



# ENERGY DEMOCRACY DIALOGUES

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022

16.00-18.00 EEST

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**Energy Democracy** is an emergent social, economic, cultural movement aiming to advance energy transitions by resisting the existing fossil-fuel centralised energy agenda. At the same time, the movement reclaims and restructures the energy status quo in a democratic way, by strengthening public participation and integrating technological changes and energy innovations.

Both Europe and Greece experienced a cold and expensive winter. Energy costs continue to rise, dragging down the prices of many more products and services, including food, raising energy poverty levels. The energy crisis is a difficult exercise without obvious solutions or solutions that demonstrates the complexity of the global energy market as well as the unrecognised dimension of energy as a social good.

The online event "**We are talking about the energy market and the energy crisis, in simple words. How can consumers be protected?**" It is addressed to all citizens who are faced with increased energy costs, vulnerable households, business owners, farmers, etc., who are looking for solutions to ensure access to affordable and reliable energy services. The aim of the event is to clarify how the energy market works in simple terms, and then to propose solutions for the empowerment, participation, and energy independence of consumers. In particular, the benefits of simple, understandable, and clean energy bills will be examined, and at the same time the outlets offered by modern technological possibilities, such as energy communities, self-generation and energy saving, will be presented.

The event is organised, by INZEB and Electra Energy in collaboration with the Heinrich Böll Foundation Thessaloniki, Greece, and the Consumers' Union - The Quality of Life (EKOPOIZO), in the framework of the Energy Democracy Dialogues initiative. It will take place online on **Thursday, April 14, 2022**, from **16:00** to **18:00**.

More information and participation statements on the page of the [Energy Democracy Dialogues](#) and on the [Facebook event](#).

**AGENDA** (Agenda timings are in EEST)

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**Moderator: Yiannis-Orestis Papadimitriou, Journalist, Manifold**

<b>16.00 – 16.10</b>	Welcome
<b>16.10 – 17.00</b>	<b>Energy market: Clarifying key concepts</b> <b>Dimitris Kardomateas</b> , Energy Consultant, former General Director of Strategy & Development of Natural Gas Transmission System Operator, Greece
<b>17.00 – 17.50</b>	<b>Citizen-centered protection and solutions: clean bills, self-sufficiency, and energy communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panayota Kalapotharakou, President, Consumers' Association "The Quality of Life"</li><li>• Vicky Tzega, Legal Advisor, Consumers' Association "The Quality of Life"</li><li>• Kiriaki Metaxa, Programme Manager, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Greece</li><li>• Dimitris Kitsikopoulos, Electra energy coop</li><li>• Alice Corovessi, Managing Director, INZEB</li><li>• Ignacio Navarro, Greenpeace Greece</li></ul>
<b>17.50-18.00</b>	Closing