The ‘Energy – Transparency Centre of Knowledge’ (E-TRACK) is a joint initiative agreed between the Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission for the promotion of public participation in the implementation of energy policies. It results from the recognition of the need to offer a reliable source of information on matters relating to energy policy implementation.

Not only have citizens the right to express their views on energy policy implementation, but they can bring practical, everyday knowledge to the debate and help policymakers in their decisions. Information, effectively communicated, is seen as essential to good public participation and in building trust and confidence in the transition process which will lead to a sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply for Europe.

The objective of E-TRACK is to become a central point of reference for monitoring, disseminating and sharing information on good practices of public participation in energy policy implementation across the EU.

E-TRACK will conduct several projects on transparency and public participation in multiple energy sources. Each project will relate to a network of actors from civil society, national and subnational authorities, pertinent international organizations, regulatory or supervisory bodies, and industrial and commercial interests.

The JRC provides the operational support, day-to-day management and infrastructure needed for the knowledge centre.