

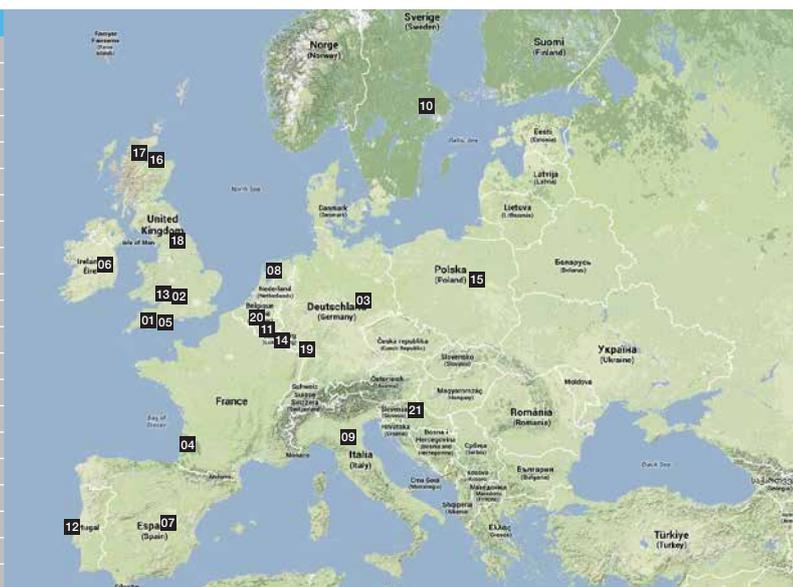
ECOLISE: Local communities leading the way to a low carbon society

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ECOLISE, the European Network for Community-Led initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability, is a coalition of organisations engaged in promoting and supporting local communities across Europe in their efforts to build pathways to a sustainable future.

ECOLISE member organisations/groups
01. Transition Network
02. Transition Research Network
03. Transition Germany
04. Transition France
05. Transition United Kingdom
06. Transition Ireland and Northern Ireland
07. Transition Spain
08. Transition Netherlands
09. Transition Italy
10. Transition Sweden
11. Transition Wallonia-Brussels (Belgium)
12. Lisbon University, Portugal
13. Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems (UK)
14. Centre for Ecological Learning Luxembourg (CELL)
15. Polish Institute of Sustainable Development
16. Global Ecovillage Network (GEN)-Europe
17. GAIA Education
18. Permaculture Association (UK)
19. Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) Europe
20. The European Association for Information on Local Development (AEIDL)
21. ZMAG – Green Network of Activist Groups, Croatia



The members of ECOLISE include international, national and sometimes regional networks of community-based initiatives, as well as other bodies engaged in European-level research, training, communications or other activities to support community-based action on climate change and sustainability. By bringing these organisations together, ECOLISE seeks to establish a common Europe-wide agenda and a platform for collective action.

Working towards a Europe of dynamic, resilient communities with a net zero carbon footprint

The ECOLISE vision is of a Europe where the members of every local community play a lead role in ensuring local economic, social and environmental sustainability. Through their actions, they have helped their communities to achieve a net zero carbon footprint and in so doing have made a major contribution to the establishment of a post-carbon, ecological society in Europe.

To support its member organisations in achieving this vision, the mission of ECOLISE is to be a shared platform for learning, action and advocacy of community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability in Europe.

Through its activities, ECOLISE seeks to raise the profile of community-based action on climate change and sustainability in Europe, to facilitate exchange, cooperation and knowledge development and sharing among stakeholders across Europe, and to strengthen the collective influence of its members in EU, national and local policy making. ECOLISE draws on experiences from other parts of the world and, where possible, seeks to be a source of inspiration and support for similar initiatives outside of Europe.

ECOLISE emerged from a study undertaken by AEIDL in 2012/2013, which sought to assess the status of community-led action on climate change and sustainability in Europe. The study identified in excess of 2,000 local, community-led initiatives directly engaged in activities in this area. It also brought together the key stakeholders from across Europe for a discussion on

the establishment of a European network to support cooperation and exchange between these initiatives. A first meeting of stakeholder representatives took place in Brussels on the 13-14 June 2012.

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