

Invitation

„FEIN e.V. Colloquium: The Road to Community Energy Success v2.0 “

For Members and Guests of FEIN e.V. – Cost-free, registration not required

Tuesday, 25.08.2026
15:00 - 16:30 CEST (Hybrid)

Room 00.26 and Room 00.27, E.ON ERC - Mathieustraße 10, 52074 Aachen

[Zoom Link](#)



Moderator:

Sebastian Schwarz, Institute for Automation of Complex Power Systems

Presenters and Panelists:

Lane Sharman, Open Doors Management

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In the first part of the event, the speaker presents his topics. After that, Mr. Schwarz, Chief Engineer ACS, moderates a discussion with the speaker, who will be answering and discussing questions of the audience. The event is in English.

Talk: The Road to Community Energy Success v2.0



Speaker, Lane Sharman

Lane Sharman is an entrepreneur, inventor, and innovator focused on accelerating the energy transition in California and the U.S. through community energy projects. With a background in computer science and mathematics, he wrote software for operating systems, machine learning, and finance early in his career. After spending two decades of developing renewable energy projects, his experience spans energy, water, real estate, technology, and finance, with a particular focus on how energy communities can create practical and scalable energy solutions in California and across the U.S.

He is currently President of *Open Doors Management*, which specializes in project origination for the energy transition, and is helping build *Move Now*, a coalition developing small-scale solar and storage projects across the U.S. Lane previously founded the *Borrego Water Exchange*, California's first independent water credit exchange, and played a key role in the formation of the *Solana Energy Alliance*, San Diego's first Community Choice Aggregation. In 2020, *Solana Beach* achieved 100% carbon-neutral, emission-free electricity. In his talk, Lane will discuss Community Choice Aggregation under U.S. state law, including its successes, challenges, and shortfalls.

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