

## Reshaping the urban energy landscape - citizens' perspective on the urban energy transition (25 September + November 2021)

\***All4Climate initiative** Hybrid event (Milan and online)

### Context

Cities and city networks are rising to meet the challenge of achieving the Paris Agreement and advancing decarbonization solutions. The Renewable in Cities 2021 Global Status Report, released by REN21, shows that more than 600 cities worldwide have targets for 100% renewable energy.

Despite the ambitious climate targets on renewable energy set by cities, less than 20% of youth feel their perspectives on energy issues are valued by their local government (The Global Youth Energy Outlook, Student Energy). The European Youth Energy Network (EYEN), together with its organizing partners - **BRICS Youth Energy Agency**, Student Energy and REN21 - recognizes that it is critical for national and regional governments to partner with youth to drive evidence-based action and enable tomorrow's generation to lead innovative solutions at the scale needed in their cities.

### Agenda All4Climate initiative (25<sup>th</sup> of September 2021)

- **Keynote:** Renewable energy in cities – REN21 global report (30 min.)
- **Panel discussion:** Energy transition in cities: opportunities & challenges (60 min.)

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## **Agenda All4Climate initiative (25<sup>th</sup> of September 2021)** (continued)

- **Workshop:** Reshaping the energy transition in cities (2,5 h.)  
Working groups formed by participants are dedicated to the discussion of the transition roadmaps for different cities (Sao Paulo, Kazan, Milan). The aim is challenging roadmaps, brainstorming ideas based on individuals' experiences and finding solutions to push forward the energy transition in each selected city.

**Outcome:** EYEN and partners will generate a first draft report that that gathers citizens' and youth perspectives on the road map of selected cities around the globe.

### **Aim of the event**

- Bring visibility to citizens' and youth's perspectives in their expectations regarding energy transition in urban areas;
- Increase awareness around the energy transition with high-quality content and insights on challenges and opportunities in cities.

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## Organisations' partnership

**EYEN (European Youth Energy Network** - <https://youthenergy.eu/>)

EYEN is a European network of energy-focused youth organisations from across Europe, whose mission is to place youth at the heart of the European energy transition, becoming a voice of all energy-focused youth organizations in Europe. EYEN has been working closely with DG ENER and the UN Major Group for Children and Youth via the SDG7 Youth Constituency to establish and develop the network.

**BRICS Youth Energy Agency (BRICS YEA** - <https://yeabrics.org/>)

BRICS YEA develops numerous projects aiming at involving talented and proactive young people in the projects that contribute to development of BRICS cooperation in the field of energy.

**YES-DC (Young Energy Specialists and Development Co-operation** - <https://www.yes-dc.org/>)

Young Energy Specialists and Development Co-operation (YES-DC) is an association of students and young professionals interested and/or working in the field of energy and development co-operation. YES-DC was founded in October 1994, as a means to create a network and to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences.

**YES-Europe (Young leaders in Energy and Sustainability** - <https://yeseurope.org/>)

YES-Europe is a community of future energy leaders across disciplines and countries through online and in-person opportunities to connect, share and act. YES-Europe has grown in the last 5 years, now involving 500+ members across more than 10 European countries.

**REN21** (<https://www.ren21.net/>)

REN21 is the only global renewable energy community of actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date and peer-reviewed facts, figures and analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets. Our goal: enable decision-makers to make the shift to renewable energy happen – now.

**Student Energy** (<https://studentenergy.org/>)

Student Energy is a global youth-led organization empowering the next generation of leaders who are accelerating the transition to a sustainable, equitable energy future. With a network of 50,000 young people from over 120 countries, Student Energy collaborates with governments, companies, and organizations to facilitate meaningful youth engagement and mobilize resources to support youth-led energy solutions.