

ENEr2i EU Brokerage Event

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to innovation



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About ener2i

ENERgy Research to Innovation: Reinforcing cooperation with ENP countries on **bridging the gap between energy research and energy innovation.**

In order to bridge this gap and accelerate innovation performance, ener2i concentrates on the following main objectives:

- ▶ To **enhance the innovation capacity and improve the innovation performance** of manufacturers, energy service companies and industry in the field of energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy sources (RES).
- ▶ To **improve knowledge transfer** and innovation support in the field of EE/RES through a comprehensive trans-national cooperation.
- ▶ To **stimulate effective linkages** between research and innovation with effective knowledge transfer methods in the participating EaP countries Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova.
- ▶ To **strengthen cooperation** between research and business actors in EE/RES in the participating countries and at the same time facilitating the cooperation between EU and participating EaP countries.

ener2i Consortium

Coordinator:

- ▶ Centre for Social Innovation- ZSI, Austria

Partners:

- ▶ Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development- RCISD, Hungary
- ▶ European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance – eseia, Austria
- ▶ Belarusian Institute of Systems Analysis and Information Support- BellSA, Belarus
- ▶ National Academy of Sciences - NAS-RA, Armenia
- ▶ Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer - AITT, Moldova
- ▶ Technology Transfer Association- TTA, Armenia
- ▶ Belarusian Innovation Fund- BIF, Belarus
- ▶ Union “Energy Efficiency Center Georgia”- EEC, Georgia
- ▶ energy engineers- ee, Germany
- ▶ Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development- ODIMM, Moldova



Project period: Oct 13 - Sept 16

Website: www.ener2i.eu

ener2i Brokerage event concept

Back to back with the **European Sustainable Energy Week**, eseia is organising a series of networking and capacity building sessions in Brussels to support EU-EaP cooperation and knowledge transfer. The event will target representatives from companies, higher education and research institutions and politics from the EU and EaP countries of **Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova**. The aim is to create partnerships for Horizon2020 calls and other funding opportunities on the following **three innovation challenges**:

- ▶ **1. Bioresource Utilisation**
 - Bioresource usage scenarios;
 - Managing transition to a low-carbon economy;
 - Sustainable use of agricultural waste;
- ▶ **2. Smart Cities and Regions**
 - Energy efficiency;
 - Smart integration (i.e. grids, mobility);
 - Decentralised energy systems;
- ▶ **3. Capacity Building**
 - The Human Factor;
 - Smart specialization strategies (3s);
 - Public awareness and engagement.

How does it work?

Present your innovative ideas/technologies and call the attention of cooperation partners! Meet prospective cooperation partners in one day - reduce the amount of time and money for finding new partners.

eseia

The European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance is an association of leading research, education and business organizations. eseia operates in the field of sustainable energy systems, in research, education and innovation. The eseia Education and Training Programme seeks to provide hands-on flexible and up-to-date skills training joining latest research results with practical knowledge. eseia experts are part of and actively drive the European Commission SET Plan E&T Initiative.

Synergies with IncoNet EaP Project

The project aims to support the advancement of the bi-regional STI (Science, Technology, and Innovation) policy dialogue between the EU Member States and the Eastern Partnership Countries, with an explicit focus on the Societal Challenges that have been identified to be of mutual interest for the two regions, namely Climate Change, Energy and Health.

- 8.30 – 9.00 Registration and Networking Coffee
- 9.00 – 10.50 Opening Session**, Chair: Brigitte Hasewend, eseia Director
- 9.00 Opening Speaker, Thierry DEVARS, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation, International Relations Officer, Project Officer
- 9.10 – 9.30 ENER2I - ENERGY RESEARCH TO INNOVATION** – an overview, Manfred Spiesberger, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- IncoNnet EaP - STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries** - an overview, Gorazd Weiss, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- 9:30 – 10:30 Setting the Scene:** Presentation by country and general national S&T landscape by INCONET EAP country researchers (Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Azerbaijan), nominated by ENER2i and IncoNet EaP
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Brokerage Workshop 1: Bioresource Utilisation**, Chair: Michael Narodoslowsky, TU Graz, Coordinator of eseia WG Bioresources
- 12.30 – 13.30 Networking Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.00 Brokerage Workshop 2: Smart Cities and Regions**, Chair: Yoram Krozer, U Twente
- 15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 – 17.00 Brokerage Workshop 3: Capacity Building**, Chair: Ion Visa, UTB, Co-Chair: Brigitte Hasewend, Director of eseia
- 17.00 Closing words, Mercedes Bresso, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions
- 17.15 Wrap-up, Brigitte Hasewend, Director of eseia

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