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# PhDs Behind the Scenes

## Social innovation and (urban) energy transition - emerging questions and issues

Welcome:  
Francesca Bragaglia and Federica Rotondo  
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Speakers:  
Giorgos Koukoufikis, PhD  
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Social innovation has become a mainstream policy discourse explicitly promoted by the European Union in many domains to address contemporary issues. Which practices are considered socially innovative in the field of the energy transition? Which are its possible implications for energy transition policies and practices? Is it a panacea, an empowerment tool, or a pretext to shift responsibility to citizens?

**Giorgos Koukoufikis** is currently a Project Officer at the Joint Research Center of the European Commission.

His work focuses on social innovation and the social impacts of energy-related policies, and he is involved in energy communities' research in Greece. He holds a PhD in urban studies from the Gran Sasso Science Institute where he explored the impact of crises on urban socio-ecological transformations.

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