Low Carbon Transition and the Role of Social Enterprise

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Context of research

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• Social aspects of energy systems
• Consortium of universities and industry partners

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Overall aim of research

The project will investigate the potential social enterprise to drive transitions
Initial literature review findings

• A paradigm shift in energy systems to low-carbon is needed

• There is an inherent link between community owned energy schemes and social enterprise

• Within this context social enterprise is an under-researched area of investigation

• Impact measurement from a multi-stakeholder perspective is lacking
What next?

• 3 main focus points to be addressed over the coming months;
  • Continue seeking out and reviewing appropriate literature
  • Form a more manageable and coherent research question
  • Generate ideas on appropriate methodological approaches, data generation and potential case studies
Where to?

• Explore the role of social enterprise within energy transitions
• Provide a practical approach for understanding niche innovation
• Illustrate the impact of social enterprises towards sustainability transitions