

ERRIN Energy and Climate Change Working Group – planned focus of activities 2011

Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest	The Energy and Climate Change Group covers all issues in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate change and sustainability.
Structure (Chair/Co-Chair, subgroups, if applicable)	The group has two co-leads: Xenia Tsitiridou from West Midlands European Service and Karen Burt from Scotland Europa. There is also a sub group on Offshore Wind led by Thomas Jensen from South Denmark. The group has a 'task and finish' strategy on many areas where regional officers interested join a group, work together for as long as needed, and once the task is finished resolve the group (e.g. EUSEW groups, IEE groups etc).
Strategic context 2011	The main aim of the group is to step up activities and build on the good reputation built over the past years on policy as well as project development. Regarding policy issues the group will keep up to date with current issues concerning its regions such as the SET Plan, Energy Efficiency, EIT etc. Regarding project development the group wishes to expand its activities besides IEE and EcoInnovation to FP7 calls such as RoK. A proven and tested opportunity for profiling is the EU Sustainable Energy Week, during which the group is preparing a show case event on energy in April. Other opportunities arise in the areas of collaboration either with other working groups such as Biotechnology, ICT etc or with other energy networks and associations.
Planned focus and form of activities 2011. What are the WG plans in terms of project development?	The group is planning an IEE brokerage event on 15 th December which is highly likely to have a second round in 2011 IEE information day. Another focus of the group will be the forthcoming Regions of Knowledge call on Energy.

Numbers

Number of regular participants at WG meetings	50
Planned number of TWG meetings	1 every six-seven weeks
Planned number of conferences with external participants	1 every year during the EU Sustainable Energy Week
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU COM	Aim to have a Commission speaker in each working group meeting
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable	Aim to have 2 brokerage events (one in Intelligent Energy European and one in Regions of Knowledge)
Planned number of projects arised from the co-operation within the TWG	PROINNO and Eco-Link plus project consortia in IEE (3 projects submitted – awaiting for results)
Closer co-operation with other energy related networks and / or observatories	The group has had links with the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development, nrg4SD on the policy level but did not move beyond exploratory discussions. One of the main aims of the group is to reach out to other energy related networks especially on project development.