## Challenges and possible solutions for WOPs – identified on the networking meeting (05/2022)

Challenges regarding WOPs	Approaches / Solutions
Perspective of partnerships	<ul> <li>Successful implementation makes partnership attractive</li> <li>Strengthen visibilty of utility platform (Social Media, Hackathons)</li> </ul>
Sustainability of partnerships	Train experts
Measurement/Data	<ul> <li>Monitoring and evaluation to underline the effect of partnerships</li> </ul>
Political Influences/ Interference	<ul><li>A phased approach to project</li><li>Lobbying for Support</li></ul>
Limited timeframe of partnerships	<ul> <li>Documentation and structure</li> <li>Realisitic time planning, what can we implement realistically within the given timefram?</li> <li>Action plan</li> </ul>
Budget limitations	<ul> <li>Prioritize Objectives</li> <li>Define targets</li> <li>Small topics</li> <li>Save money</li> <li>Improve process</li> <li>Add additional donors to the partnership</li> </ul>
Personnel resources	<ul> <li>Having a counterpart from both partners</li> <li>Establish a strong network for WOPs all over the world</li> </ul>
Education	Training of Trainers
Tariffs (that do not represent the costs/not true tariffs)	<ul><li>Cost-reflective tariff development</li><li>Raise awareness among customers</li></ul>
Energy costs	<ul> <li>Energy saving</li> <li>New technologies (hydro power, biogas, solar)</li> <li>Improve maintenance of equipment</li> </ul>