

Press Release  
Province of Antwerp

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## Wanted: Citizens' initiatives that want to generate and exchange energy together!

Kamp C, *Centre for Sustainability and Innovation*, is looking for energy-conscious citizens' initiatives in the province of Antwerp who want to produce their own energy and thus become less dependent on fossil fuels. This is not only good for the environment, but also for their energy consumption and bill.

The Belgian people, like all Europeans, are faced with rising energy bills and increasing environmental pollution. Every day they hear that they have to switch to renewable energy. But how do you achieve that? Do you wait for the government or can you contribute to the change yourself? How do you transform from a consumer to a prosumer? Do you do that on your own or together with others?



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### **Kamp C is looking for energy-conscious citizens' initiatives**

Kamp C is looking for three citizens' initiatives or other organizations in the province of Antwerp that want to think about those kinds of questions. *"They could be a local*

*neighbourhood association, a non-profit organization, a cooperative, a school, ... even a whole village," explains Peter Bellens, chairman of Kamp C and deputy for European cooperation. "It would be even better if they could spring into action and, in one way or another, could generate energy themselves or are motivated to do so".*

Kamp C wants to bring them together to learn from each other, to inspire each other and perhaps to get started together in the international environment of a European project.

### **Europe inspires**

Kamp C is part of a cross-border European project with partners from Belgium, the Netherlands and Ireland. In this project three actual citizens' initiatives (community-based Virtual Power Plants or cVPPs) are being set up: 1 in the Netherlands, 1 in Ireland and 1 in Flanders. They will serve as a source of inspiration for the new citizens' initiatives.

### **A strong partnership**

Community-based Virtual Power Plant (cVPP) is a project within the INTERREG North-West Europe program, led by the Eindhoven University of Technology. Eight Belgian, Dutch and Irish partners are taking part in this project that runs until 19 September 2020. The partnership receives a European subsidy of 3,663,205.49 EUR. The province of Antwerp is contributing 88,572.60 EUR.

### **Interested?**

Are you interested in participating in this project? Would you like more information?

Then surf to [www.kampc.be](http://www.kampc.be), search term 'burgerinitiatieven' (citizens' initiatives)

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

### **For more information visit:**

<http://www.nweurope.eu/projects/project-search/cvpp-community-based-virtual-power-plant/>  
<https://www.kampc.be/nl/innovatie/projecten/cvpp>  
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