

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2023

"The severity of loss and damage is traumatic. What, then, is the game changer? There is no action without addressing climate justice, which embraces climate finance."

– Saint Kitts and Nevis Minister Joyelle Clarke, COP 27.



Inauguration of the new premises of the Kelso Institute Europe at Berlin
Photo: Marharyta Kurbanova

Thank you for your support and cooperation. We wish you a healthy and peaceful year.

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

We hope this message finds you healthy and in good spirits.

Inaugurating the new premises of the **Kelso Institute Europe (KIE)** in Kreuzberg Str. 76, Berlin the Kelso Professorship has extended its reach.

Videos of the opening on 26 Sept. are now online:

[I. Opening address by Patricia Kelso;](#)
[II. Introduction of Mrs. Kelso by Dr Jens Lowitzsch.](#)

Founded in late 2020 the KIE facilitates a sustainable Energy Transition with a focus on consumer (co-)ownership in renewables, and broadening employee financial participation.

The Louis and Patricia Kelso Fellowship was awarded for the first time to Dr Riccardo Novo of Politecnico di Torino who then joined the KIE as research coordinator for Renewable Energy & Engineering.

Two new pieces by Mrs Kelso, on **Democracy in the Age of the Internet** and **The Role of Truth in a Democracy** were published.

H2020 SCORE: The Final Report "**Consumer Stock Ownership Plans (CSOPs) – Financing Energy Communities**" is available online on the [SCORE website](#).

Continuing innovation research on Energy Communities we are launching an **online Morphological Box tool** enabling researchers and policy makers to identify best practice and "blank spots", i.e., constellations underused. A **brand new article in Energy Policy** provides the background.

Energy/electricity sharing is another focus of our ongoing research. To provide continued support to our SCORE "Follower Cities" we develop a **value sharing concept**.

Wind In My Backyard - WIMBY: Our new **Horizon Europe project** exploring barriers to social acceptance of wind power projects kicks-off in January. The KIE develops guidelines to raise public understanding and implement engagement strategies for citizens across ten countries.

FinSESCo: Since May we work on end-to-end digitalisation of energy

contracting and intracting to facilitate consumer participation in energy efficiency.

Research agenda until 2030: The KIE and the Kelso Professorship support a fair and equitable Energy Transition. Investigating how the 2030 targets and the transition to climate neutrality by 2050 affect the RECOVER fields of delivery we postulate a **Just Circular Society**.

New project proposals include: Support for Energy Communities (under review); "Just Transition to climate neutrality" and "**Developing a sustainability investment CSOP**" (under development).

We much look forward to continuing our cooperation with you.

Sincerely,
Prof. Dr iur. Jens Lowitzsch & the Kelso Team

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