**ISABEL** is all about promoting, supporting and developing **community biogas** in Europe. The project is set on providing all the framework conditions for biogas communities to shape, develop and thrive. It works on all angles to pave the way for the **transition from traditional supply chains to community ownership** and take full advantage of the ample societal benefits of **regional community-driven biogas systems**, fuelled and inspired by **Social Innovation** principles. To realize this vision ISABEL will employ its “5E strategy” with the following objectives:

**Educate** - **Re-position biogas energy by re-branding it as a ‘public good’**. To achieve this ISABEL’s partners will analyse the needs and perceptions of local stakeholders and communicate the unknown societal and environmental dimensions of Anaerobic Digestion.

**Engage** - **Enable the development of regional Biogas Communities**. ISABEL will lobby and unite existing initiative and socially-oriented local organisations and associations while embarking on an awareness and engagement campaign to grow the Communities.

**Empower** - **Utilize the created momentum through Social Innovation and Public Participation**. ISABEL will deploy a bouquet of diversified activities consisting of digital tools, expert knowledge, and participatory processes providing to the Communities all the necessary support to govern the local Biogas production and consumption system.

**Evaluate** - **Assess the local interventions and drafting lessons and guidelines**. Upon doing so ISABEL will ensure that established practices will be used to improve policies and create a favourable environment that will sustain the regional Biogas Communities.

**Expand** – **Maximise impact through transfer and replication**. To this end we will communicate the gathered experience, success stories and best practices through ISABEL networks across Europe and provide support for its replication in other areas.

**ISABEL targeted regions**

- Yorkshire and the Humber
- Baden-Württemberg-Lake Constance Bioenergy Region
- Central and Eastern Macedonia & Thrace

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