

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"I am trying to guide our young women's lives into entirely new channels. I want to see them able to earn their living in trades and professions, so that they are not economically dependent on marriage ..."

– Imam Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan III, 1969.



## 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.

The [Kelso Institute Europe \(KIE\)](#) is expanding its operations jointly with the Kelso-Chair at Viadrina. Following our Summer Celebration videos of the Jam Session are online.

This year's [Procida Symposium](#) offered three days of engaging discussions on topics including commons in property systems, wind property rights, balancing conflicting interests in climate adaptation and renewable energy deployment.

[Hrishikesh Chinchkar](#) recently joined the KIE team to coordinate our activities in India, Pakistan and other countries of the region.

### [Wind In My Backyard - WIMBY](#)

In this Horizon Europe project we engage with stakeholders in pilot projects to better understand the key factors for acceptance with the aim to develop citizen engagement strategies across ten countries.

[H2020 SCORE](#) With our Follower Cities we started to reach out and

upload cases to the [Morphological Box for RE Communities](#) (RECs), an innovation tool to optimise the economies of RE projects. A forthcoming Energy Research & Social Science article "How to best support RECs", proposes a new classification.

[FinSESCO](#) We successfully completed a large-scale survey among 2,600 German households to investigate the effects of co-ownership on consumer participation in energy efficiency via energy contracting and intracting

[Asian Energy Transition:](#) With the [Aga Khan Rural Development Programme](#) we investigate Micro Hydro Power Stations in the Chitral Valley, Pakistan (see pictures above). The focus is on **female empowerment through co-ownership** and co-entrepreneurship.

[Employee Ownership](#) We proudly present the new [PEPPER V Report](#). Parallel to the launch in March, a new online tool, the [Virtual Centre for Employee Financial Participation](#), provides access to 29 country profiles of the Report. In November 2023, Germany passed a law improving regulation for employee share ownership in SMEs and start-ups.

Pakistan, Chitral Valley: Aga Khan Projects (left to right) Micro Hydro Power Station, Board of Directors, Main Turbine  
Photo: J. Lowitzsch

A proposal for "[How to finance Higher Education Tuition Loans](#)" demonstrates, the broad applicability of Kelso's financing techniques.

**New project proposals include:** "PIA Professionalisation, Inclusion, Acceptancy - Matchmaking & Energy Sharing for Energy Communities" (2nd stage); "[REnvolveIT](#) - Regional Energy Networking – cross-sectional involvement through a modular interactive toolbox (2nd stage).

We much look forward to continuing our cooperation with you.

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

The KIE supports [Base UA](#), a grass-roots project assisting the civilian population on the eastern frontline in Ukraine. We would like to entice you also to do so -> [watch REBASE](#).

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