



Coordinating energy research for a low Carbon Europe

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The Horizon is set for 2020 – now it is time for research and innovation to deliver

A unique approach to European research collaboration meets 5.3 billion euro dedicated to energy research. The European Energy Research Alliance will provide its contribution to make Horizon 2020 a success.

The European Energy Research Alliance – EERA – welcomes the European Council and Parliament's adoption of Horizon2020 and the Commission's first call for proposals in the work programmes for 2014-15 published today.

In Horizon2020, 5.3 billion are dedicated to address the societal challenge *clean and efficient energy*. That is an increase compared to the funding available for dedicated energy research in the previous framework programme, FP7. Yet, the larger part of public research funding still flows directly from the member states.

"Member states contribute approximately 70% of public energy research funding in Europe and H2020 is rightly seen as a tool to leverage and create synergy across all research funding streams. In EERA we bring our researchers together in different EERA Joint Programmes on areas such as Wind energy, Smart Grids or Carbon Capture and Storage. This generates a strong synergy that increases the leverage effect of any additional funding", EERA Chairman, Erkki KM Leppävuori explains.

EERA represents a bottom-up approach to cross border programming of research activities in the field of energy. Bringing together more than 150 research organisations collaborating on a voluntary basis from own institutional resources, EERA is unique in its width and scope.

The spending priorities for the 5.3 billion for energy research in H2020 will be heavily influenced by the targets defined in the EU's Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-plan). As the public research pillar of the SET-plan, EERA is an important stakeholder in the ongoing activities of developing an Integrated Roadmap for the SET-plan.

The EU SET-plan was launched in 2007 with the aim to accelerate the development and market uptake of low carbon technologies. Established in 2008, the EERA forms the public research pillar of the SET-plan. For more information about the SET-plan please visit http://ec.europa.eu/energy/technology/set_plan/set_plan_en.htm

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