



Solution package 5:

Citizen-centred solutions

SP5 Solutions, challenges and learnings

Session Summary

The first session of the SP5 Community of Practice featured presentations by Lyon (FR), Munich (DE), Budapest (HU), Charleroi (BE) and Stockholm (SE). Focused on the planned solutions, challenges and learnings after the first 15 months of ASCEND, they provided a common ground for discussion.

Resources

- Five PCED Books: Implementation status report – M12. ASCEND. 2024.
- Lyon PCED roadmap report. ASCEND. 2023.
- Munich PCED roadmap report. ASCEND. 2023

Common Challenges

- **Other priorities:** Across ASCEND cities, a shared challenge is that citizens perceive energy balances as disconnected from their own concerns. This complicates their engagement.
- **Funding engagement:** Identifying an economic model to fund engagement and co-creation strategies remains a difficult task for most cities.

Main Takeaways

- The PCED's explicit ambition to achieve a positive energy balance must be paired with other implied goals that speak more to the inhabitants' priorities. The energy transition can thus be leveraged as an instrument to improve quality of life, rather than as an isolated goal.
- There is a need to identify the specific objectives of citizen engagement. While there is consensus about its importance, clarifying its specific goals in each location will help develop effective strategies.

Quote

"The exchange between peers was very enriching and provided very useful knowledge to face common challenges. For example, we all need some methodological inputs for stakeholder mapping or co-creation workshops. Most of us have to find ways to engage the tenants of social housing, and identify topics relevant for citizens such as health, or use of public space."

Emmanuelle Pollette-Burkhardt, City of Munich

