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- ***Policy certainty***
- ***Reduce Risk***
- ***Access to the market***
- ***Access to the grid (electricity)***

Irish context

- ***Renewable Energy in Ireland accounts for 11% of total energy (heating, transport, electricity)***
- ***RES-E is 33%, mostly wind with approx. 4,000 MW installed capacity.***
- ***Historically very hostile policy environment for community led renewable energy, no support (only one community owned wind farm – Templederry, 5MW)***
- ***Very hostile environment for small scale and microgeneration (this continues today)***
- ***Grid connections almost impossible to achieve***
- ***RES-H is 6.5% No support for renewable heat before 2019***
- ***RES-T is 7%***

Where is Irish policy going?

- ***Support scheme for Renewable Heat RES-H (operational approx. 6 months, first installation due to open in March)***
- ***Renewable Electricity Support Scheme RES-E (auction due in June 2020)***
 - ***Community Preference category (community owned)***
 - ***Community benefit fund (support for communities in vicinity)***
 - ***Renewable Electricity Participation Scheme (citizen investment opportunity)***
 - ***Mentoring supports***
- ***Grid Connection changes (Consultation ongoing)***

Community Response

- ***300 Sustainable Energy Communities***
- ***Building Ireland's first community based virtual power plant***
- ***Planning citizen and community ownership of 3 solar farms***
- ***Established electricity supplier, with direct purpose of supporting community led generation to buy and sell renewable electricity.***

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