

CSOP – the benefits for citizens



Low financial participation

Low financial risk – the personal liability of consumers is limited to the value of their shares



Additional source of income once the loan is paid off



Costs for electricity and heating remain stable



Expert advice and support from local contact persons



Consumer interests and rights are protected



Co-determination despite simplified coordination processes



Participation in a local and independent energy community with 100% renewable energy

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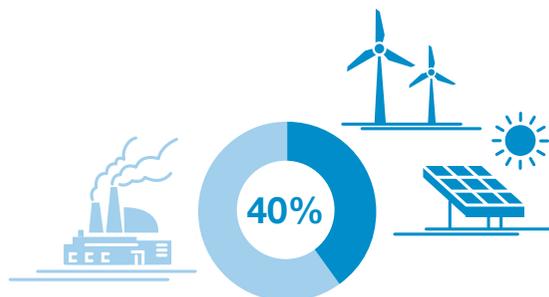


Energy transition with public participation

A strong local community

The energy transition needs success stories

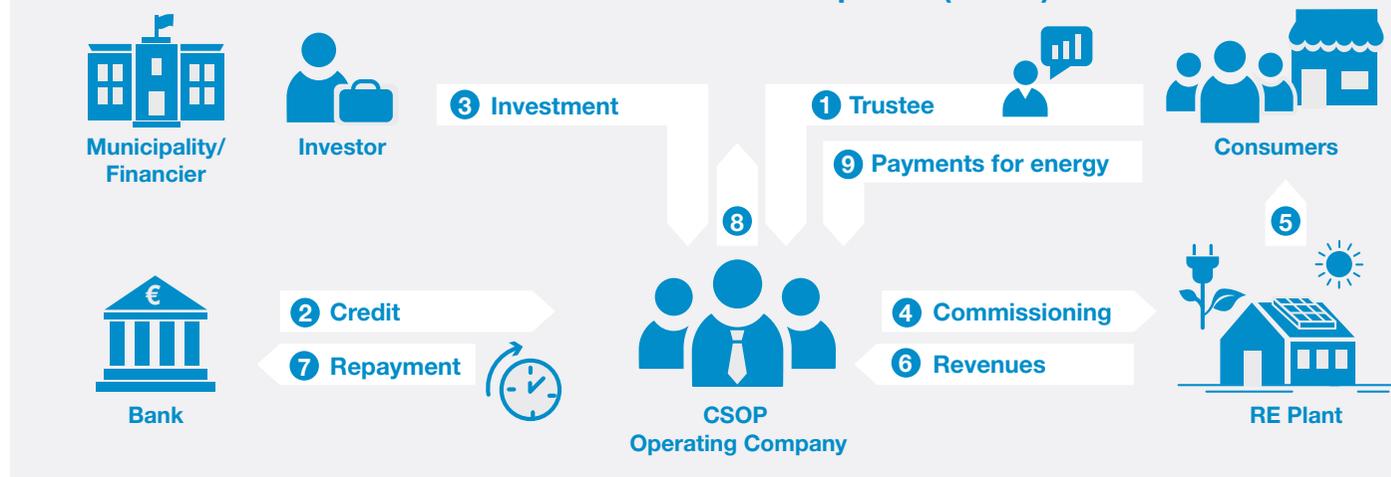
In 2019, more than 40 percent of the electricity produced in Germany was generated from renewable energies. This is a great success, but in order to achieve a complete turnaround from fossil fuels to renewable energies a lot more of such good news are required.



Citizens have many opportunities to become active for more climate protection. They can take to the streets, save energy or – if they are owners – renovate their houses. However, there are energy projects that are simply too big to be handled by individuals. They require a strong community and above all money to turn the project into reality. A new and innovative form of financing energy projects by citizens is the Consumer Stock Ownership Plan.



Financing Structure of a Consumer Stock Ownership Plan (CSOP)



- 1 The trustee manages the financial participations of the citizens and represents their interests vis-à-vis other co-investors.
- 2 The CSOP Ltd. takes on a loan on behalf of all shareholders (citizens, local authorities, etc.) to finance the installation. The Ltd. protects consumers from personal liability.
- 3 Several co-investors as well as the city or municipality invest in the CSOP Ltd. project.
- 4 CSOP Ltd. invests in a new/existing facility and operates it.
- 5 RE plant supplies households with electricity.
- 6 Profits from the sale of the overproduced energy flow to the Ltd.
- 7 The loan is repaid from the sale of the surplus energy production.
- 8 After repayment of the loan, the profit from the sale of the surplus production is distributed to co-investors.
- 9 Citizens pay their energy costs at contractually agreed conditions.

CSOP – the citizen-oriented financing method

CSOP is the short form for Consumer Stock Ownership Plan. With this financing model, citizens can participate in energy projects in their community or city and thus become part of an energy community. Investments in local projects are already possible with small amounts – for example 25€.

A CSOP has advantages especially for people with low income: Costs for electricity and heating are contractually regulated and thus remain stable in the long term. In addition, profits can be generated and distributed by selling surplus energy.

How does a CSOP work?

Citizens can become co-owners and thus co-producers by investing in energy projects, for example a solar plant. Other parties involved in the project include the municipality (e.g. represented by the municipal utility) and private actors (e.g. investors). The collected capital and the plant serve as collateral vis-à-vis the bank, thus excluding citizens from personal liability up to the value of their shares. The special thing: In each CSOP, an independent trustee advises the citizens and manages the fund and the investments. At the same time, he bundles and represents the voting rights vis-à-vis the other co-investors. Consumer interests and rights are thus protected and decision-making processes are simplified for citizens.