ENERGY COOPERATIVES IN THE EU AND US:
a comparison of decentralized energy practices and the potential to positively impact the low carbon energy transition

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In the face of increasing threats of climate disruption and energy security, one positive outlook is the drive for innovative grassroots solutions towards a low carbon energy transition. Energy cooperatives have been contributing to this approach, aiming to create more economically and socially inclusive communities, acting as an example for how things can be. The energy transition will be accelerated when citizen engagement is at its core, helping to build trust and stronger cooperation among communities, as well as support more inclusive regulatory systems. However, they still represent a small share of the energy markets in the European Union and the United States, emerging under different forms and influenced by distinctive factors.

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