

Low Carbon Transition and the Role of Social Enterprise

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Context of research

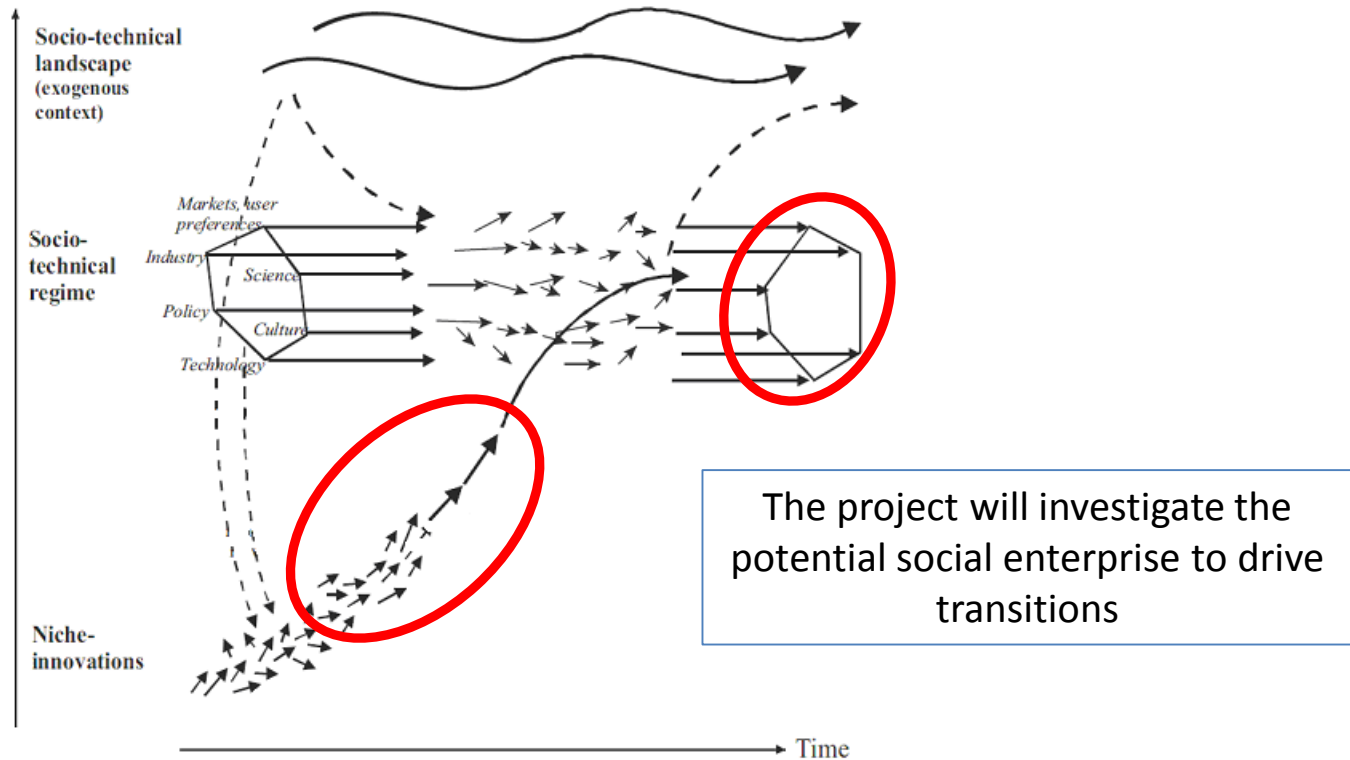
- Part of the H2020 funded ENTRUST project
- ‘The human factor in the energy system’
- Social aspects of energy systems
- Consortium of universities and industry partners



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Overall aim of research



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