

Pan-European Clean Energy Transition: ways to strengthen transnational cooperation

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Introduction

The European Union has set an ambitious target for the decarbonisation of the European energy system by 2050. This breakthrough decision opens up new opportunities for innovative, cross-sectoral activities and stimulates solution-oriented approaches.

Nevertheless, collaboration and innovation in energy research can only lead to a successful clean energy transition with the strong acceptance and commitment of the whole of Europe.

[Implementation Working Group Deep Geothermal Support Unit](#), [SUPEERA](#) and [EERA aisbl](#) are jointly addressing this issue by giving the representatives of the EU13 countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Greece and Portugal, the opportunity to gain more knowledge about the initiatives favoring their countries' institutions and to find a way forward for strengthening the cooperation in the EU.

TIME (CET)	PROGRAMME
10:00	Welcome and objectives of the meeting Olga Sumińska-Ebersoldt (IWG DG SU)
10:05	Opening talk Hélène Chraye (European Commission Head of Clean Energy Transition Unit DG R&I)
10:15	EU13 and the EU Clean Energy Transition - status quo Matthijs Soede (European Commission)
10:25	EU13 in the Horizon2020 Ivan Matejak (SUPEERA)
10:35	Wide initiative and success stories Stefan Weiers (European Commission, Widening expert)
10:50	EEA/Norway Grants: a dedicated funding mechanism for EU-13 countries Berta Guell Matas (SINTEF)
11:00	EEA + Norway Grants winner project Geothermal (PL, NO)
11:10	EERA – European R&D organisations pot for collaboration EERA Smart Cities – Michal Kuzmič (CVUT, CZ) EERA Energy Storage - Alenka Ristić (NIC, SI) EERA Geothermal – Zdeněk Venera (CGS, CZ) EERA Smart Grids: EIRIE platform - a strong link for EU13 - Venizelos Efthymiou (UC, CY)
11:30	Discussion and Questions
12:00	End of meeting

Registration Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsf-uoqjMtHNbucX4zAr9vjGM0_UV66mMa

Objectives:

The webinar will provide an overview of the latest distribution of R&D engagement in Europe, and focus on the opportunities that favor the EU13 countries (and Greece and Portugal). Representatives of research institutions and universities from these countries will be informed about the EU's Widening initiative, EEA and Norwegian grants, and the EERA community and its work. The webinar will also present the success stories and positive changes achieved through the cooperation.

At the end of the event, measures and ways to further integrate the countries into the EU Clean Energy Transition and to facilitate communication and information exchange will be discussed.

The webinar is aimed at academics, industry, policy makers, representatives of citizens' initiatives and consultancies in the energy sector, especially from the EU13 countries (and Greece and Portugal).