

Agenda

Plenary Session: Smart Specialisation: Energy and Innovation in European Regions

13 October

Albert Borschette Centre, Room 0D, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels

The Cohesion Policy funds for energy offer significant opportunities to the EU national and regional authorities, however they also pose important challenges in terms of the readiness of the Member States and regions to assure the qualitative uptake and meaningful absorption of the investments.

Throughout the 2016, the EU national and regional authorities have been initiating the implementation process of their respective S3 strategies. In line with the S3 priority areas for research and innovation they have started investments from the ESIF funds, ideally in combination with national/regional PPP funding. These investment priorities have been supporting also the shift towards low-carbon economy (including energy efficiency, renewable energy, smart distribution grids and sustainable urban mobility), as well as they have aimed at contributing to the removal of key bottlenecks in energy infrastructures.

Based on a bottom-up approach, the S3PEnergy aims to support policy makers in using the S3 related ESIF and other public/private investments smartly in order to harness their place-based competitive advantages on the most appropriate way.

Moderator: *Ales Gnamus, Scientific Officer, Knowledge for Growth. European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC. B.3)*

08:30 Registration and networking coffee

09:00 **Keynote speeches**

Smart Specialisation Platform in Energy, Alessandro RAINOLDI, Head of Unit Territorial Development, European Commission, JRC.B.3

EU energy objectives and policy in the EU, Tudor CONSTANTINESCU, Principal Advisor to the Director General, European Commission, DG ENER

Cohesion policy support for sustainable energy, Gergana MILADINOVA, Team Leader 'Sustainable Growth', European Commission, DG REGIO

09:40 **S3 Energy Partnerships: Energy priorities and enhancing interregional cooperation**

Smart Grids in Pomorskie, Małgorzata Maria Klawiter-Piwowarska, Office of the Marshall of Pomorskie Region

Bio-energy in Lapland, Ilari Havukainen, Project Manager, Lapin Liitto Regional Council of Lapland

Sustainable Construction in Andalusia, Joaquín Villar Rodríguez, Head of Department. Internationalisation and Prospection, Andalusian Energy Agency

Marine Renewable Energy in the Basque Country, Cristina Oyón, Head of Strategic Initiatives at SPRI, business development agency in the Basque Country

10:30 **Wrap-up**

Parallel sessions I

13 October

JRC Headquarters, Rue du Champ de Mars/Marsveldstraat 21, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

13:00 Networking lunch for registered regions

14:00 **Plenary session: joint introduction**

- The S3PEnergy: objectives, expectations and available services for S3 Energy Partnerships by DG REGIO, ENER and JRC
 - Open discussion
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14:45 Networking coffee

15:15 **Parallel sessions I**

Marine Energy

Room BRU-CMA 05/A228

Speaker: Cristina Oyón, Business development agency in the Basque Country

Moderator: Gergana MILADINOVA, Team Leader 'Sustainable Growth', DG REGIO

EC support: Isabelle Seigneur, JRC.B.3 and Davide Magagna, JRC.C.7

Sustainable construction

Room BRU-CMA 06/144

Speaker: Joaquín Villar, Andalusian Energy Agency

Moderator: Richard Tuffs, ERRIN.

EC support: Maud Skaringer, DG REGIO, Inmaculada Periañez, JRC.B.3 and Juan Pablo Jiménez, JRC.C.7

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 - Objectives and added value of the partnership
 - Partnership work methodology, proposed structure, work plan, resources, etc.
 - Next steps
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16:45 **Wrap-up**

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9:30 Networking coffee

10:00 Parallel sessions II

Bio-energy

Room BRU-CMA 05/A228

Speaker: Ilari Havukainen, Regional Council of Lapland

Moderator: Kristiina Jokelainen, Regional Council of Lapland

EC support: Maud Skaringer, DG REGIO and Javier Gómez, JRC.B.3

Smart Grids

Room BRU-CMA 06/144

Speaker: Małgorzata Maria Klawiter-Piwowarska, Office of the Marshall of Pomorskie Region

Moderator: Silvia VITIELLO, JRC.C.3

EC support: Giuseppe PRETTICO, JRC.C.3, Silvia VITIELLO, JRC.C.3 and Gergana Miladinova, DG REGIO

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11:45 Closing
