# Social Innovation meets Energy

About the social dimension of energy



### What is Social Innovation...

66 Social innovation In the SONNET project, we are looking at changes in The term dates back as far as the 15th century, when the term "innovation" in energy (SIE) is a first came up in religious texts in the Western world. Until recently, the social relations that manifest through activities related combination of ideas, term was not used to describe technological innovation (like the electric to energy generation, transmission, distribution and/or car or smartphones), but rather as a slogan or an ethical ambition for consumption. A concise definition of SONNET starts objects and/or actions "change" or even "revolution". Today, different streams tend to refer to with the following:

- Social and Solidarity Economy
  Open Source Software

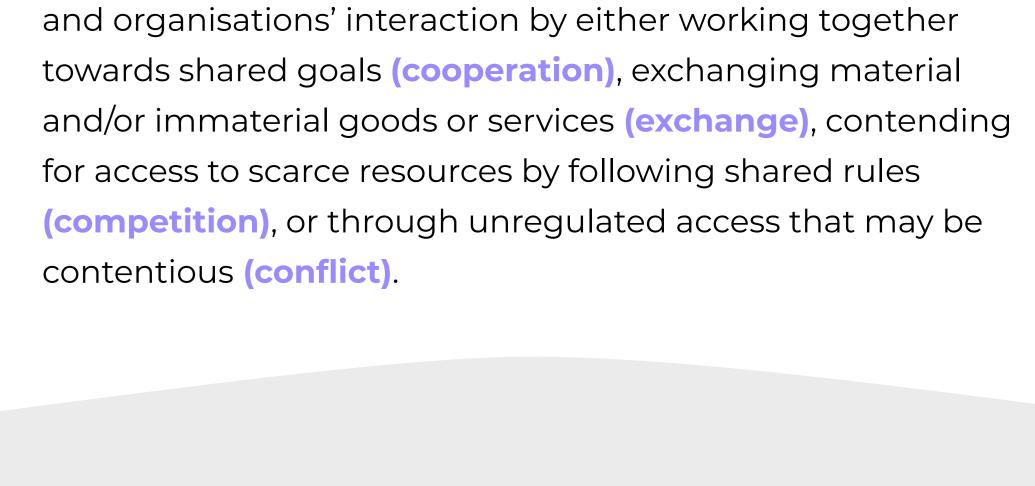


## ... in Energy Transitions?

Forms of Social Innovation that change social relations We can thus differentiate

These forms of Social Innovation are conceived in individuals

along these two dimensions,















In the SONNET project, we work especially

SIE are highly diverse, can take different forms, and utilise different means to shift how energy is produced and consumed.

with "participatory incubation and experimentation", which belongs to the SIE type "Cooperative organisation of

are working with six partner cities, all of whom are carrying out such Social Innovation experiments as part of SONNET.

### Stories of change

vulnerable households and in public buildings with a focus on energy consumption patterns, with the among users. attractive and attainable.

behind, based on existing efforts in the broader participatory

Goal: Developing novel service Goal: Participatory activities with



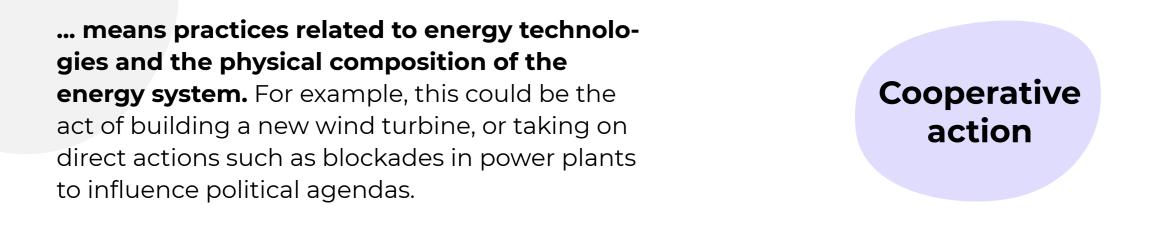
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audiences, or awareness raising efforts for or

against a certain energy technology.

