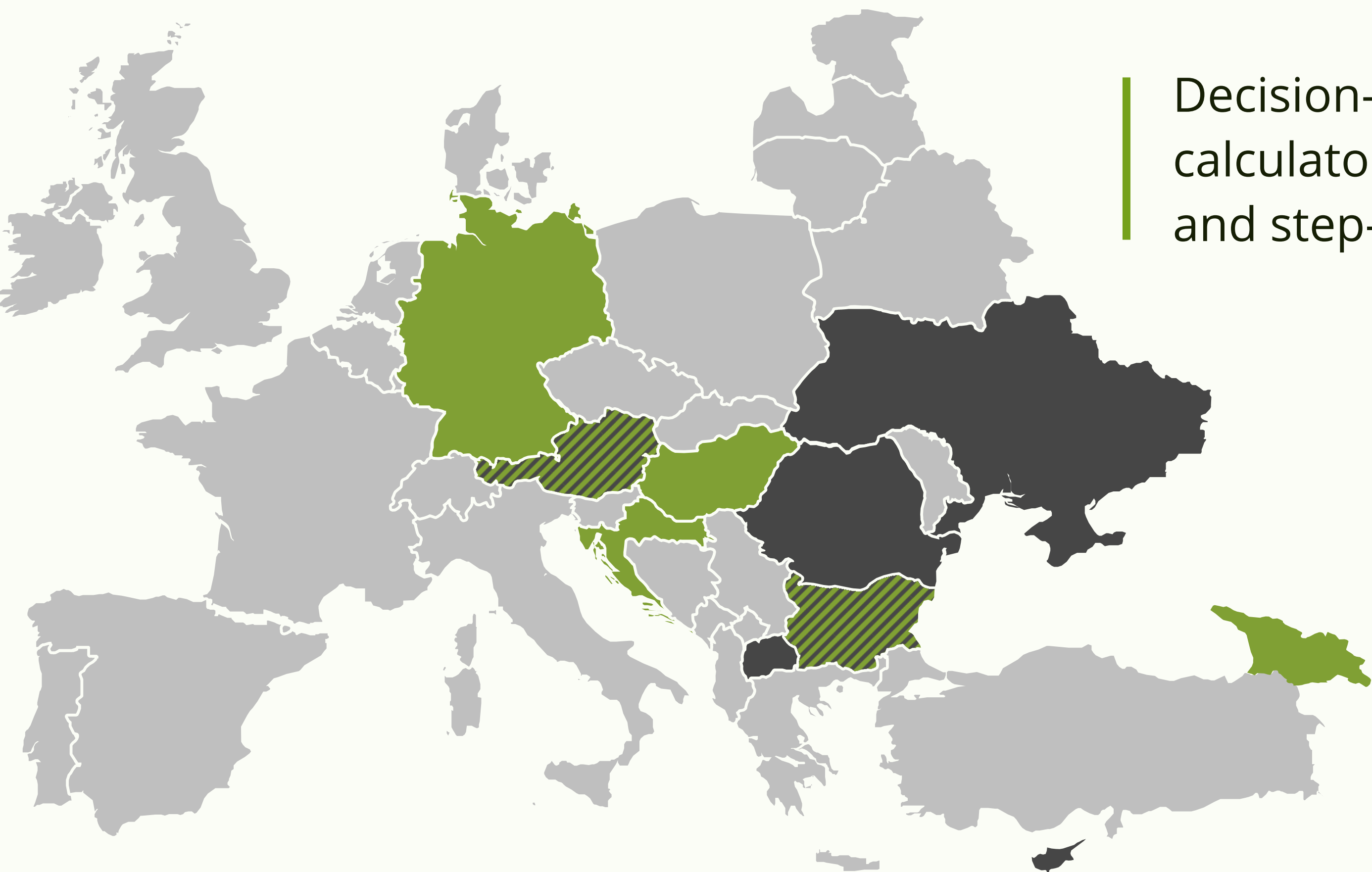
SHARES+
empowering communities

**SUPPORTING
ENERGY COMMUNITIES
IN 5 EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES**

Project background

SHAREs+ (2025-2028) is a LIFE-funded project that aims to support the establishment of 13 new energy communities, while strengthening 50 existing citizen-led energy initiatives.

SHAREs+ project builds on the **Horizon 2020 SHAREs project (2021-2024)**, that supported local communities through platforms, tools, mentoring, and capacity building, enabling the **launch of 38 pilots** and **triggering 386 citizen-led collective** actions across 6 European countries.



The proven digital hub for energy communities

At the heart of SHAREs+ are the SHAREs National Gateways – digital platforms designed to support local heroes in creating and expanding energy communities.

In SHAREs+, the Gateway will be replicated and adapted for the four replication countries by February 2027.

Developed through cocreation with pioneers, pilots, and policymakers, the Gateway has proven effective in addressing local challenges, supporting the growth of energy communities, and enhancing citizen engagement.

Key features will include

- Localized technical guidance and customized needs-aligned resources
- Legal support: Q&A catalogues, community agreements, and permitting advice
- Decision-making tools: financial calculators, project planning templates, and step-by-step business model guides
- Financial resources: updated database of grants, incentives, and funding options
- Communication materials to help local heroes reach new members

You can explore more about the blueprint of the SHAREs Gateway here

