



COST RELY Photo Competition Results



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1st place: Naja Marot

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2nd place: Stefanie Müller



3rd place: Alexandra Kruse

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I found this Solar Panel at the rooftop of a small café in the Albanian Alps at approximately 1500 m altitude (ca. 42°24'29.5"N 19°47'59.2"E 42.408205, 19.799790). The café was installed at the last spring at this side of the pass on the hiking trail, connecting Valbona and Thethi. The location itself can only be accessed by hiking, with horses or donkeys. The only guests are hikers. The next village (Thethi) is appr. 5 km away.

«Everything you can imagine is real.» (Pablo Picasso)

In local conflicts about renewable energy planning it often happens that imagination about a certain reality is dominating the discourse. These pictures have been taken at Raheenlough Windfarm (Wicklow, Ireland) during a summer school excursion of COST/ RELY action in August 2016. It was a misty day, thus the sight was very limited: Just a few seconds the wind mill(s) have been visible in order to get covered just seconds later.

Our duty as scientists is to uncover this reality. However, social realities are as diverse as there are cases. Maybe we should accept these instead of claiming to have discovered the truth (e. g. NIMBY-discourse). Otherwise, we may cover the local, place-based realities – which are the most important for the people and their particular places.