

# **CIVIL ENGAGEMENT IN PROMOTING ENERGY COMMUNITY IDEA IN LATVIA**

## **STORY OF ILVIJA AŠMANE**

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# PROFESSIONAL MILESTONES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Education – Riga  
Technical University,  
Master degree in  
Environmental  
engineering



Local Action Group  
“Aizkraukle District  
Partnership” project  
manager –  
international  
projects connected  
with sustainability,  
circular economy,  
tourism etc. Also  
CLLD Strategy’s main  
goal is climate  
neutrality.

Latvian Rural  
Forum – Climate  
and energy expert  
– projects related  
to energy  
communities in  
rural areas,  
CircleUp

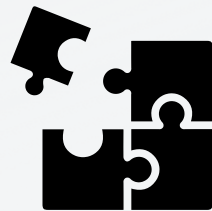




# MY STORY ABOUT ENERGY COMMUNITIES



Participation in seminar related to renewable energy and energy communities in 2022



That seminar was similar like this, but it changed my professional life



DBU project “Catalysing and building capacities for renewable energy communities in rural Latvia”



National expert in ENERCOM Facility



Radio LR1 interview





## WHAT'S NEW RELATED IN ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN LATVIA

- Awareness raising campaign, national level discussions
- Legislation approved on December, 2024
- Advocacy for support to energy community initiatives
- Still in the future lot of work must be done
- Piloting energy community projects
- Encourage communities in countryside
- Funding







**My life principal is to follow and catch all ideas related to rural development and energy communities!**

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