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#### **Regulation**

Many regulatory challenges are there regarding the development of LEC.

First, “Energy Communities” should be defined at the EU level. With this definition some clarification regarding the responsibility of the communities should be developed. Moreover, we should have a proper acknowledgment of energy communities as an organisational concept and their eligibility requirements.

One of the main issue identified by the participants is the consumer protection and the possibility to “opt out”.

The participants proposed different solutions to address these challenges.

For instance, the regulatory framework should be stable enough to allow the development of LEC. The participants highlighted that an unstable regulatory framework won’t allow the development of LEC from an economic and technical perspective.

Some of the participants proposed the development of specific regulations at the local level to take into consideration the local specificities.

On this topic, participants agreed to say that the regulatory framework should not impact the security of supply and the network security.

#### **Conclusion from moderators:**

While energy communities as such were little discussed, the exchanges revealed a high need to discuss specific, partially technical issues and potential solutions for carrying them out. From the practitioners, legal constraints were said to be a major bottleneck for the implementation of local energy initiatives.

