Underground energy on-the-ground: risk perception, community engagement and lessons learned for geothermal energy in a post-shale energy landscape



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Project aims:

To compare shale gas governance and processes of community engagements as experienced by operators and communities with those of emerging geothermal energy developments

To draw lessons from the shale gas experience in order to develop an approach to governance and community engagement for geothermal energy developments for a just and sustainable energy future

Underground energy on-the- ground	Links/Data from current UKUH project
WP1 – Comparing the governance of subsurface interventions in the UK	UKSGL : insights on shale regulatory and legal framework
WP2 – Understanding operators' practices of community engagement	ASSIST project : Data on shale gas operators' engagement with local communities and on local communities' experience of this engagement
WP3 – Comparing community experiences with shale gas and geothermal developments	ASSIST project : Data on risk perceptions and community concerns on proposed shale gas developments
WP4 – Making recommendations on governance and community engagement for future geothermal energy developments	'Fracking', framing and effective participation project: data on policy shaping and formal processes of public participation and engagement