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## Sustainable energy and smart specialisation – the regional perspective

### European Regions Research and Innovation Network

14 April 2011, 14.00 – 16.45

West Midlands European Centre – Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28, 1040 Brussels

The Sustainable Energy Week is an ideal opportunity to investigate how regional sustainable energy strategies and current and actions can contribute to these proposed [regional smart specialisation strategies](#).

The seminar will provide an introduction to the concept of smart specialization and an overview of European sustainable energy policies with reference to the Sustainable Growth Communication to be published in January and then showcase three regional examples of regions that have embraced different sources or mix of sources of sustainable energy as a key component of their regional economy. A panel comprising high-level Commission actors, MEPs, energy and innovation experts will then discuss the role of sustainable energy activities in smart specialisation strategies in regions.

This discussion will contribute to the knowledge base on smart specialisation and introduce an interesting angle of debate that has not been so far considered. The discussion and associated networking around this seminar will also provide a base for possible regional consortia to develop projects that will contribute to smart specialisation strategies within the next FP7 Regions of Knowledge call launched in 2011 under the topic of sustainable energy.

#### Programme:

- 14.00 Registration
- 14.30 Welcome by ERRIN Director Mr Richard Tuffs
- 14.35 Key Note speakers
  - Smart Specialisation - Mr Matthieu Fichter – DG Regio – European Commission
  - Renewable Energy National Action Plans - Ms Kristine Kozlova – DG Energy – European Commission
- 15.05 Regional Case Studies
  - Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, The Netherlands Speaker TBC
  - Cantabria Region, Spain - Mr Francisco Royano, Managing Director of Innovation and Corporate Strategy, SODERCAN Group
  - Navarra Region, Spain - Mr Ignacio Martí, Deputy Technical Director for R&D, CENER (National Centre for Renewable Energies)
  - Oslo Region, Norway – Mr Bjørn Simonsen, Project Manager and Chairman, HyNor Steering Committee
- 15.45 Questions and Answers on case studies – Moderator Ms Annika Ahtonen, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre
- 16.00 Panel discussion with:
  - Mr Matthieu Fichter – DG Regio – European Commission
  - Ms Kristine Kozlova – DG Energy – European Commission
  - Ms Margo Cointreau – Renewable Energy Expert - OECD
  - Ms Bruna Gumiero, Veneto Agricoltura, Regional Agency for Agriculture, Forestry and Agri-Food Sectors
- 16.45 Conclusions and next steps