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# Is there a future for Energy Communities?

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# Conclusions from an observational perspective

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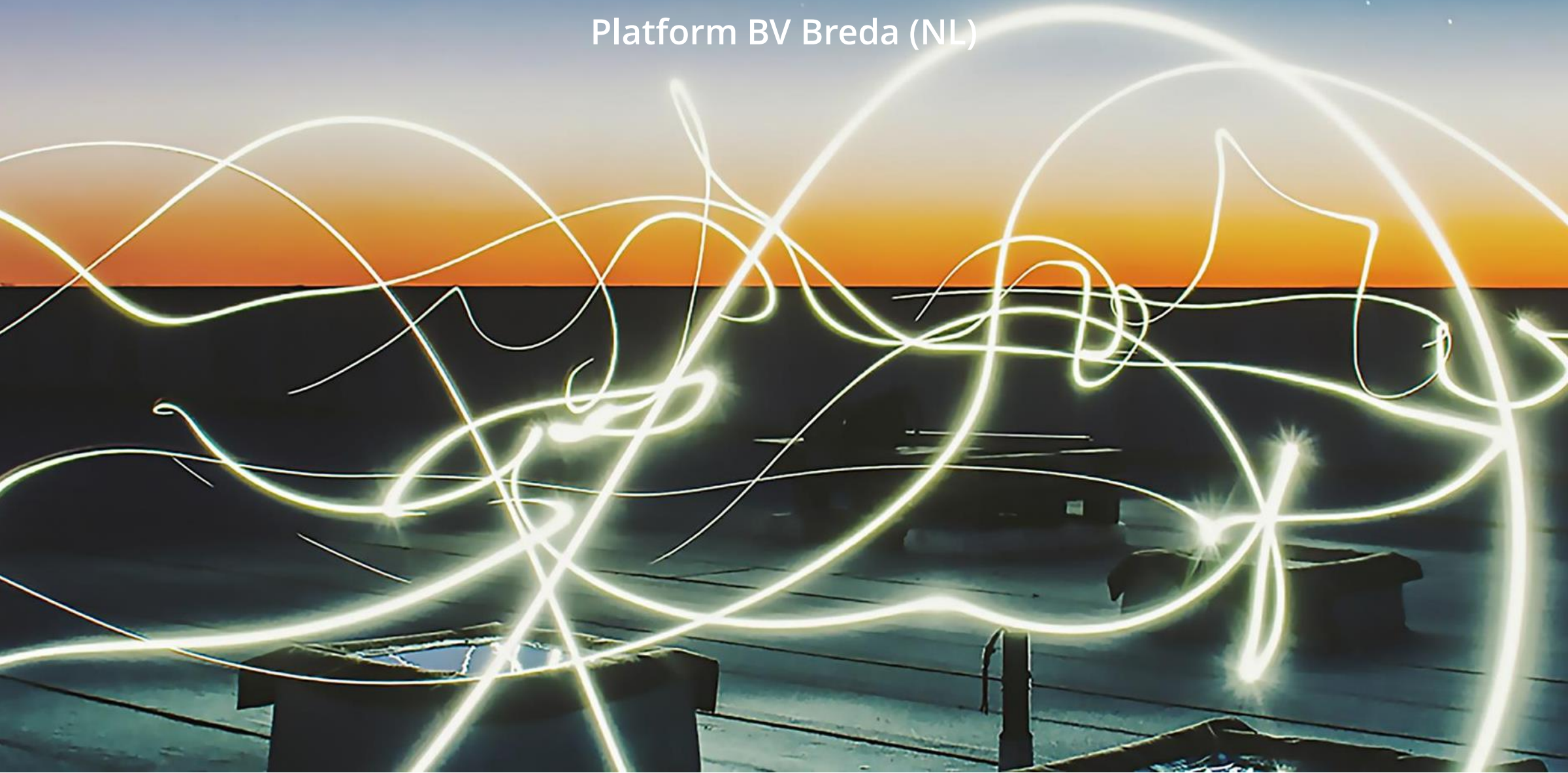
  
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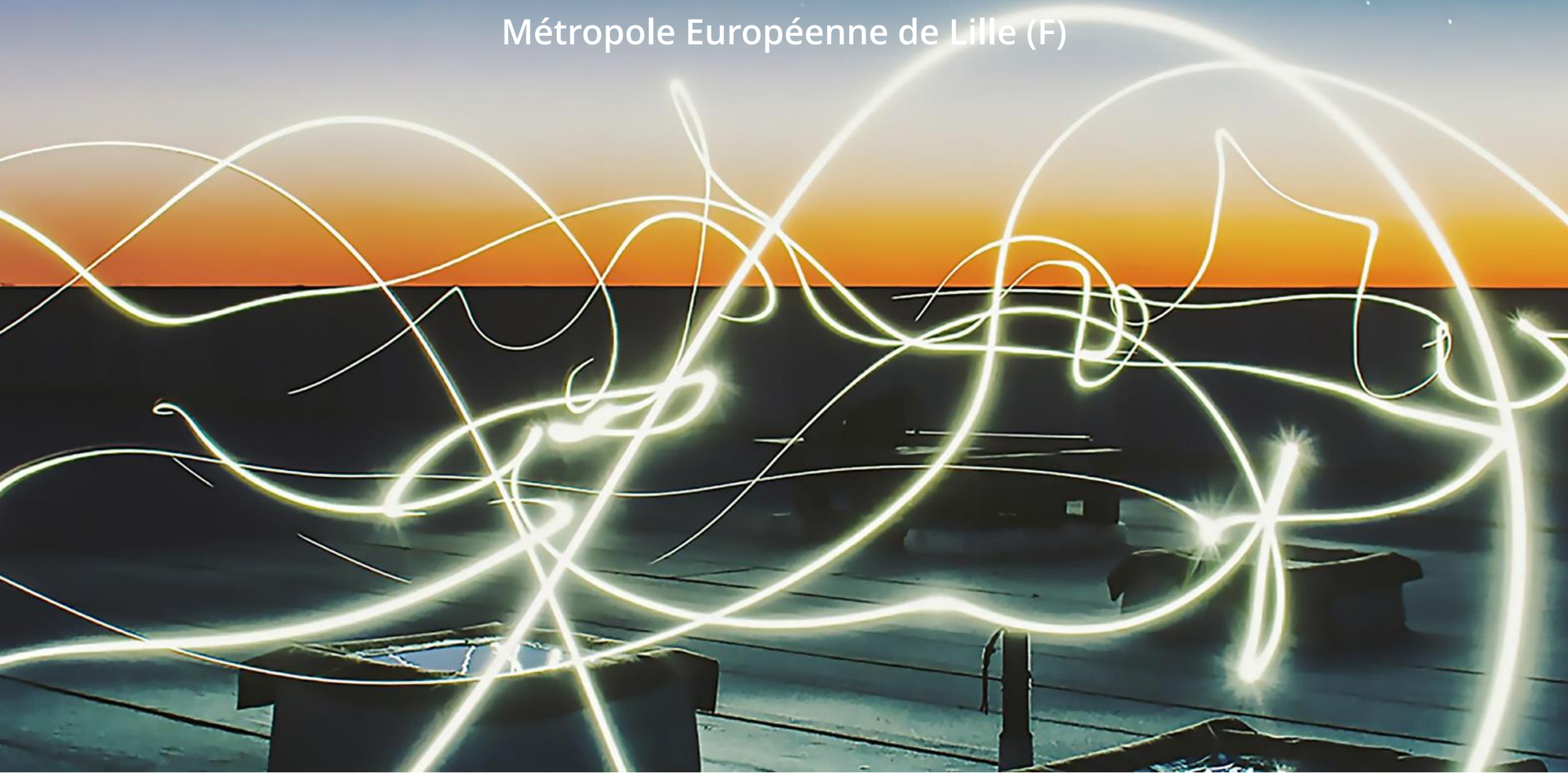
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# Yes, there is a future for Energy Communities!



# Policy recommendations

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# Policy recommendations to EU

Adjust the directives. Start assessing the impact of EU and national regulation on energy communities: is it effective and efficient? Improve the coherence of the directives and remove existing barriers in EU directives that block the full deployment of the concept of energy communities. E.g. resolve conflicts between the horizontal integration allowed in Energy Communities and but forbidden via the unbundling principle.

Impose a equal level playing field between individual active customers and collective active customers (an energy community) in a geographically confined site. E.g. the contribution to grid fees, taxes and levies must be identical, not the grid fees, taxes and levies .

# Policy recommendations to national authorities

Define high potential use cases for energy communities and facilitate these use cases when transposing the EU directives.

Design light, proportionate procedures and obligations, adapted to the scale of (small) Energy Communities, to the legally allowed activities practically feasible such as distribution, supply, consumption, aggregation, storage or energy efficiency services, generation of renewable electricity, charging services for electric vehicles or provide other energy services to its shareholders or members.

# Policy recommendations to local authorities

Be aware, at this stage, of the limited application potential of Energy Communities. Focus on the replication of best practices.

# Need to find out more about Energy Communities?

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## LECSEA Resource Database

The LECSEA Resource database offers legal, technical, organizational and financial information on energy communities, tested and tailor made tools, services and methodologies to enable facilitators and different target groups (businesses, social housing, citizens, clusters of public and/or private organisations).

For project partners: [log in](#) and fill in the [input form](#)

All others: If you have interesting content on energy communities to share, please contact [jvt@leiedal.be](mailto:jvt@leiedal.be).

The [Energy Communities Repository](#) of the European Commission offers more technical support. The Repository will provide technical support to energy communities whose activities are primarily in urban areas. For rural communities, a second initiative, the [Rural Energy Communities Advisory](#), will be providing tailored technical assistance.

Language  Resource type  Topic

Applicable in



[The Energy Communities Repository website](#)

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This article sets out the



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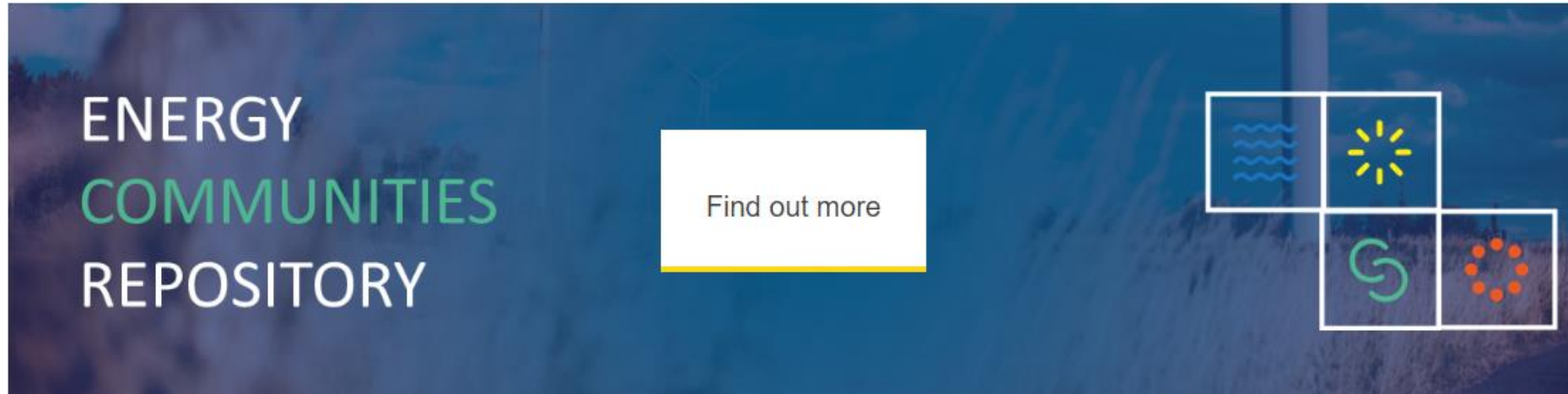
[Tools & methods overview LECSEA](#)

In this report, available tools and methods to support the initiating of energy communities

The LECSEA resource database

[www.lecsea.eu](http://www.lecsea.eu)

# Need to find out more about Energy Communities?



Data collection & Analysis



Technical Assistance



Best practices and Toolbox

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## Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub

# Thank you!

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