

Co-ordinating Retrofit Action at Local Level

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- Communities is a collective term connecting one or many organisations wishing to develop a single project or multiple projects / measures in one location or across multiple locations in rural or urban areas.

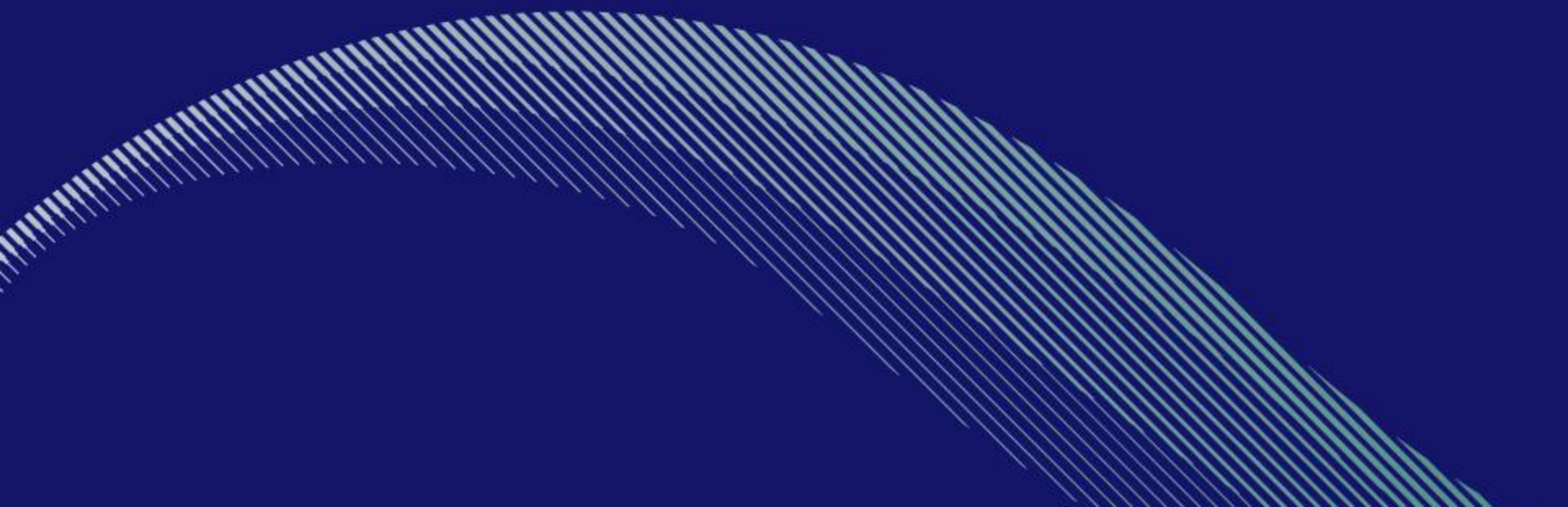
Community Project benefits

- Benefit a community
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SEAI Programmes focused on communities

1. Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme (BEWHS)
2. Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC)
3. Better Energy Communities

Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme



Affordable Energy Strategy

- Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR)
- A Strategy for Affordable Energy in Ireland
- Energy Poverty
 - A household is considered to be energy poor if it is unable to attain an acceptable standard of warmth and energy services in the home at an affordable cost.

Households Experiencing Fuel Poverty

- Based upon level of disposable income utilised on energy

>10% (Fuel Poor) 316,712 (20%)

>15% (Severe) 151,344 (9.8%)

>20% (Extreme) 83,137 (5.4%)

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2009 Department of Social Protection

Better Energy Warmer Homes Schemes

- Objectives
 - Focus on improving thermal efficiency of low income homes
 - Focus on maximising the quality of peoples lives through implementation and practical initiatives
 - Apply a partnership approach
 - Promote social inclusion
 - Be Integrated within emerging national anti poverty policy
 - Deliver cost effective approaches to address energy poverty

BEWHS – Qualifying Criteria

- Up to July 2012
 - Own your own home
 - Home built pre 2002
 - In receipt of fuel allowance
- Post July 2012
 - As above
 - **OR**
 - In receipt of Family Income Support
 - **OR**
 - In receipt of Job seekers allowance for 6 months+ and children under 7 in the household

Programme Achievements to Date

- Homes Addressed

– 2000-08	20,881
– 2009	16,240
– 2010	24,291
– 2011	20,388
– 2012	12,000 (est)

- Delivery Method

- 2000-08 Community Based Organisations (CBO)
- 2009-12 CBO + Private Contractors

Community Based Organisations

- Community based (Leader or other Social Enterprise groups)
- Typically have other social schemes in operation
- Identify a requirement in their locality
- Require labour support from other government agencies

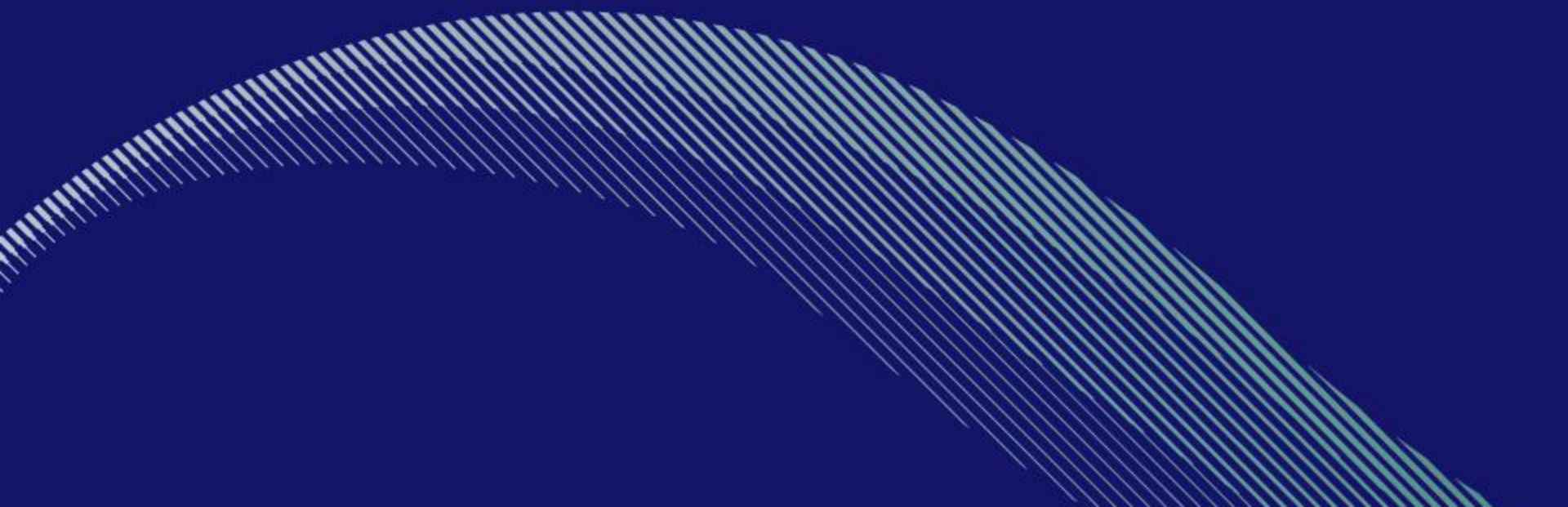
Advantages to using CBO's

- Not for profit organisations
- Community involvement –Jobs –Suppliers -Training
- Local knowledge
- Generating interest in the scheme locally
- In touch with other local groups assisting to identify vulnerable sections of society
- Leverage other labour market interventions

Private Contractors

- Supplement the geographic coverage
- Allow flexing of supply relative to budget available
- Full service organisations, uniform delivery
- Require centralised homeowner identification

Sustainable Energy Communities



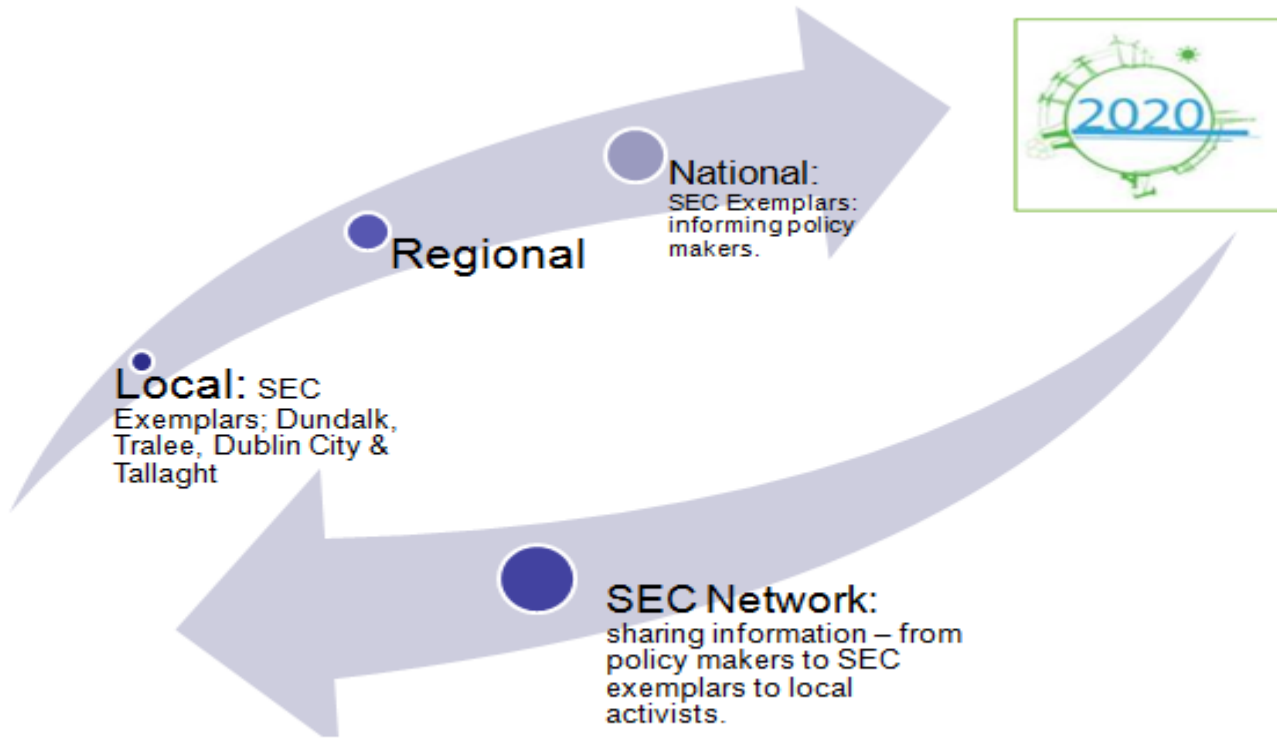
SEC Objectives

- Provide resources and support for Local Authorities to deliver integrated Sustainable Energy Communities
- Improve linkages between sustainable energy, economic development and planning
- Develop common language and tools for sustainable energy development in communities
- Meet national targets in the face of economic challenges
- To improve links between national policy and practice on the ground

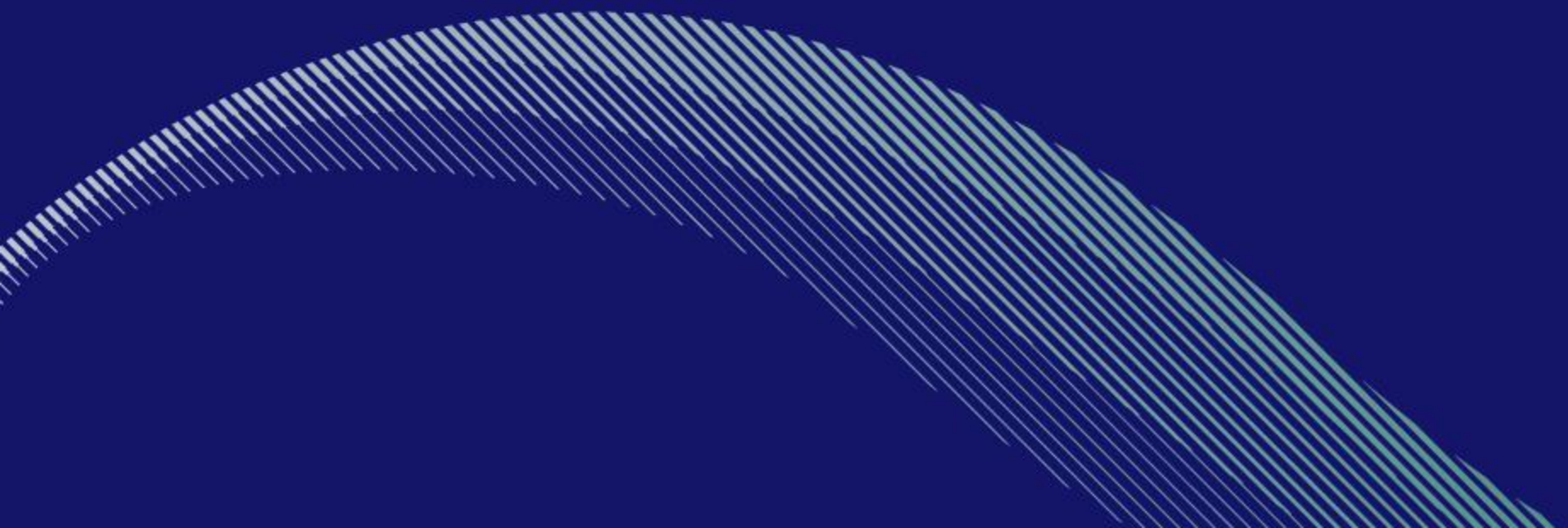
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The Sustainable Energy Community Programme



Better Energy Communities



Better Energy Communities Objectives

- Test innovative and pioneering partnerships
 - Public and private sector
 - Commercial and not-for-profit
 - Residential and non-residential
- Improve thermal and electrical efficiency of buildings
- Mobilise local resources for additionality
- Stimulate employment through labour intensive projects

Typical Measures

- Fabric Upgrades (wall, roofs, floors)
- System Upgrades (heating, controls, lighting)
- Integration of Renewables (solar, biomass)
- Monitoring and control strategies
- Community mobilisation and awareness

Project Mix

- Housing
- Schools
- Day-care centres
- Council premises
- Parish facilities
- Retail and workshops
- Cultural facilities
- Vehicles

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