



# Potential for collective self-consumption in local energy communities

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# Agenda

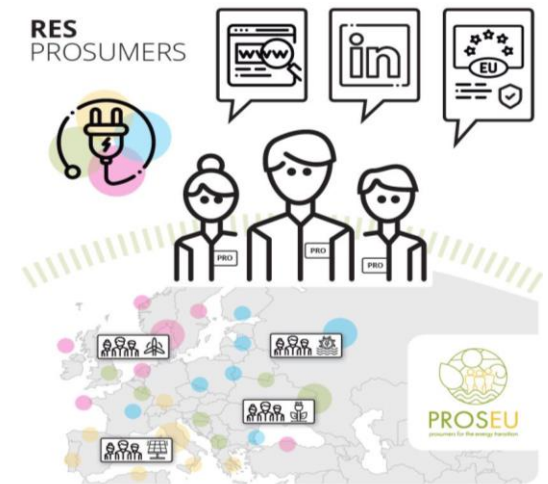
- PROSEU project
- Self-consumption (@Portugal)
- Energy systems modelling
- Two case studies

# PROSEU H2020 project

- PROSumers for the Energy Union ([www.proseu.eu](http://www.proseu.eu))
- The role of *prosumers* in the EU energy transition
- 10 participants, 6 countries, 3 M€
- Living Labs as co-creation spaces



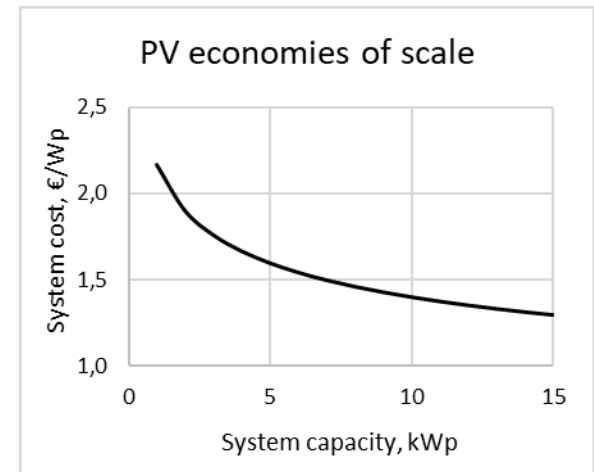
Horizon 2020  
European Union Funding  
for Research & Innovation



# Self-consumption in



- Started in 2015, most of it PV
- 170+ MWp by 2019 (82% of distributed PV)
- However, residential sector is strangled
  - **Very small-sized** systems (66%  $\leq 1$  kWp)
  - **High unitary costs**



\* Statistics, source: *Direção Geral da Energia e Geologia*  
Figure adapted from doi: 10.1016/j.apenergy.2017.03.112

# Communities and collectives

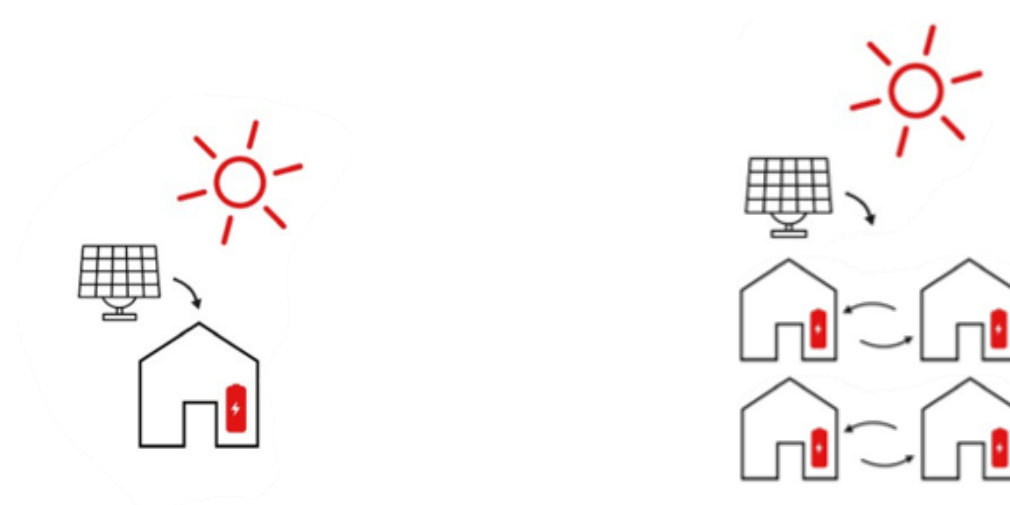


Clean Energy Package



Legal decree 162/2019

From an individual to a Community/collective paradigm



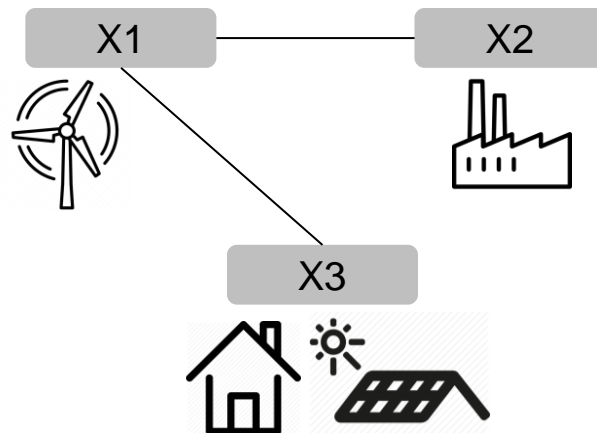
# Energy Systems modelling

- A tool to better understand the potential of Energy Communities and collective self-consumption
- Optimization-driven PV sizing, considering:
  - Electricity sharing
  - Potential constraints (e.g., rooftop area)
  - Network tariffs

# Considered approach

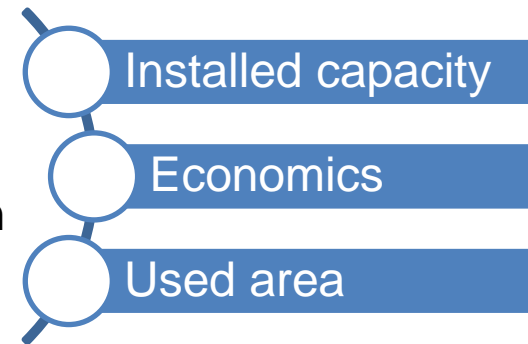
Calliope: a multi-scale energy systems modelling framework\*  
(ETH Zürich, [www.callio.pe](http://www.callio.pe))

## Formulation



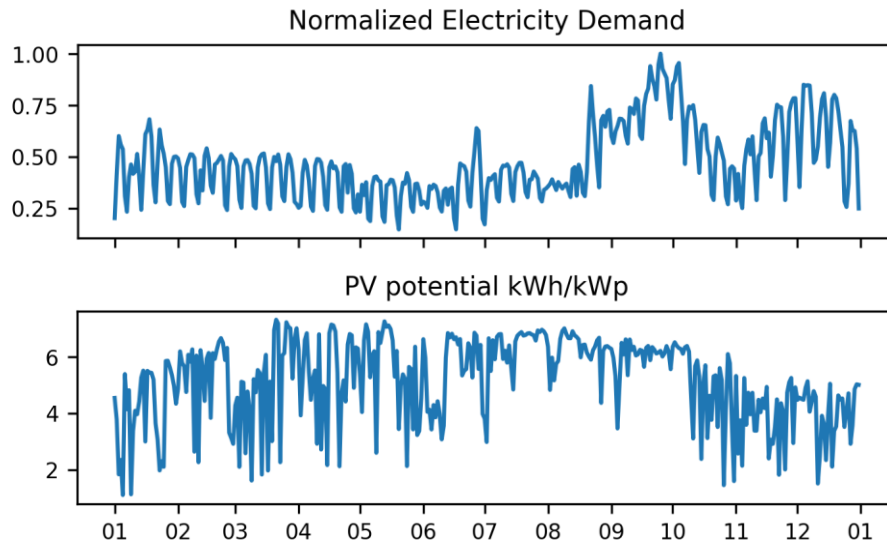
## Treated as a (MI)LP problem

Final solution



\* *The Journal of Open Source Software*, doi: 10.21105/joss.00825

# Data, data, and some more data

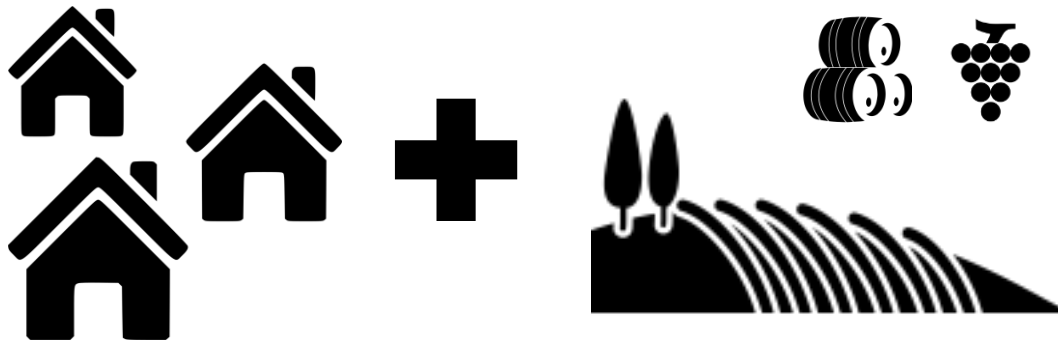


	Lifetime	Efficiency	Unitary cost	Area occupation
Residential-scale PV	25 years	18%	3 €/Wp	15 m <sup>2</sup> /kWp
Industrial-scale PV			2 €/Wp	20 m <sup>2</sup> /kWp
Grid supply			15 c€/kWh	
LV grid tariff			5.88 c€/kWh	



# Case study #1

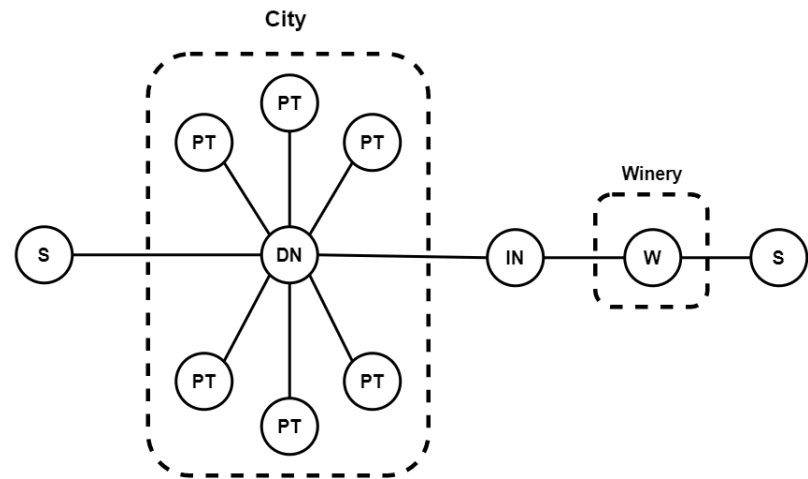
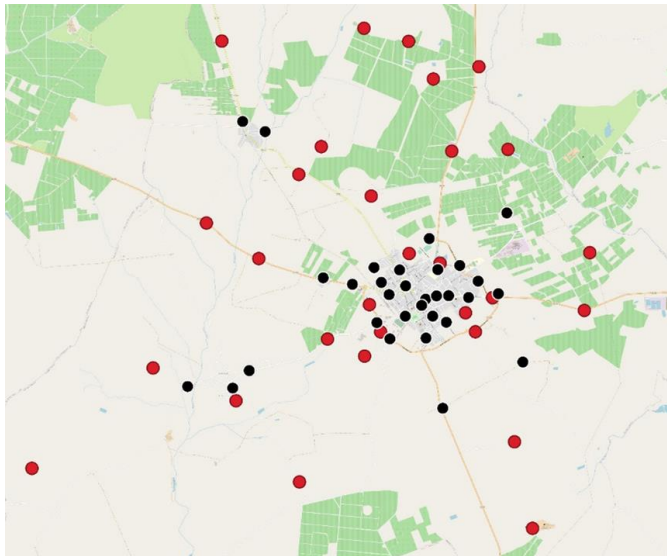
## Energy Community w/ collective PV: synergies between a semi-rural city and a winery



distribuição



# Network modelling



S - substation; DN - derivation node; PT - power transformer; IN - interface node; W - winery

## Testing different Energy Community configurations

# Overall results

When compared with two independent actors (city & winery)

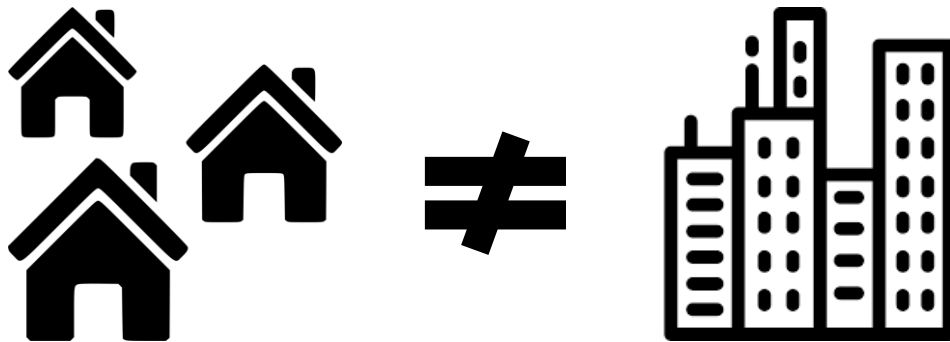
- $\Delta PV_{\text{capacity}}$  by up to +29%
- $\Delta LCOE$  between -0.6 and +0.9 c€/kWh
- $\Delta$ Self-sufficiency rate by up to 5 pp
- Exceeding PV generation increases by up to 10 pp

Trade-off between economies of scale and grid costs

Need for storage and/or demand side management

# Case study #2

## Energy Community w/ collective PV: impact of neighborhood layout



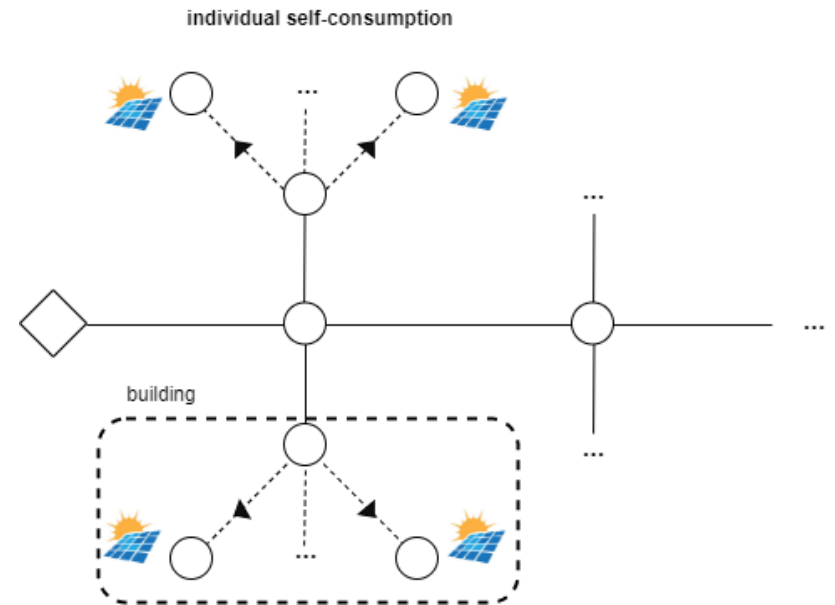
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\* *Work in progress*

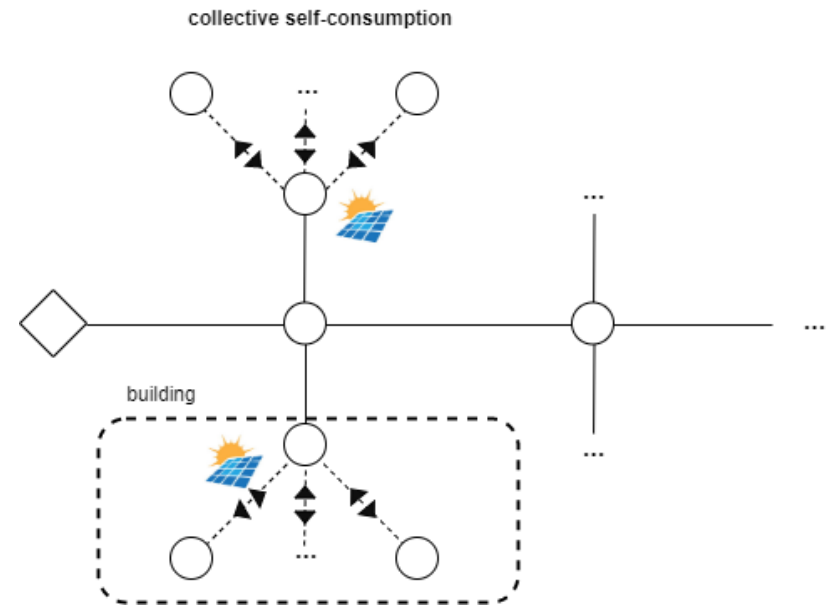
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# Individual self-consumption

## PV deployment

- **Small & expensive** PV systems
- MAB is **limited by rooftop area**

## PV-load matching

- 15-min balance
- **Moderate** self-consumption rate



	SFH	MAB
kWp	0.33	
€/Wp	3.2	
Roof usage	48%	100%
SCR	65%	

*\*Median values*

\* SFH: single-family house, MAB: multiapartment building, SCR: self-consumption rate

# Collective self-consumption

## PV deployment

- SFH: **+11% total capacity, +13% LCOE\***
- MAB: one larger system, **-33% LCOE**

## PV-load matching

- Sharing between dwellings
- SCR improves by **10-20 pp**



	SFH	$\Delta$	MAB	$\Delta$
kWp	1	0.7	4.15	3.85
€/Wp	2.8	-0.4	2,2	-1
Roof usage	53%	5%	100%	0%
SCR	71%	6%	85%	20%

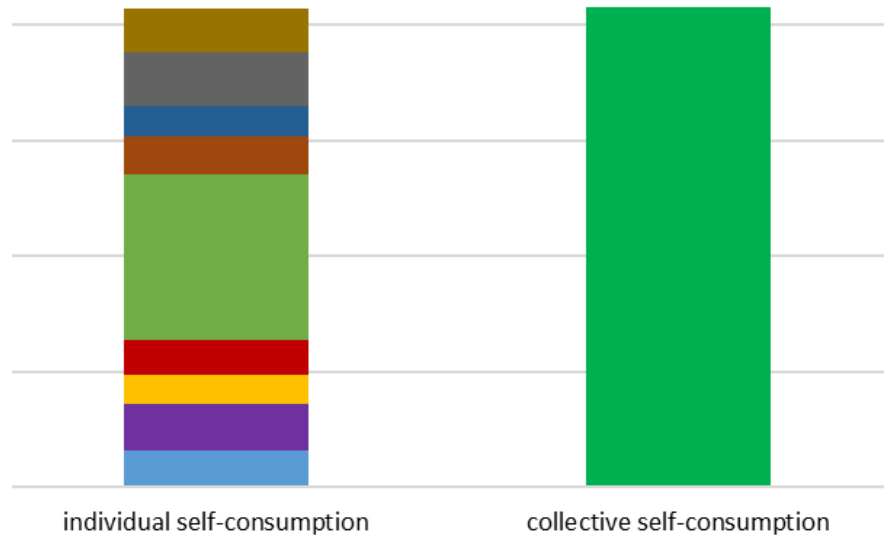
*Median/aggregated values for individual/  
collective self-consumption*

\* Due to grid tariffs for LV grid usage



# An illustration

4.15 kWp distribution @ Multiapartment building





# Summary



- Individual self-consumption strangles residential PV
- Energy communities / collective self-consumption
  - Lower costs
  - Higher self-consumption rate
  - More democratic paradigm





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