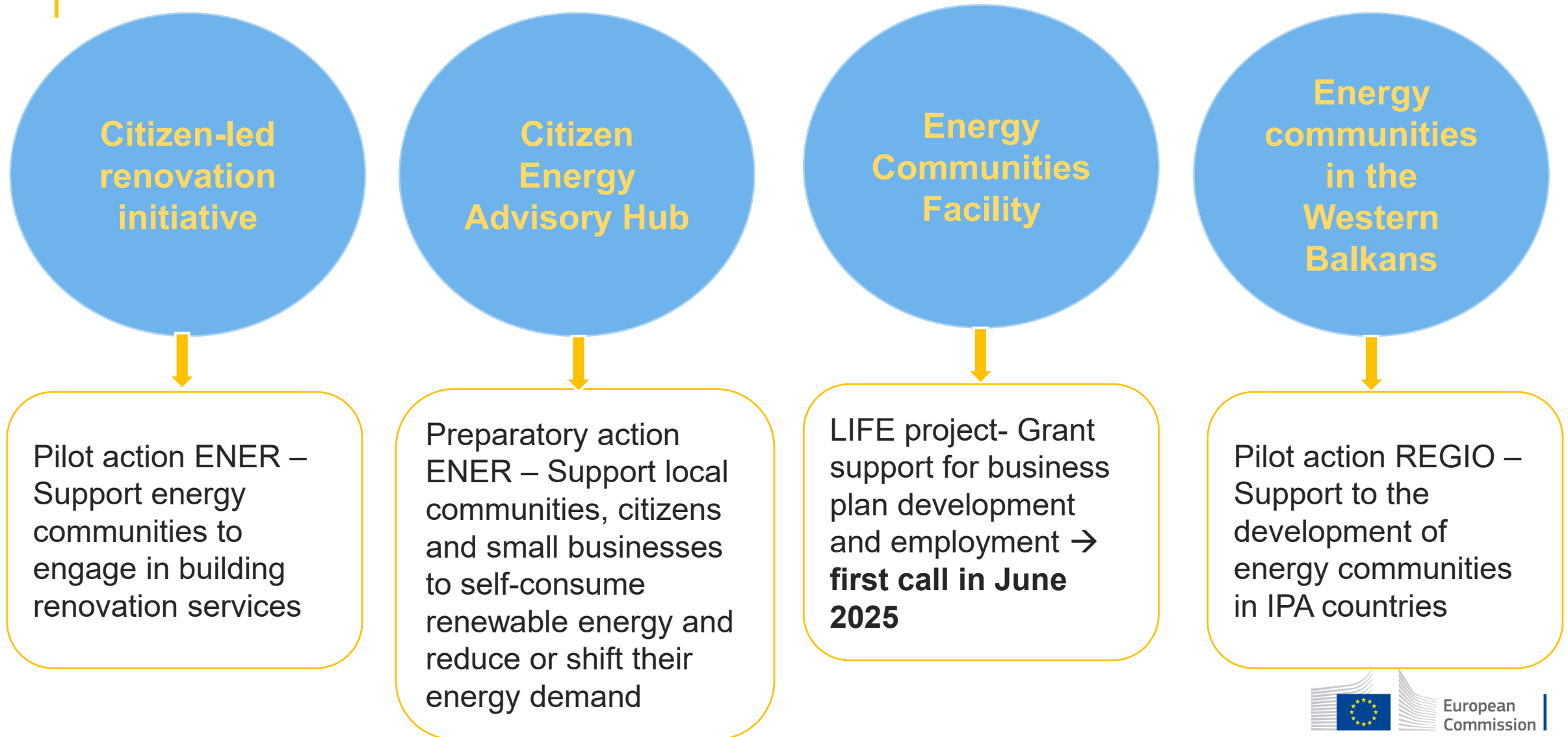




EU support initiatives for energy communities

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7. EU assistance for energy communities



Citizen Energy Advisory Hub (CEAH) - main activities

Capacity building and technical assistance

- **Direct technical assistance** for 120 citizen energy initiatives
- **Citizen Energy Panels** hosted in each of the 27 EU Member States
- **10 Capacity-building workshops** tailored to diverse stakeholders

Networking and peer-to-peer opportunities

- Two large **public conferences**
- A **Citizen Energy Network**
- Webinar series:
 - **Energy Breakfast Sessions** – showcasing success stories
 - **Chatting on Citizen Energy** – exploring energy citizenship, supporting policies, and how it can look in practice

Website with publishable outputs

- **Interactive Map** of EU Citizen Energy initiatives
- 20 **Guidance Documents**
- 60 **Best Practices**
- **Country policy profiles** on EU Member States' Legal and Policy Frameworks
- Quarterly **Newsletters**

Energy Communities Facility



Where?



Energy communities from:

- EU Member States, Iceland, Ukraine, Moldova and North Macedonia

How?



Access to targeted training and hands-on capacity building



7 mil. Euros for 45k lump sum grants to develop solid business plans

When?

2nd of June 2025

First call opens

<https://tinyurl.com/45tenfa7>

30th of September 2025

Deadline for the first call

Summer 2026

First cohort of business plans

September 2026

Second call for proposals



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Citizen-Led Renovation

“Citizen-led renovation is an activity carried out by an **energy community** aiming at engaging in and **implementing** building energy renovation (notably at street or district/neighborhood level) and develop local businesses and the **skills** of people involved”

- Phase I and II provided direct support to pilot entities
- Phase III (2025-2028) will support **enabling entities**, i.e. intermediate structures aiming at **delivering support services and enabling conditions** to new or existing Energy Communities targeting energy renovations
 - Enabling entities among: network or umbrella association, OSS, energy agencies (incl. local/regional), local authorities, NGO
 - Renovation is a **local activity** = localised/regionalised approach preferred versus EU wide initiative
- More details under: https://citizen-led-renovation.ec.europa.eu/index_en

Thank you



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