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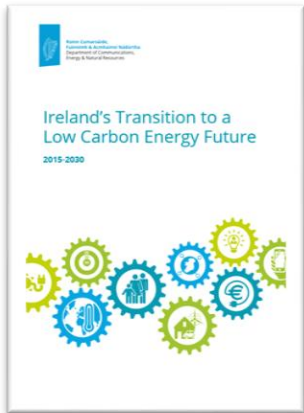
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**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
COMMUNITIES**



Sustainable Energy Communities



A community that works together to develop a sustainable energy system for the benefit of the community

- Aiming to be as energy efficient as possible;
- Use renewable energy where feasible;
- Consider smart energy solutions

It can be as small as a street or as large as a county or region.

It can be based on shared location or shared interest, but cannot just be a group of businesses

EU Policy Links

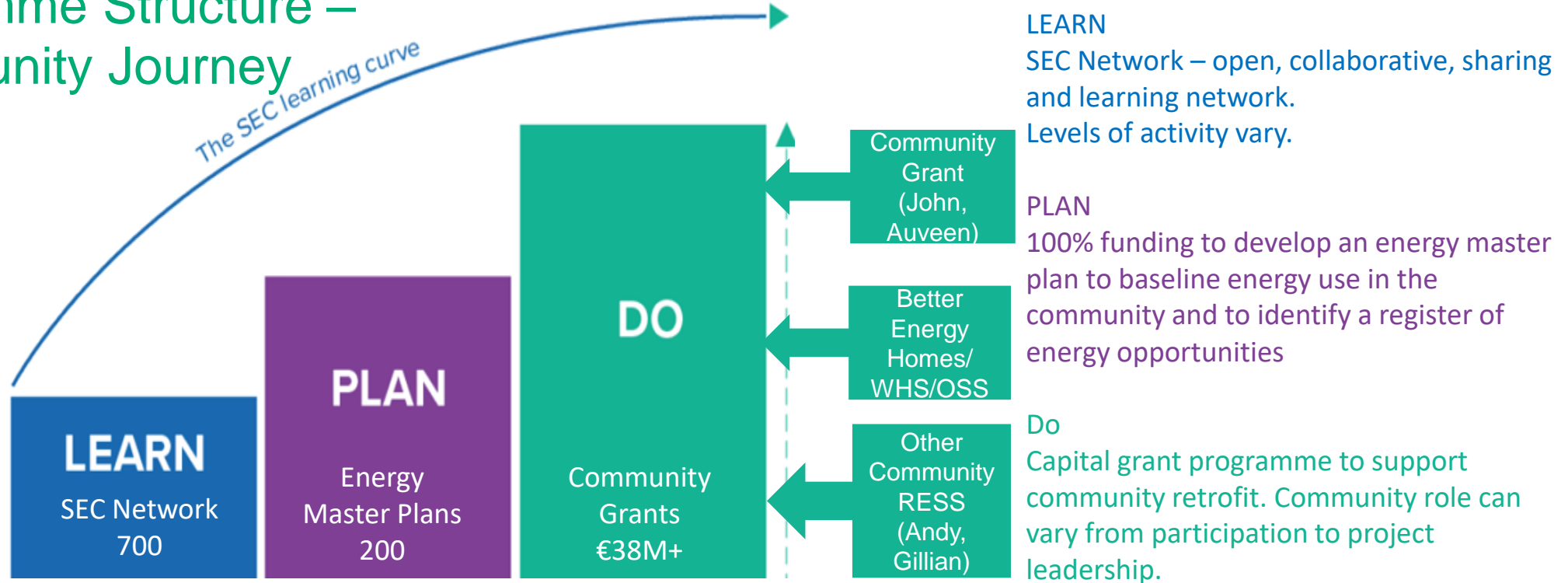
Citizen Energy Communities

Renewable Energy Communities

Active Energy Citizens



Programme Structure – Community Journey



Renewable Electricity Support Scheme – supporting communities in the delivery of grid scale electricity generation project with enabling framework of trusted advisors, grant support and online toolkit.



2.Supporting Communities – what is happening

- Sustainable Energy Communities
 - Network of 700 communities, supported with mentors, training and energy master planning grants
- Better Energy Communities
 - Panel of project coordinators who can deliver large scale energy retrofit projects (circa €100M/year)
- Renewable Energy Communities
 - Community category for large scale community led generation projects with trusted advisors and early stage grant support
- Mandatory Community Benefit funds
 - Communities near new large scale wind and solar, onshore and offshore projects will have access to €1-2 Bn over the coming decades that could support climate action ambitions



3. Role of Communities

- Engage wider community
- Identify Committee to lead actions
- Host events/energy training
- Develop an energy master plan
- Recruit homes and businesses for energy master plan audits
- Communicate results of energy master plan
- Develop 'Do' step options – Dinny has the story of his Do actions next.



4. Business and energy and solar



Supports for Businesses

- Financial supports

Offers SMES a voucher of €2,000 to get an energy audit. To be eligible, your company must: spend at least €10,000 on energy per year, have a valid CRO number, and be tax compliant. Find out more and apply online:

<https://www.seai.ie/sme/energyaudits>

Capital Grants – SSRH, Community Energy Grant, Microgen, ACA

- Training

Join the SEAI Energy Academy www.seai.ie/energyacademy

- Expert advice

Introduction to Energy Management Training through a trainer-led online workshop of 2 x 1-hour sessions

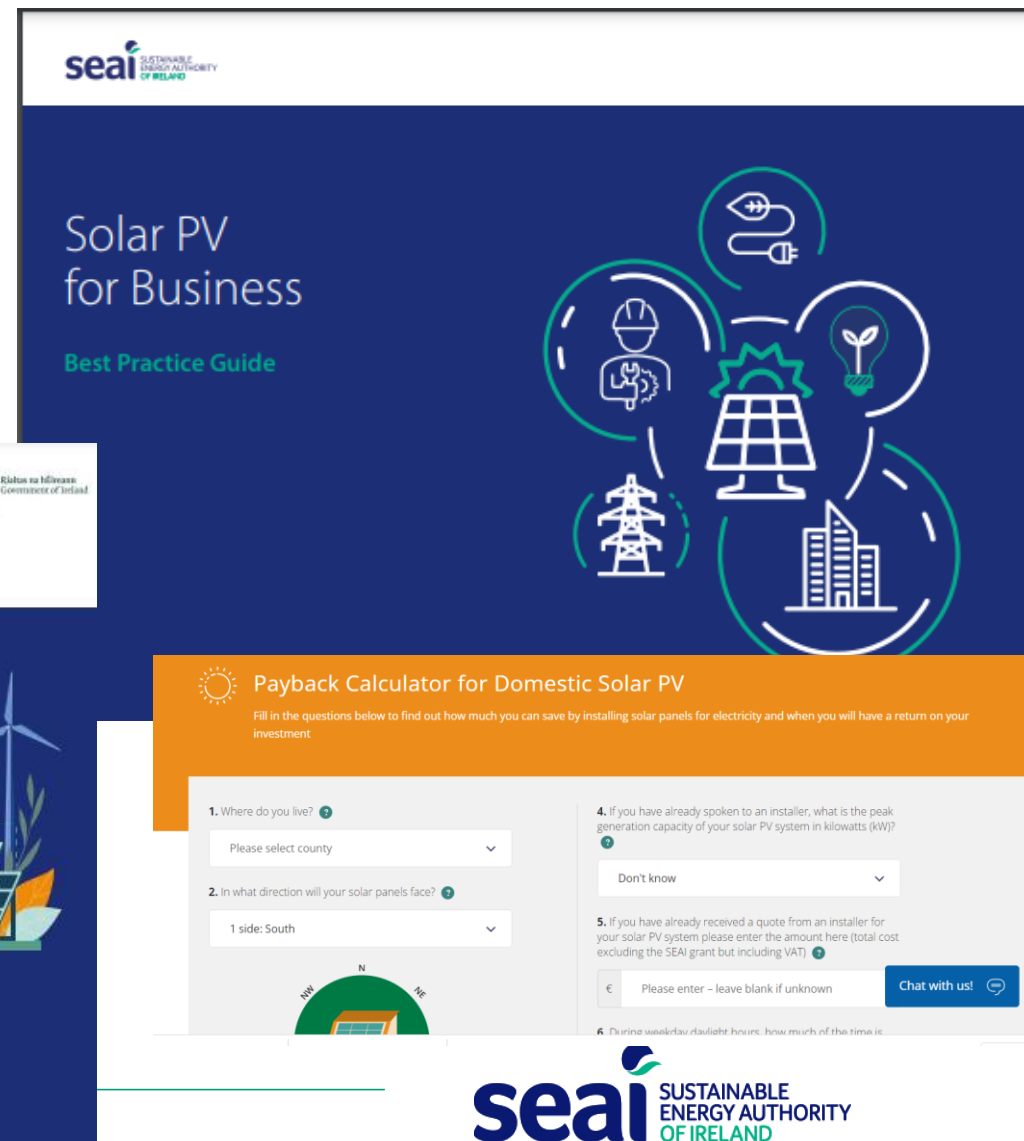
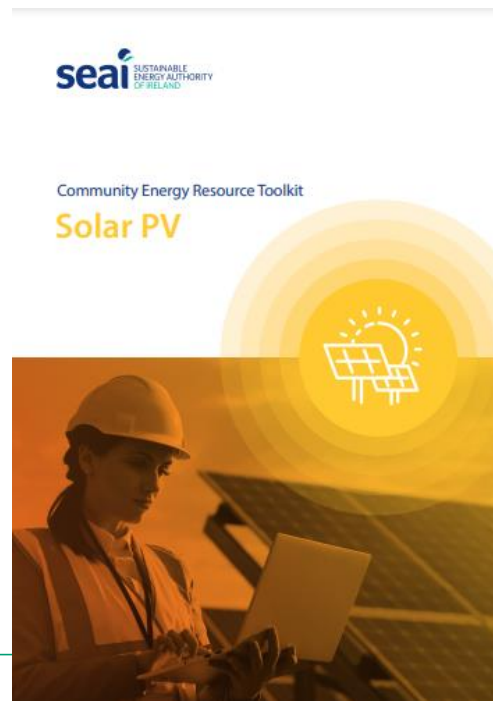
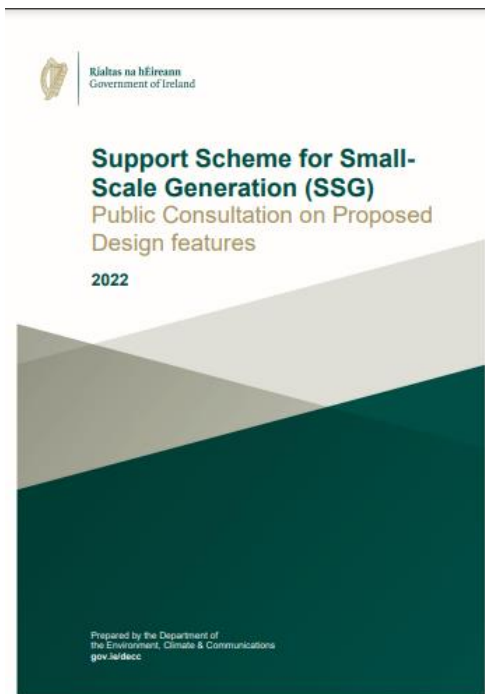
Optional follow-up phone call with an energy advisor. To register for the next workshop email: business@seai.ie

- Networking opportunities



Solar PV – Resources

- Review conditional planning exemptions
- Look at online guides and tools
- Small scale generation consultation open (50kW-500kW)



Solar PV – Non Domestic Microgen Grant

Receive up to €2,400 towards the installation of solar PV for your business, farm, school, community centres, or other non-profit organisation

- 1kWp:€900
- 2Kwp:€1,800
- 4kWp:€2,400
- Max size is 6kWp but grant is capped at €2,400



Solar PV – Microgeneration Support Scheme (MSS)

Clean Export Guarantee

0-6KWe= tariff set by suppliers

Examples: Airtricity 14c/kWh, Energia 18c/kWh,
Flogas 20c/kWh

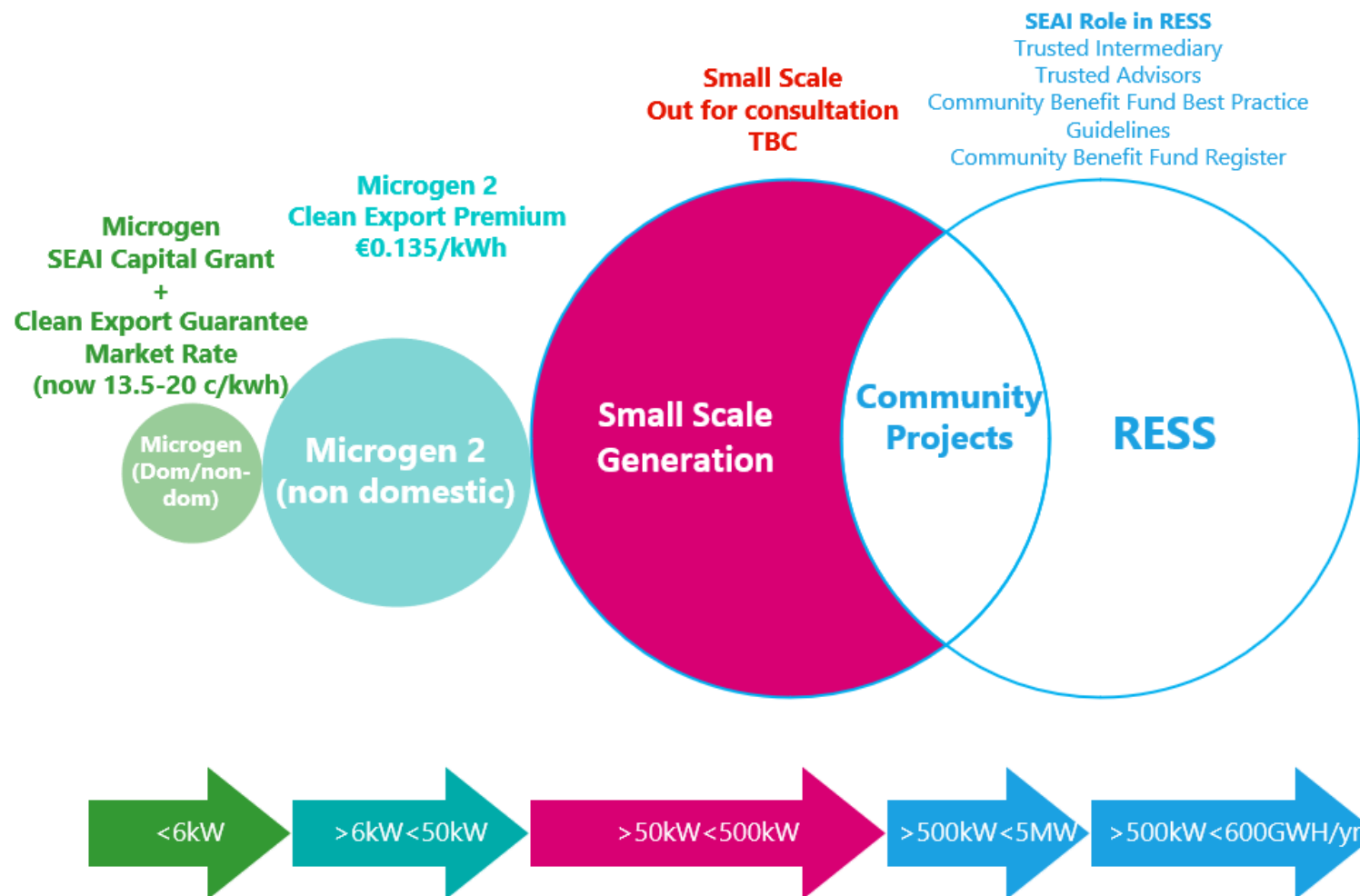
Tax exempt up to €200

Clean Export Premium feed in tariff 6kWe-50kWe =
€0.135/kWh, fixed for 15 years, capped at 80% of
generation capacity

*It will reduce by €0.01 from 2024 and each year
thereafter*



Renewable Electricity Supports 2022



Thank you for listening

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