

# Story of Amsterdam

## From Lighthouse pilots to Legacy: Scaling Positive Energy Districts Across Europe

*"What one must learn to do, one learns by doing."*

*-Aristotle-*

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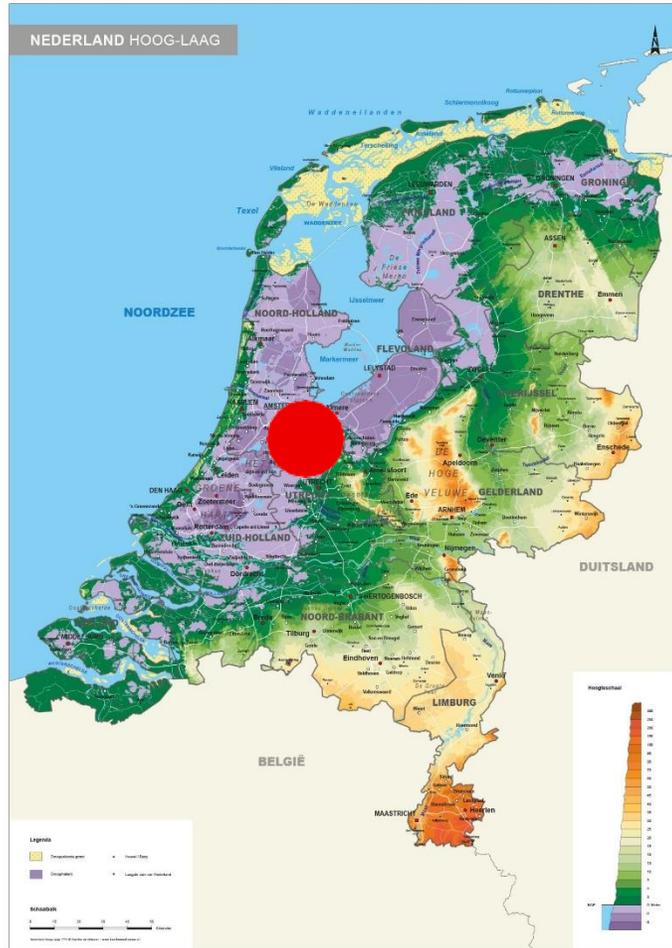


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# The Netherlands

*A sinking delta*



18 million people  
 Half of our country  
 below sealevel  
 Living with water  
 What is needed for our  
 future?



# Amsterdam

*A thriving City*

Credits iStock / Phaelnogueira

1 million inhabitants

Development of 7.500 dwellings per year

Energy-infrastructure can not handle > **netcongestion**

What is needed for our future?

# ATELIER – Amsterdam

*Creating a Positive Energy District*



- Creating communities
- Creating buildings
- Creating networks
- Combining energy-assets
- Sharing the grid connection



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# Energy system Republica

**Sources** 261 kWp PV (photovoltaic generation)

## Infrastructure & Storage

Storage 1 MW/1,1 MWh collective battery

Heating district connection - 10.000 L heat buffer

Heat-cold-storage – ATEs (Aquathermal Thermal Energy Storage)

Heat pumps 750 kWth, 250 kWe

EV (electrical vehicle Charging: 32 E-charges (280 kW)

## Governance

20.000 m<sup>2</sup> commercial real estate, variety in users (cooperation)

Organisation community – who takes decisions?

Temporary limit transport capacity / congestion

Energy Management System (EMS)

Taxes

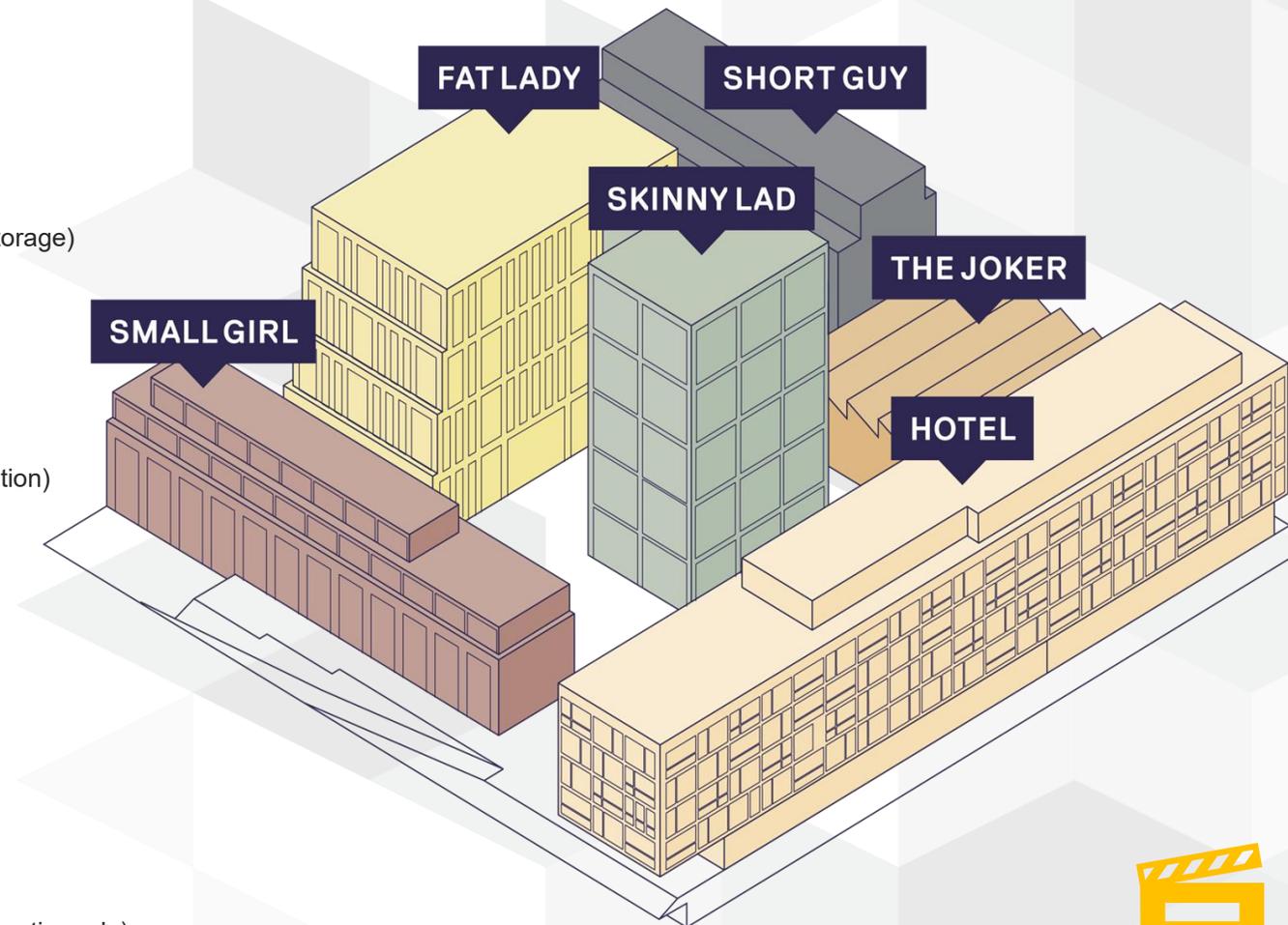
Trade - day-ahead trade and net- balance services

## Use

Hotel (110 rooms), offices, 55 apartments (23 rental)

All users behind one meter (1.5 MVA), one internal net (exemption rule)

Peak management to stay in the limit of the connection

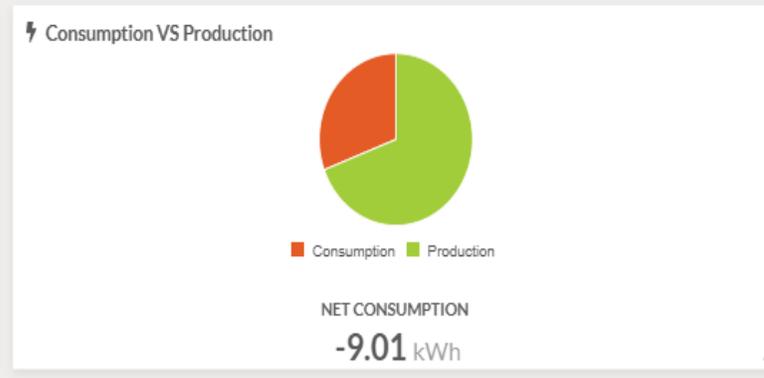
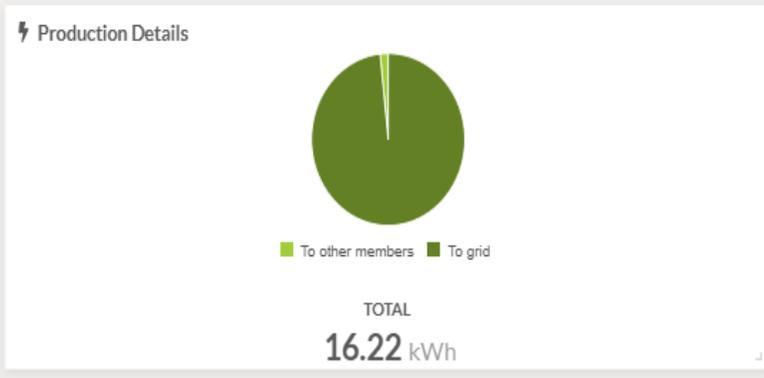
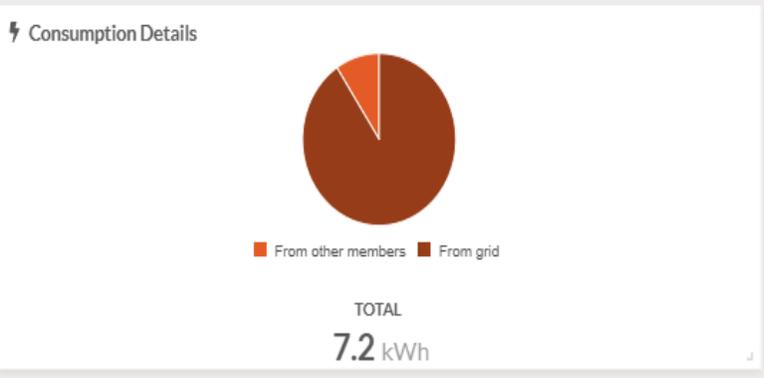
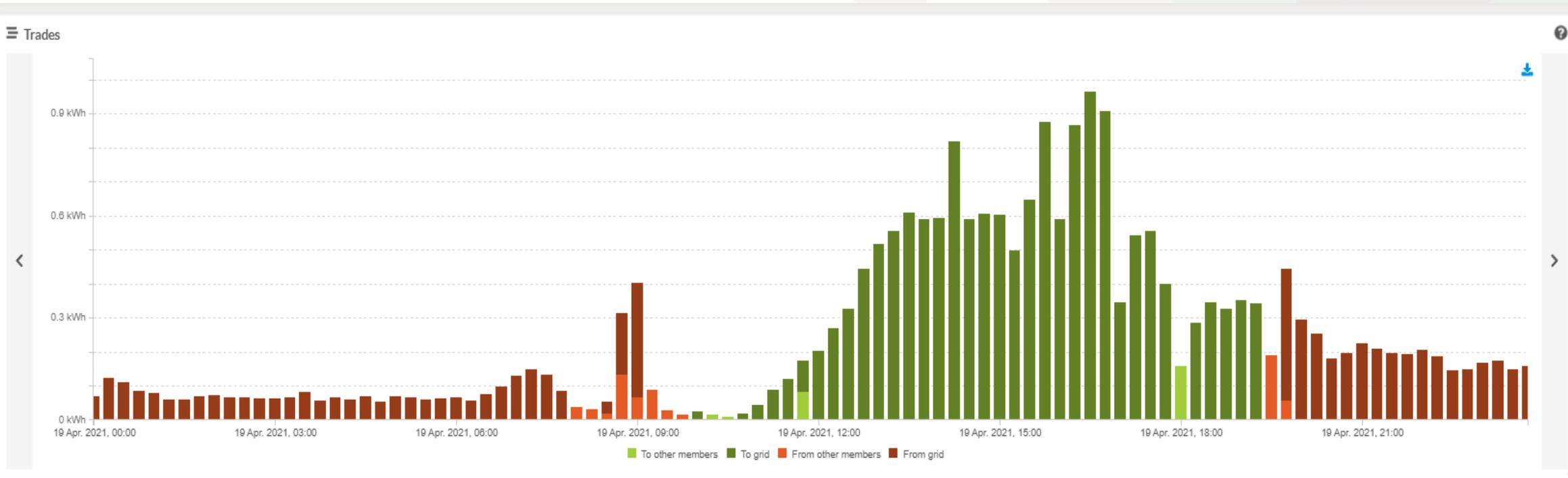


# Sharing the energy

## Republica



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# ATELIER - Poppies



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# Energy system

*Poppies*

## Sources

87 kWp PV (photovoltaic generation) 1/3 PVt

## Infrastructure & Storage

Heat-cold-storage – ATEs (Aquathermal Thermal Energy Storage) monosource

Heat pumps

EV (electrical vehicle Charging: 2 E-charges

## Governance

6000 m2 commercial real estate, variety in users (middle price rental apartments + commercial units)

Organisation community – who takes decisions?

## Use

All users regular energy-contracts



# Energy system SchoonSchip

**Sources** 516 PVpanels 60 PVtpanels 167 kWp PV (photovoltaic generation)

## Infrastructure & Storage

Storage 30-46 ? individual batteries

30 heat pumps

EV (electrical vehicle) Charging

## Governance

144 inhabitants in 46 households in 30 floating houses

Organisation community – who takes decisions?

Energy Management System (EMS)

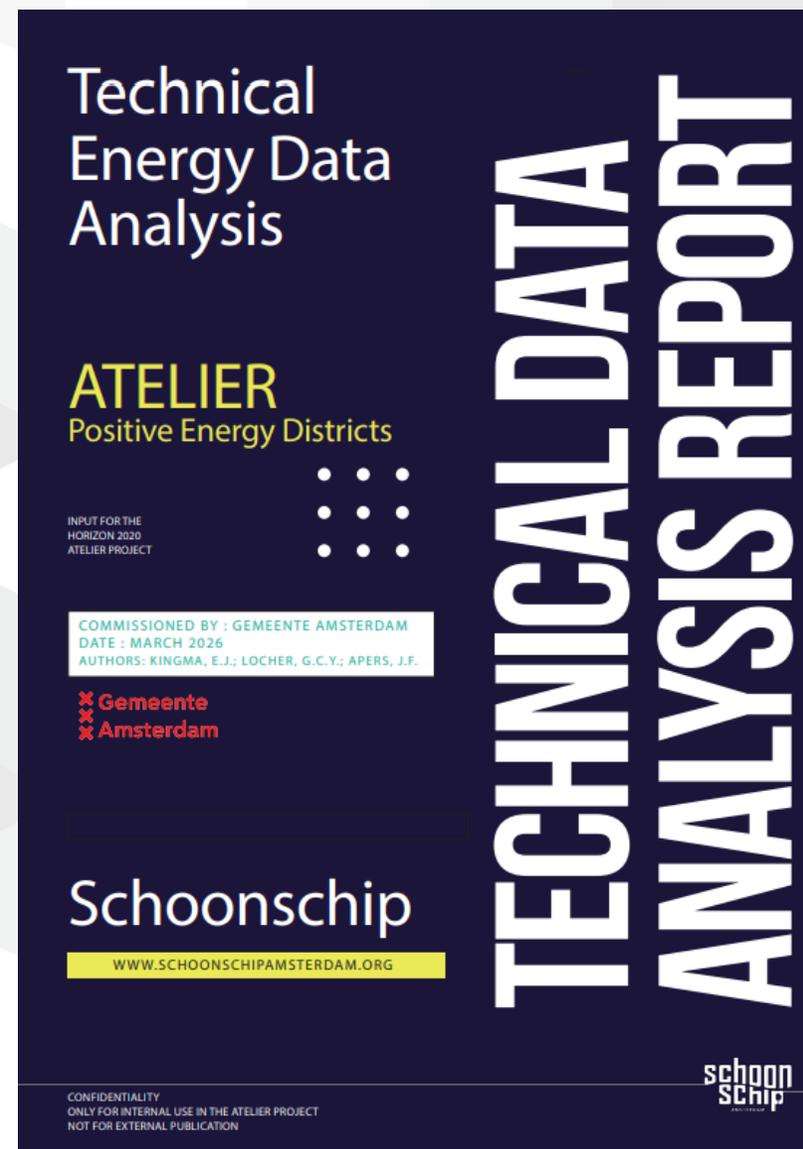
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# Energy community

## SchoonSchip



# Learnings from ATELIER

1. **Reducing capacity** of grid connection with **50 to 85%** compared to planned / regulated capacity
2. **Governance** (energy)community is key to succes and upscaling potential
3. The overall used energy is less then designed/planned for
4. **Integration energy-assets** required; thermal, electric, gas, storage, electric vehicle charging, photo-voltaic generation
5. **Smart metering and managing (EMS)** required

# Scaling

Walk the talk – making visible

Exploring pilot potential

*What if we apply the capacity reduction to all new developments in the City?*

Organisational willingness is key

Providing/prescribing governance & contracting standards to developers

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# The promise of Amsterdam

Relieving netcongestion

Creating communities

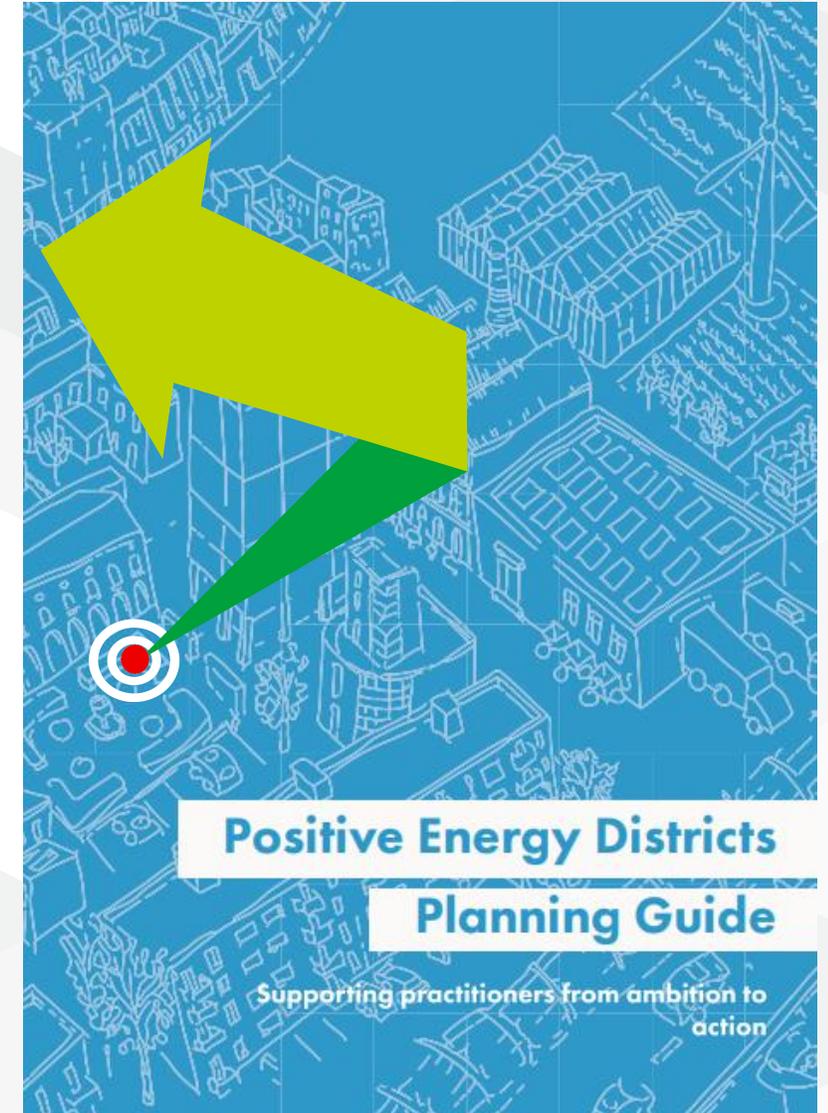
Supporting resilience

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# Resilient Europe



Where the energy supply is safe & stable  
Where we own and actively engage in our energy supply  
Where we can live in a fossil-free society  
Where there is equality in carrying the costs of the transition towards fossil-free solutions

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# Energy communities: What can be achieved?

*Exploring the role of energy communities in sustainable local energy systems*



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# Energy communities; What can be achieved?

Workshop agenda:

1. Presentation: The role of energy communities in local energy systems (20 min)
2. Presentation: Meet energy community Schoonschip (20 min)
3. Presentation: Meet energy community Republica (20 min)
4. Fishbowl discussion on upscaling energy communities with speakers and participants (30 min)

# Icebreaker; who are you?

## What interests you most about energy communities?

# What role can energy communities play in local energy systems?

Today's focus:

1. What is an energy community and how do they differ from energy companies?
2. What energy activities can they engage in, and what value can communities create through energy activities?
3. What impact will they have on future energy systems?

# Energy community vs energy company

**What do you think are the most important characteristics of an energy community?**

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Waiting for participants



# What are ECs in EU legislation?

Art. 2 (11) (Directive 2019/944)

'citizen energy community' means a **legal entity** that:

(a) is based on **voluntary and open** participation and is **effectively controlled by members** or shareholders that are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or small enterprises;

▪ **Governance**

(b) has for its primary purpose to **provide environmental, economic or social community benefits** to its members or shareholders or to the local areas where it operates rather than to generate financial profits; and

▪ **Purpose**

(c) may engage in **generation**, including from renewable sources, **distribution, supply, consumption, aggregation, energy storage, energy efficiency services** or charging services for electric vehicles or provide other energy services to its members or shareholders;

▪ **Activities**

# What makes them different?

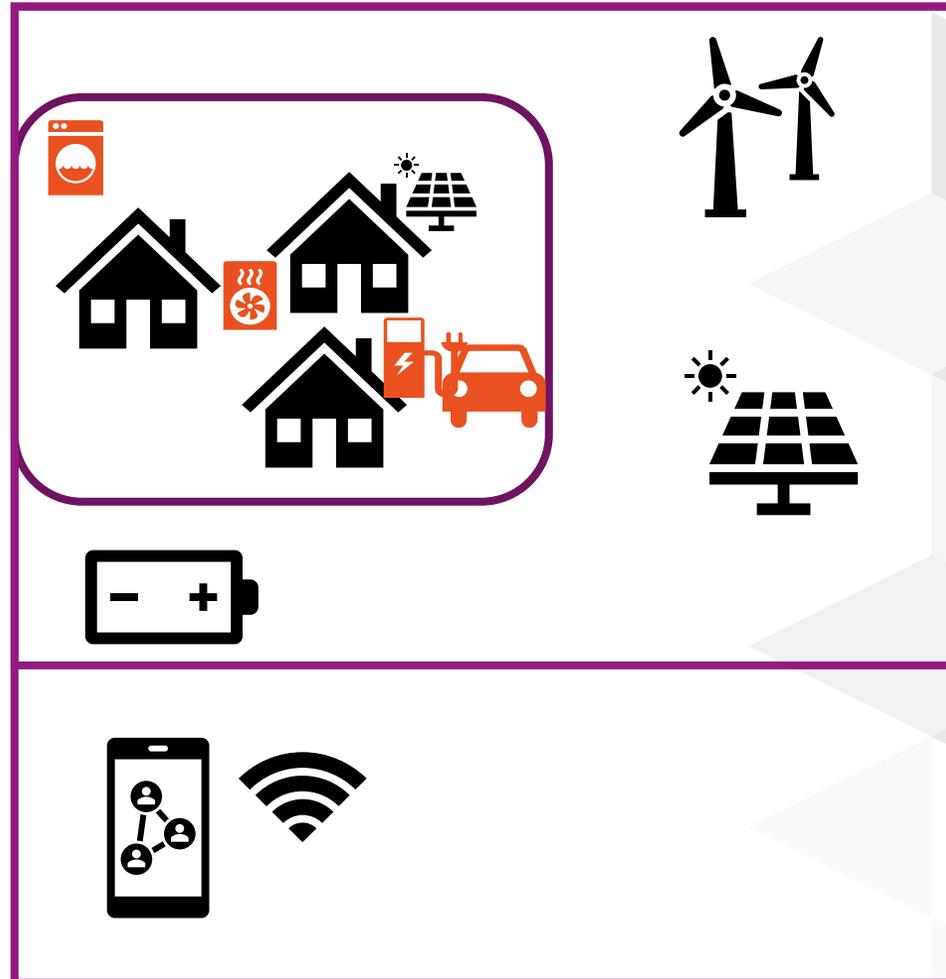
Energy communities are not different because of what they do;

What makes them different is:

**Who does it, how they do it, and the value they create through it.**



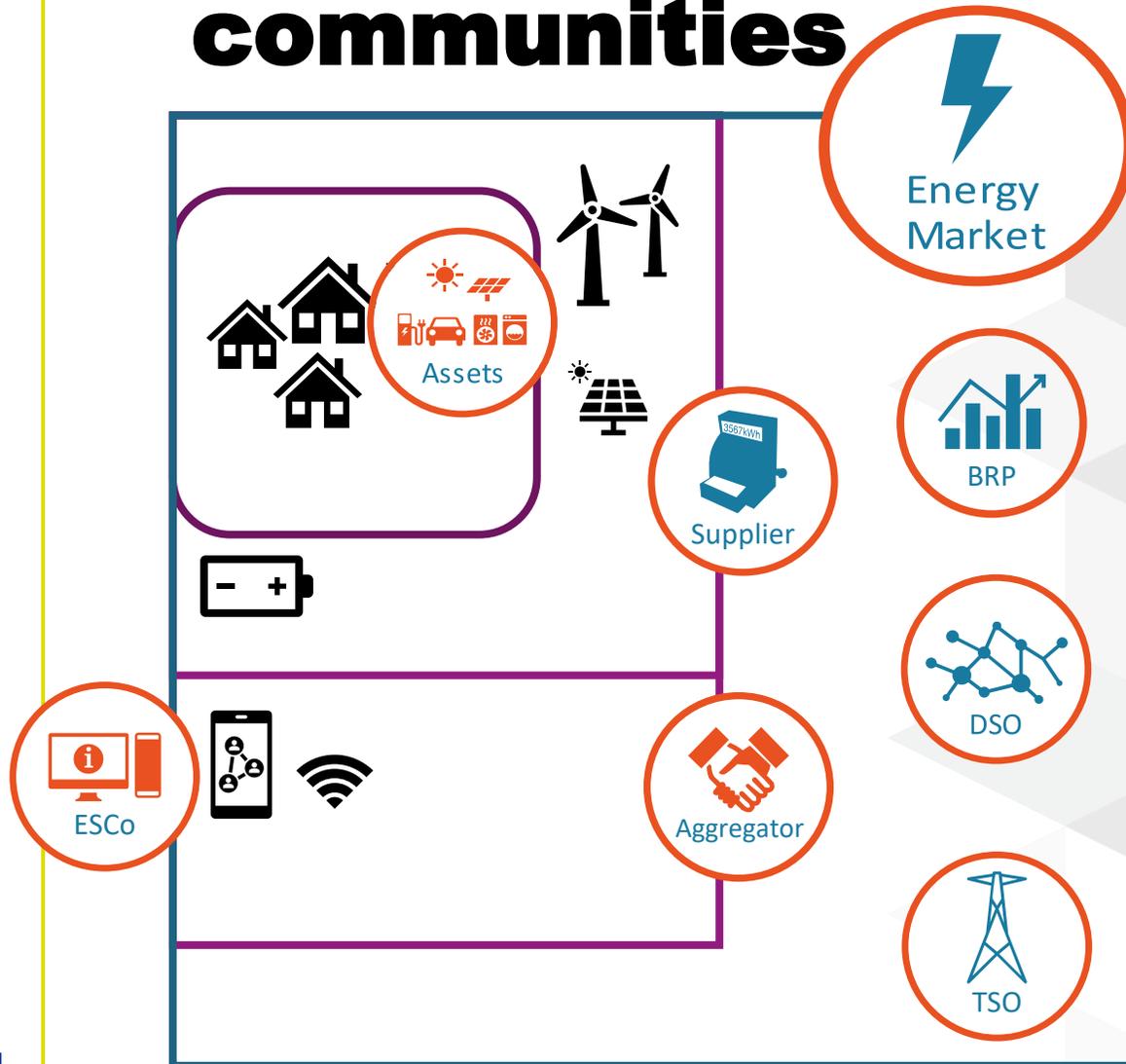
# Wide range of energy communities



## Energy community as

1. Developer of assets & owner of assets
2. Providing knowledge on the use of assets/ energy monitoring
3. Producer that sells to a market participant
4. Smart: energy community supports passive (behind the meter) steering (implicit flex)

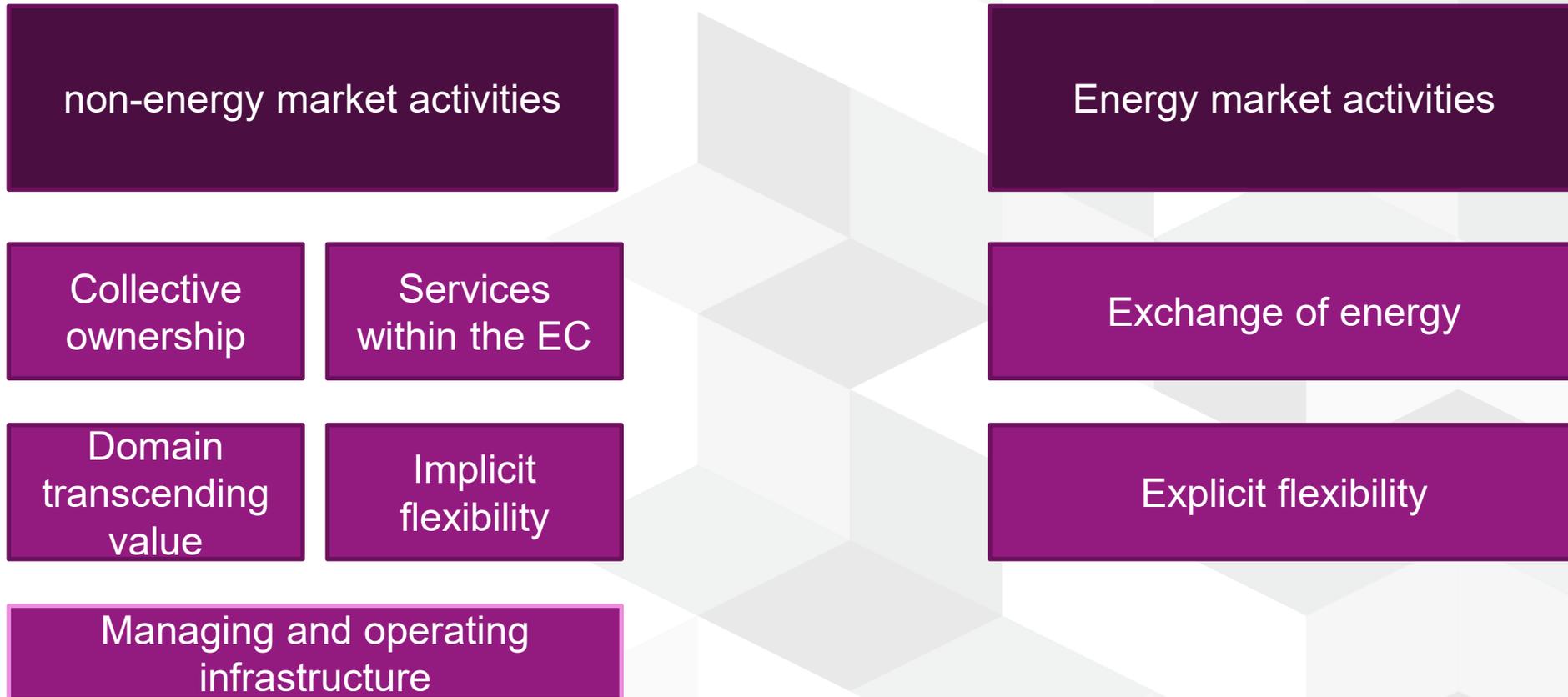
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## Energy community

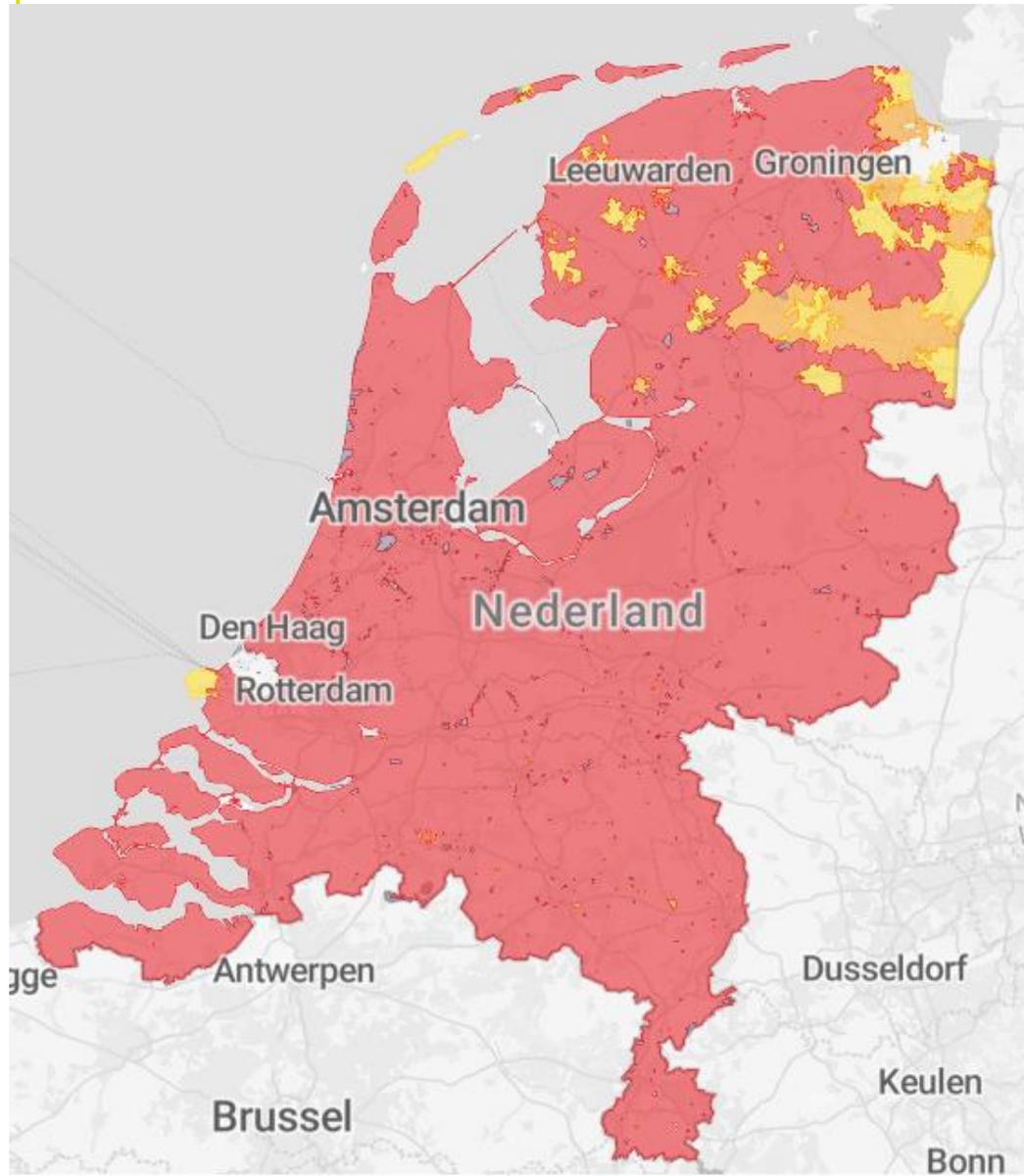
1. Supports peer 2 peer trading
2. Supports energy sharing
3. Sells energy to their members
4. Is a demand response aggregator or sells flex to demand response aggregator

# Activities

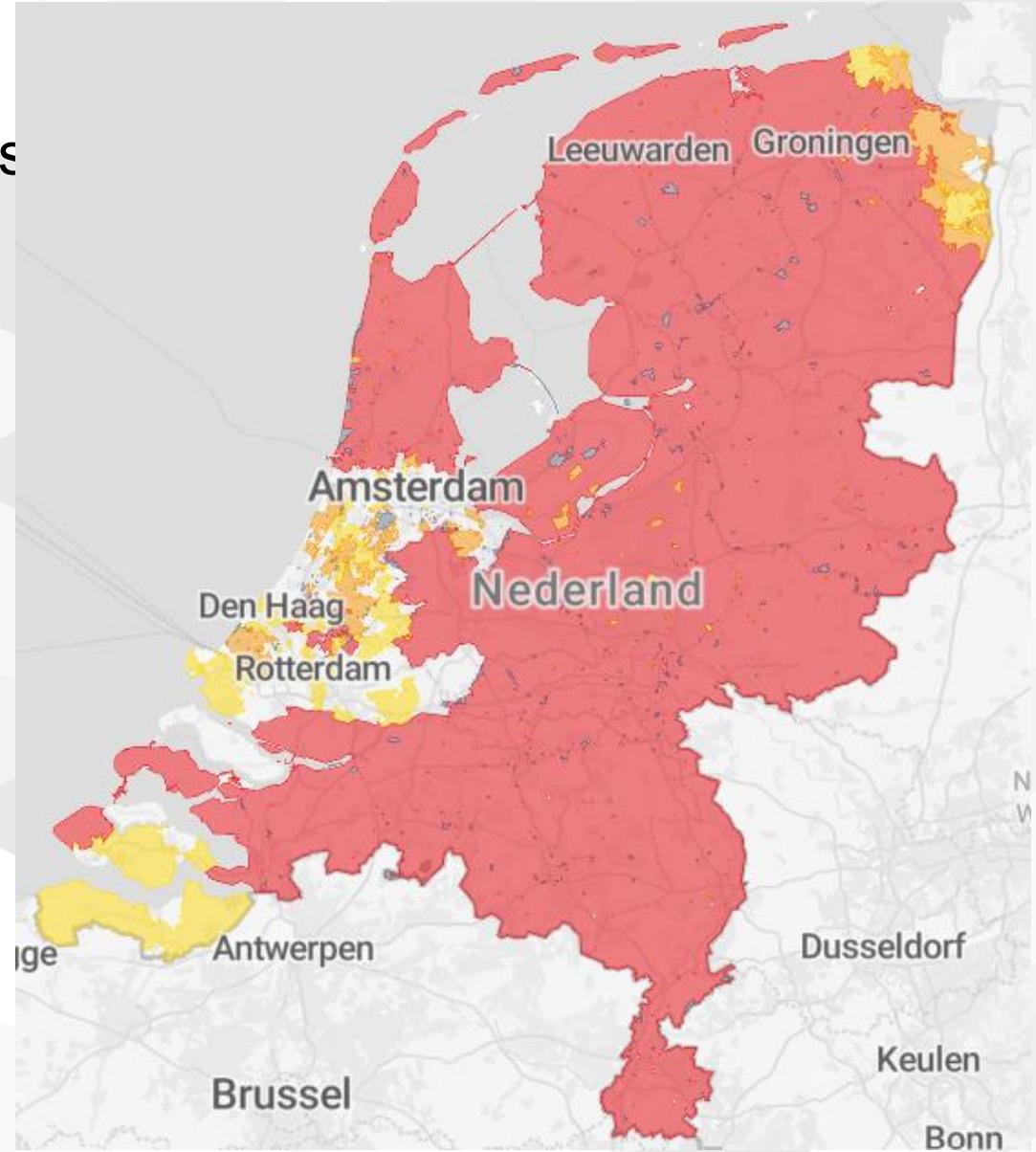


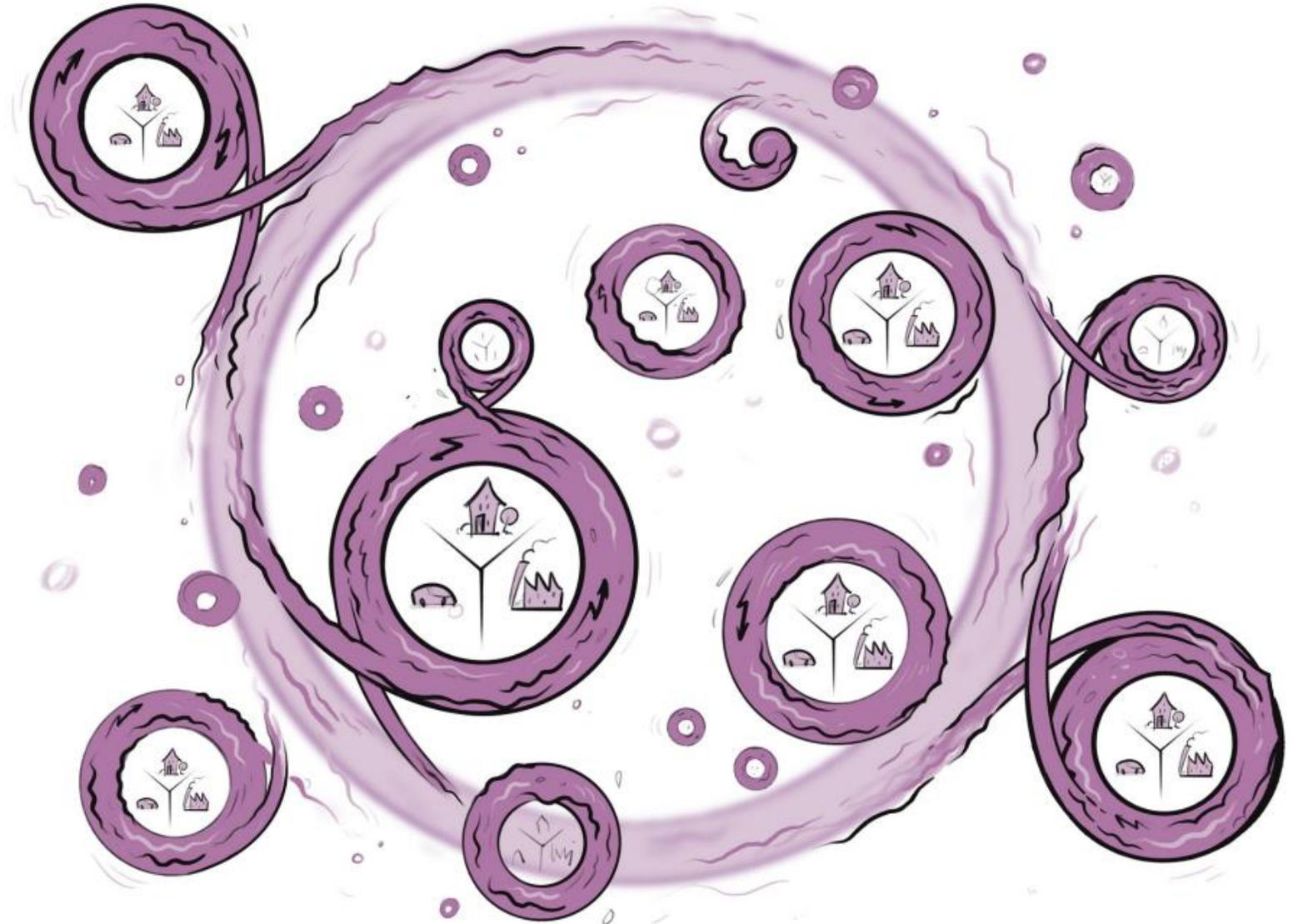
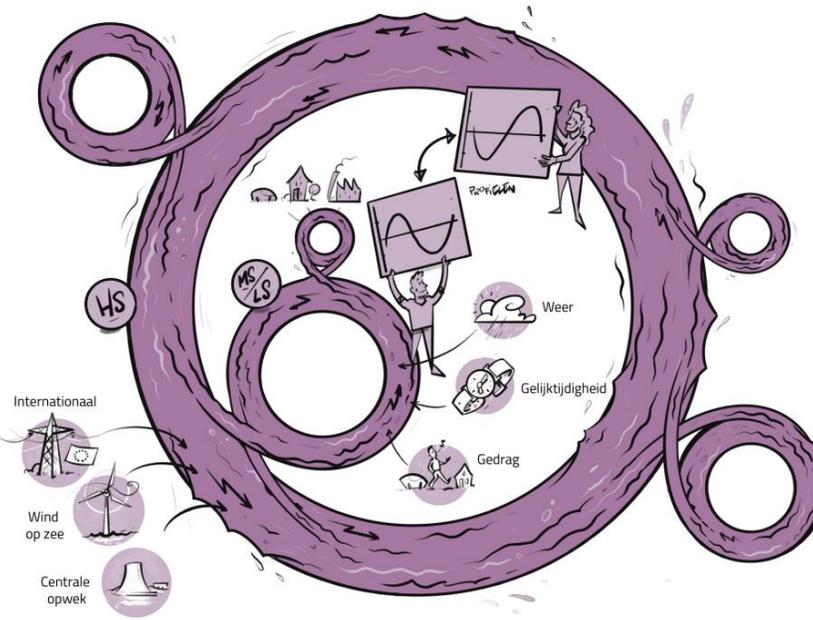
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# Creating value



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