Sign-up to the Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Network today!

Access supports | Share knowledge | Achieve your energy transition ambitions

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) is calling on community groups across Ireland to join the dedicated 'Sustainable Energy Community' (SEC) Network. The aim of the Network is to catalyse and support a national movement of SECs operating in every part of the country.

What is a Sustainable Energy Community?

- A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a community in which everyone works together to develop a sustainable energy system. To do so, they aim as far as possible to be energy efficient, to use renewable energy where feasible and to develop decentralised energy supplies.

- A SEC can include all the different energy users in the community including homes, sports clubs, community centres, churches and businesses.

- SEC's are now being encouraged to join the new SEAI supported SEC Network to help build capacity and share skills across communities.

Why become a Sustainable Energy Community?

- Achieve financial + energy savings
- Improve public wellbeing through enhanced comfort from energy efficient buildings
- Boost local employment
- Promote community building through partnership approach
- Build capacity and leverage funding
- Contribute to national energy reduction targets

What are the benefits of the SEC Network?

- Provides groups with the opportunity to **share knowledge and insight** and to meet with other members who are carrying out a diversity of energy efficiency projects.

- Is operated by 'champions' from Sustainable Energy Communities with SEAI support. This means Network events and supports are **designed with and for members.**

- Enables your group to **access technical supports** to guide you through a structured process of identifying and carrying out sustainable energy initiatives in your community.

- Means your group will be **eligible to apply for dedicated SEAI funding** to realise your sustainable energy ambitions.

Who can join the SEC Network?

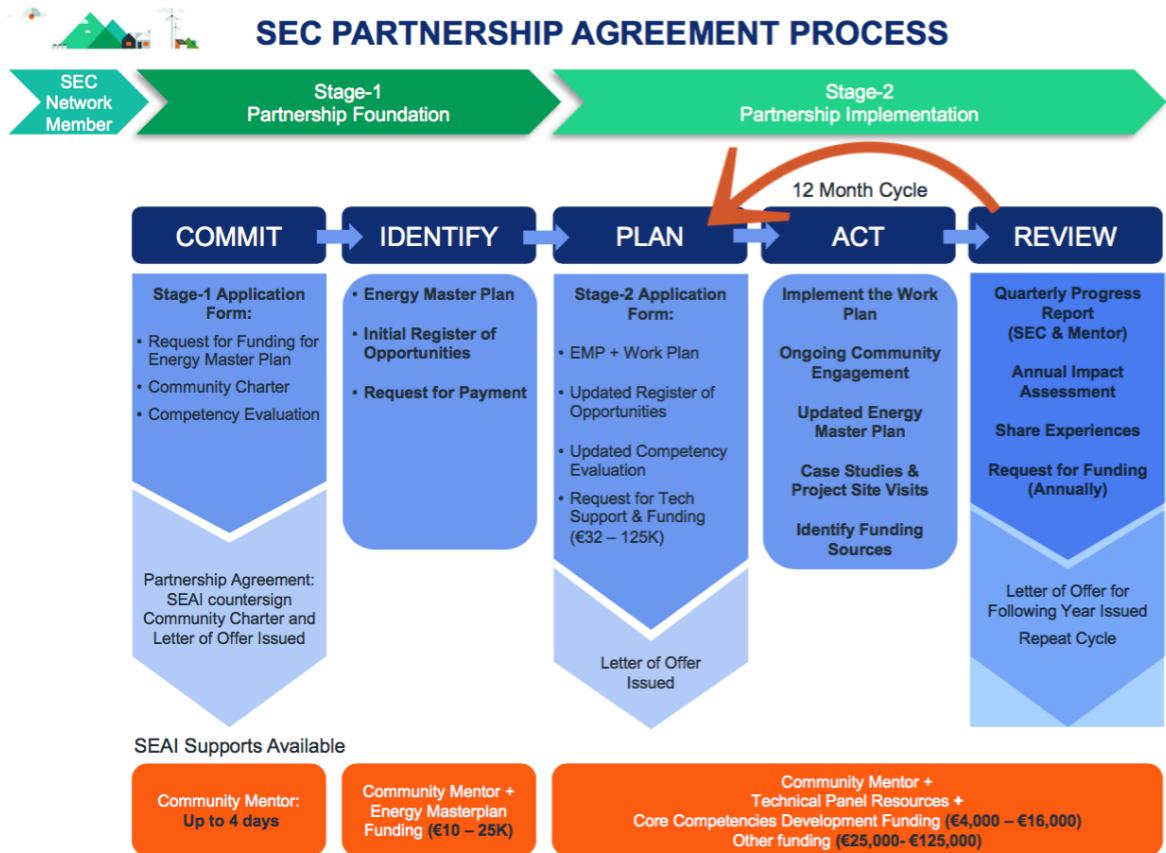A large number of groups are encouraged to join the SEC Network. This includes:

a) **Existing groups** who may have already availed of SEAI Better Energy Communities or Area Based supports and want to further their ambitions.

b) **Interested groups** who want to start the journey towards becoming a Sustainable Energy Community by availing of Network supports.

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Sustainable Energy Communities Network

Looking forward

By joining the Network, you are indicating your groups' commitment to knowledge sharing with SEC members and to developing and implementing sustainable energy initiatives. You will have the option to enter into a three-year Partnership Agreement with SEAI. Over this three year timeframe, your group can access SEAI technical supports to help you to establish a baseline Energy Masterplan, identify energy saving opportunities, implement a tailored programme of activities for your community, monitor the programme's progress and review accordingly. You may also apply for dedicated SEAI funding to help your group to achieve your SEC ambitions.

Steps in the SEC Journey after you join the Network

How to sign up to the Network…

Establish your group

- The first step is to establish your group.

- Groups should encourage a wide range of energy users to participate in the SEC and demonstrate an inclusive approach to public, private and community sectors.

Complete SEC Network registration form

- Once you have established your group, complete and **submit the short registration form** overleaf to join the SEC Network

- **Applications are welcomed throughout the year. There is no deadline.**

Submit your Network Registration Form to:

ruth.buggie@seai.ie | +353 (0) 42 939 1524

Note: your group will require a valid Tax Clearance Certificate at the time of applying for funding.

SEC Network Membership Registration Form

Contact Details

Name of group

Primary Contact

Contact address

Telephone

Mobile phone

Email

Website*

Facebook / Twitter*

* Website / Facebook / twitter are not mandatory – only complete if you have them

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SEC structure

What type of structure does your group have?

Co-operative ☐

Charity ☐

Voluntary group ☐

Other (Please elaborate)

Not-For-Profit ☐

Which category below best represents the size of your SEC (Please tick one)

Level 1: Street / Village
(Annual Energy Spend up to €2M)

Level 3: County / Regional
(Annual Energy Spend up to €50M)

Level 2: Town / Island
(Annual Energy Spend up to €20M)

Level 4: National / Other
(Annual Energy Spend over €50M)

SEC Steering Group / Committee

How many people are on your SEC steering group / committee? ☐

Do you have any representatives from the following sectors? (Tick those that apply)

Business ☐

Community ☐

Public ☐

Education ☐

Your SEC aims

What is your SEC's ambition? (a brief response is sufficient)

What building(s) and audience(s) are you targeting? (Tick as many as relevant)

Housing ☐	Retail / Hospitality ☐	Agricultural + food production ☐
Civic / Community ☐	Health ☐	Other* ☐
Schools ☐	Lighting ☐	*Details** _____

Do you know how much your community spends annually on energy? (See guidelines above on level of spend: an typical house spends €2,500 per year on average)

We spend approximately € _____ each year ☐ We don't know

Sign

Name (print)	
Signature	
Date	

Thank you for completing the SEC Network Membership Form!

Please also read and sign our short 'Data Protection' form overleaf relating to the sharing of information.

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Data Protection Act

Under the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2003, Government Departments, Offices and Agencies, as data controllers have a legal responsibility to:

- Obtain and process data fairly
- Keep it only for one or more specified and explicit lawful purposes
- Process it only in ways compatible with the purposes for which it was given initially
- Keep personal data safe and secure
- Keep data accurate, complete and up to date
- Ensure that it is adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Retain it no longer than is necessary for the specified purpose or purposes
- Provide a copy of his / her personal data to any individual, on request.

Your consent

Following these data protection requirements, we are seeking your consent for the following (please tick Yes or No as appropriate)

	Yes	No
Consent to store your organisation's details including contact details on a database held by SEAI and to be shared by SEAI or its agents		
Consent for your organisation to receive regular information updates from the SEC Network	Yes	No
Consent to displaying some of your SEC details and contact details [website, key email address only] on the SEAI website and programme documents	Yes	No

Contact details – for sharing on website

Yes   No

Do you consent to the below details being shared on the SEAI website?

Name of group	
Contact Email	
Website	

I confirm I am authorised to approve the sharing of this information behalf of my organisation with the SEAI

Name	
Signature	