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• ***Local communities as catalysts of social, economic and ecological transformation in Europe***

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Seven Steps to a Sustainable Europe

Step 1: [Leave "GDP growth" thinking](#)

Step 2: [Restore the Commons](#)

Step 3: [Initiate land regeneration](#)

Step 4: [Promote a social solidarity economy](#)

Step 5: [Enhance participatory decision-making](#)

Step 6: [Enable transformative social innovation](#)

Step 7: [Support community-led initiatives](#)

Source: ECOLISE Status Report 2019

Which climate projects?

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If 5% of European citizens engaged as beneficiaries of community-based initiatives similar to the ones sampled, almost 85% of the EU-28 countries would meet the target of reducing GHG emissions by 20% by 2020 (considering the food/agriculture, waste, energy and transport domains).

Source: EU TESS project, 2018

ENERGY

FOOD

TRANSPORT

GOODS

**Four Domains of
Local Climate Action**



TRANSPORTING

people...goods...

smarter....less

Community food production

Local food markets

Saving food waste

Providing meals



A group of approximately 15 people, including men and women of various ages, are gathered in a workshop or community center. They are holding up various items made from recycled wooden pallets, such as crates, benches, and stools. The workshop is filled with stacks of pallets and tools. The text "Repair, reuse, upcycle, recycle" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image. The background shows shelves with tools and a whiteboard.

Repair, reuse,
upcycle, recycle

Housing

Heating

Electricity



Rapid transformation needed

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A celebration of local communities taking action for a zero-carbon, regenerative and inclusive Europe.

All catalysing transformation in the face of ecological and climate breakdown are invited to become co-creators of the day.

- Big potential for replication and scale-out of local success
- Choose local/distributed participatory solutions, not centralised/concentrated
- Empowering citizens through awareness of their part in the global movement
- Need wider public support for community-led transition



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