



The Association for the Promotion of Renewable Energies (APERe) is an independent association that supports citizens, communities and cooperatives in the implementation of the energy transition at the local level and sustainable development in the Walloon region of Belgium..

### Roles of the APERe

The change in behavior is necessary to make the transition happen. For this reason, the APERe has a role of educator for different audiences (elected officials, technicians, professionals ...) through the presentation of conferences, workshops, and with the development of educational materials adapted to each audience.

The emergence of local projects faces many challenges, technical, legal, economic or social. Therefore, APERe acts as facilitator to support the emergence of inclusive local projects and disseminates successful experiences.

### Mobilization

The APERe ensures the meeting of stakeholders on the theme of the energy transition through the coordination of the various programs:

> POLLEC, that guides Walloon municipalities for the elaboration of action plans as part of their commitment to the Covenant of Mayors. 200 municipalities are leaders of initiatives for the energy future.

> TEPOS: 47 Belgian municipalities committed to becoming positive energy territories are supported by the APERe

### > TOMORROW : THE APERe

The APERe wishes to develop several topics to stay at the forefront of innovation for energy in Wallonia and in particular citizens' participation and participatory governance to involve citizens in the definition of their local energy strategy; or individual and especially collective self-consumption opportunities, why not through cooperation with their French neighbors?

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### Actions

- The actions of the APERe are organized around 4 axes:
- Territories: support for communities that are committed to the energy transition (action plan, long-term vision, etc.)
  - Cooperatives: dissemination of good practices, crowdfunding activities
  - Prosumers: awareness-raising, financial simulator, support for solar PV investments
  - Observatory: diffusion of energy figures in Belgium

### ENERGY IN WALLONIA

The APERe focuses on an inclusive approach of energy, involving all stakeholders in the territories and inviting to cooperation activities with other territories. The sharing of experience and advice, awareness raising and support to local communities are the core of APERe's action.