CROSS-BORDER ENERGY COMMUNITIES

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Project:

„Energizing Borders: Building Awareness, Identifying Opportunities”

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Cross-Border Energy Communities (CBEC)

Pilot measures for cross-border energy communities are financed under the **Cohesion Policy of the European Union**. This initiative falls directly under the **Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission (DG REGIO)** and aligns with the implementation of the EU strategy "Border Regions for the European Green Deal."

Pilotmaßnahmen für grenzüberschreitende Energiegemeinschaften werden im Rahmen der **Kohäsionspolitik der Europäischen Union** finanziert. Diese Initiative untersteht direkt der **Generaldirektion Regionalpolitik und Stadtentwicklung der Europäischen Kommission (GD REGIO)** und fügt sich in die Umsetzung der EU-Strategie *„Grenzregionen für den europäischen Grünen Deal“* ein.

Association of European Border Regions
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Europäischer Grenzregionen

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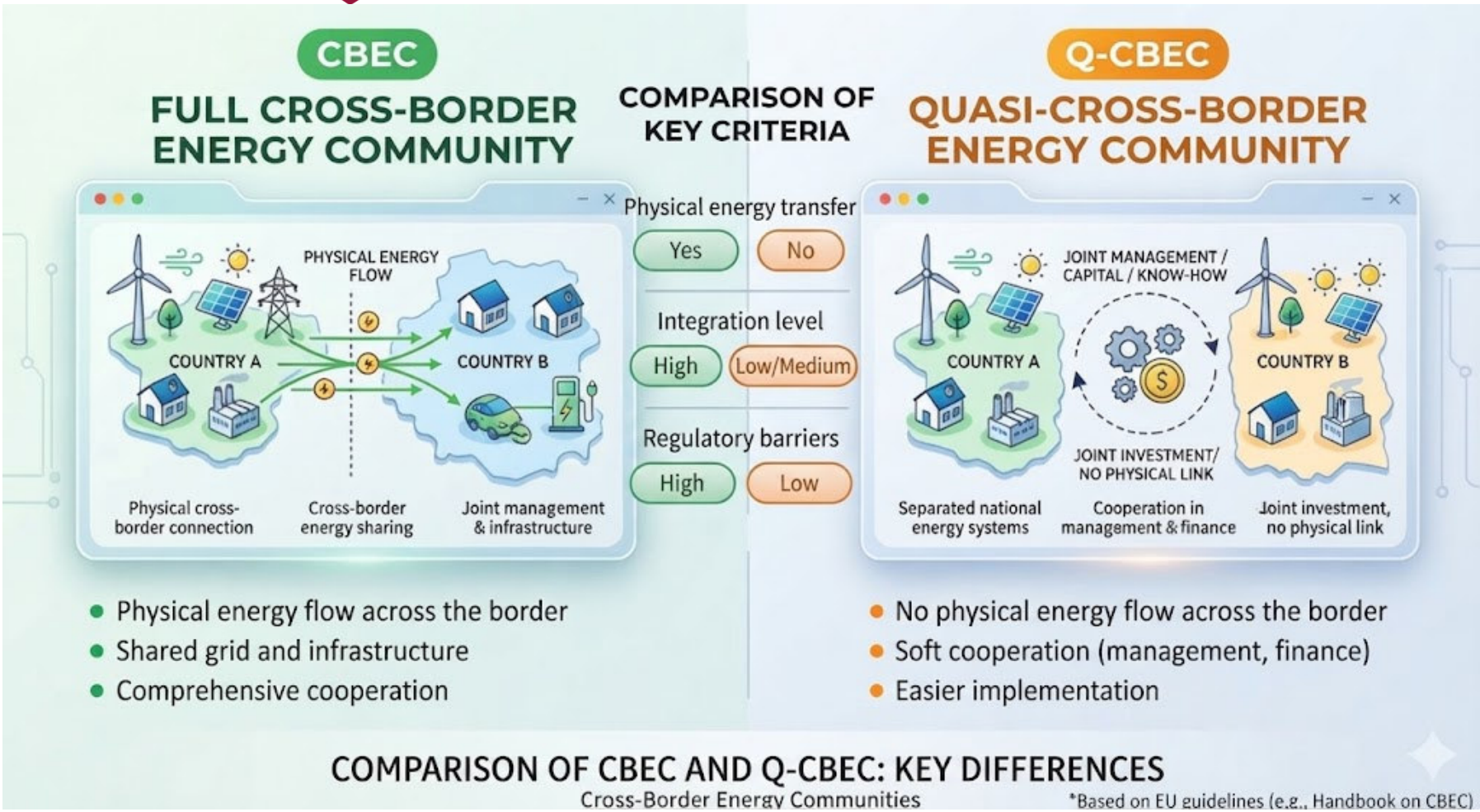
European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives
Europäischer Verband der Energigenossenschaften

CBEC VS Q-CBEC



Vollständige Integration: physischer Energietransfer über die Grenze.

Gemeinsames Management und Ressourcen ohne Netzkopplung.

Europastadt GörlitzZgorzelec GmbH

STORIE - Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Innowacji Energetycznej

Entwicklungsgesellschaft Niederschlesische Oberlausitz mbH



MOTIVATION - „ENERGIZING BORDERS“

Grid Bottleneck

Capacity bottlenecks block the connection of renewable energy projects and effectively lead to a moratorium on green investments.

Kapazitätsengpässe blockieren den Anschluss von Projekten im Bereich erneuerbare Energien und führen de facto zu einem Moratorium für grüne Investitionen.

„United Heat”

The "United Heat" district heating project between Görlitz and Zgorzelec is a model case showing that a cross-border grid interconnection can be successfully implemented.

Das Fernwärmeprojekt „United Heat“ zwischen Görlitz und Zgorzelec hat Modellcharakter und zeigt, dass ein grenzüberschreitender Netzzusammenschluss erfolgreich realisiert werden kann

A shared argument

The partnership opens up the opportunity to jointly apply for EU funding and strengthens our argumentation.

Die Partnerschaft eröffnet die Möglichkeit, gemeinsam EU-Fördermittel zu beantragen, und stärkt unsere Argumentation.

CEL: Zbadać możliwości oraz chęć stworzenia CBEC w Görlitz i Zgorzelcu

ZIEL: Prüfung der Möglichkeiten und Bereitschaft zur Gründung einer CBEC in Görlitz und Zgorzelec

Handbook on Cross-border Energy Communities



Studies

Date: 15 jan 2025

Period:

Theme: Cooperation between regions and countries, Energy

Languages: en

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LICHT – Method / Methodik



Project implementation

Stakeholder Mapping

Identification of pioneers, anchor partners, and potential investors

Identifizierung von Vorreitern, Ankerpartnern und potenziellen Inverstoren

Bilingual Workshops

Two networking events with simultaneous interpretation in Poland and Germany

Zwei Netzwerkveranstaltungen mit Simultanübersetzung w Polen und Deutschland

Legal Analysis

Legal analysis of a governance structure in compliance with EU directives and national law

Rechtliche Analyse einer Governance-Struktur im Einklang mit EU-Richtlinien und nationalem Recht

TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

03/2026
Project start
Projektstart

06/2026
EUSEW Brussels
EUSEW Brüssel

18/06/2026
Workshop 1 (Zgorzelec)
Workshop 1 (Zgorzelec)

17/09/2026
Workshop 1(Görlitz)
Workshop 2 (Görlitz)







Analyse regulatorischer Rahmenbedingungen und möglicher Maßnahmen

Zum Aufbau einer grenzüberschreitenden Energiegemeinschaft in der Region Görlitz/Zgorzelec

Im Auftrag der Europastadt GörlitzZgorzelec GmbH
für Wirtschaftsentwicklung, Stadtmarketing und Tourismus

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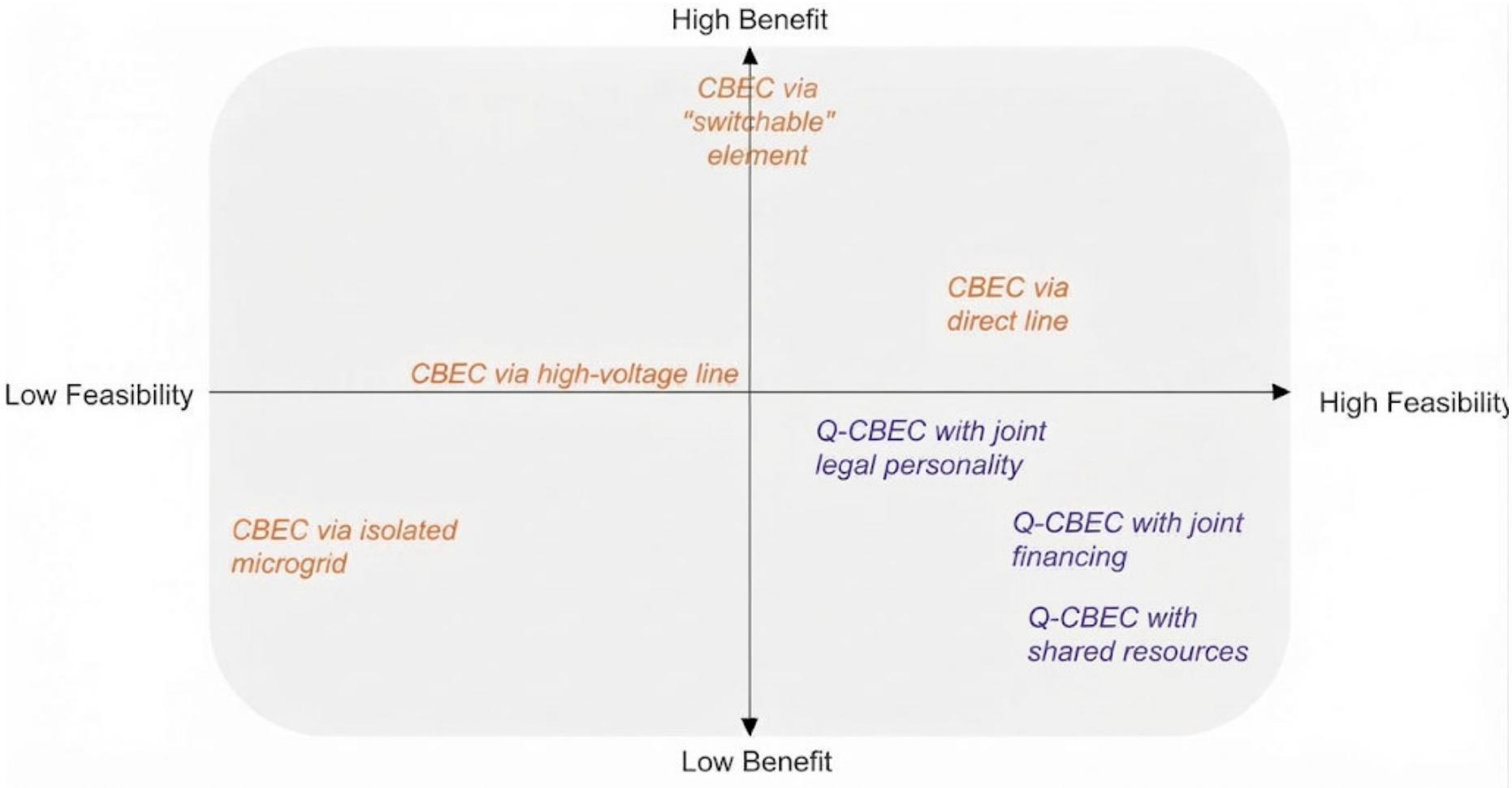
LEGAL ANALYSIS



Funding Instruments - **CB-RES**

Program	**Cross-Border Renewable Energy Sources** (CB-RES) – funding window under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF, Energy Pillar)
Administation	European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)
Funding Rate	Up to 50% of eligible costs (studies, construction planning, and investments)
Supported Areas	• Renewable energy generation, storage, or conversion facilities • Supporting measures (ICT technologies, grid connections) • Cross-border lines (under certain conditions)
Key Criteria	• Cross-border cooperation (at least 2 EU countries, physical or virtual/statistical energy exchange) • Eligible applicants: Public and private actors from the participating Member States • Successful CB-RES status process and selection by Member States and the European Commission
Advantages & Combinability	• Does not constitute state aid • Combinable with other EU funding programs (provided they allow it) • Greater visibility, regulatory framework, and indirect reduction of implementation hurdles
Main Hurdle / Prerequisite	Preparation of a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis according to EU methodology (complex process)

Funding Instruments - **EU City Facility (EUCF)**

Program	**EU City Facility (EUCF) – established to support local authorities in the energy transition**
Main objective	Financial and technical support for cities and municipalities in developing tailor-made investment concepts for sustainable energy
Target group	**Eligible applicants**: Municipalities, local authorities, and their groupings and associations from EU Member States and participating countries **Prerequisite**: Existence of a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (e.g., SECAP under the Covenant of Mayors)
Financing & grant	**Type of funding**: Lump-sum kick-off financing (lump-sum grant) **Grant amount**: EUR 60,000 per selected municipality to finance external experts and internal capacities for the investment concept
Core activities	**Investment concept**: Elaboration of a concrete roadmap for RES projects, energy efficiency, or sustainable urban mobility **Content steps**: Feasibility studies, market analyses, legal and financial analyses, as well as stakeholder consultations
Advantages	**Leverage effect:** Mobilization of follow-up investments in the local energy transition **Market readiness**: Preparation of projects for bankability and access to private or institutional financing sources (e.g., banks, funds)

Thank You - Vielen Dank.

