

## ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### ANNUAL PLAN 2020

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#### OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Energy & Climate Change Working Group is to act as a platform to discuss and share information on energy-related priorities and funding programmes, especially looking at the Green Deal and Horizon Europe. Since the energy-related topics are gaining importance in the European context, the WG will explore links and synergies with other areas in which energy plays a central role and cooperate with other ERRIN Working Groups.

#### CONTEXT

**What are the key EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up in 2020?**

- Commission priority 2019-2024:
  - A European Green Deal (Clean Energy, Climate Pact)
- Policy areas: Energy, Environment (Energy efficiency, energy technology and innovation, single energy market, energy infrastructure)

**Which funding programmes are important for the Working Group and how does the WG aim to facilitate project development?**

- Horizon Europe
- Innovation Fund

The Working Group is monitoring the remaining calls and will inform its members about available opportunities during the meetings.

## How does the group support partnership building (e.g. S3 partnerships) and collaborate with other European organisations or networks?

The following partnerships and organisations have been identified as relevant:

- S3 Partnerships on batteries
- European Hydrogen Valleys Partnership
- The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking
- European Association for Hydrogen and fuel cells and Electro-mobility in European Regions (HyER)
- Built4People partnership

## ACTIVITIES

### Green Deal and Climate Pact

March

This meeting will present the Green Deal as a strategy for EU growth. A Climate Pact which will be launched on 4<sup>th</sup> March will be discussed as it will bring together regions, local communities, civil society, industry and schools to develop a collaborative change.

To be organised jointly with relevant WGs or as an ERRIN event.

### Financing the Green Deal

6 May 2020

Green Week partner event organised together with Innovation&Investment Working Group. Thematic focus will be on Sustainable Europe Investment Fund, Innovation Fund and Just Transition Fund. We will look at how to finance infrastructure through Innovation Fund.

### EU Sustainable Energy Week side event

9 June 2020 (TBC)

The side event is planned to be organised jointly with Smart Cities WG. The session will focus on citizens involvement in green transition, also linking with improvement of the infrastructure and mobility.

### Implementing the Green Deal via ICT and digital infrastructures

June

The aim of this meeting is to explore how can regions and their digitalisation projects help develop the aims of the Green Deal. We will also focus on how the regions are implementing the Green Deal policies and sustainable development goals in relation to EU Digital Policy. The examples will refer to Green ICT and will be organised jointly with ICT WG.

## Available calls within Horizon Europe programme – information session

September 2020

At this meeting the Working Group will look at available calls that will be published in early autumn related to Green Deal. The meeting will also provide information on the opportunities in the upcoming Horizon Europe programme looking at the energy-related topics.

### Cultural heritage support actions for climate change mitigation

Autumn

Joint meeting with Tourism and Cultural Heritage (September/October) focused on mitigation and adaptation (buildings, sites, monuments and landscape sustainability). To be linked with the Sustainable built environment research and innovation partnership under Horizon Europe.