

ATELIER Final Conference

From Lighthouse pilots to Legacy: Scaling Positive Energy Districts Across Europe

Location: YIMBI, Ercilla Kalea 24 in Bilbao, Spain

DAY 1 on 11 th March 2026		
Time	Programme	
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Coffee & Networking	
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome	
10:00 - 10:30	Plenary 1: Storytime: What we planned vs. What we achieved	
10:30 - 10:45	Plenary 2.1: The story of Lighthouse City Bilbao	
10:45 - 11:15	Networking Coffee & Exhibition	
11:15 - 11:30	Plenary 2.2: The story of Lighthouse City Amsterdam	
11:30 - 12:30	Plenary 3: The stories of our six Fellow Cities	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 13:35	Introduction to Breakout Sessions	
13:35 - 15:00	Breakout A1 How to start a PED – a guide for cities?	Breakout A2 Energy communities – what can be achieved
	Networking Coffee & Exhibition	
15:30 - 17:00	Breakout B1 Stakeholder collaboration - what can Innovation Ateliers contribute?	Breakout B2 How can policy makers support PED deployment?
	Recap & End of Day 1	
19:00 - 20:00	Side Visit to Guggenheim	
20:00 - 22:00	Conference Dinner at the Guggenheim museum	

Day 2 on 12 th March 2026			
Time	Programme		
08:45 - 09:10	Welcome Coffee		
09:10 - 09:25	Welcome & Recap of Day 1		
09:25 - 09:30	Introduction to Breakout Sessions		
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11:00 - 11:30	Network Coffee Break & Exhibition		
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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 - 14:45	Plenary 4: Did we succeed to create PEDs?		
14:45 - 15:15	Network Coffee & Exhibition		
15:15 - 16:00	Plenary 5: Meta level discussions: drivers and challenges for future PEDs		
16:00 - 16:15	Recap and Closing Remarks		

