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ERA-Net SG+ project event and meeting of Knowledge Community Working Groups

From the 7th to the 9th of June, 2017, our next joint meeting of ERA-Net SG+ funded projects will be held together with a meeting of all Knowledge Community Working Groups. Please save the date! Planned location: Bucharest, Romania (to be confirmed!).

As a participant from a funded project of the 1st call, you will get feedback from the Call Management and the Support Team on your first transnational reporting including practical and content-related advice. You will get together with projects from the 1st and 2nd ERA-Net SG+ call to discuss your progress and first results as well as to deepen your cooperation. Furthermore, an advanced communication coaching will be offered for communication and dissemination managers building on what they have learned last year in Split and on their experiences from the first project year.

The second part of the event will be a joint meeting of all Knowledge Community Working Groups. Besides the usual content-related sessions within the single Working Groups, there will be sessions on how to enhance the collaboration within and between the Working Groups, how to further develop the Living Documents and how to build up on previous Working Group discussions. We are looking forward to get input from your experiences during your first project year.

Please plan the participation within your projects and note, that due to capacity reasons, the number of participants per project will be limited like last year. More information is coming soon!

Annual project reporting of ERA-Net SG+

The first annual project reporting of the ERA-Net SG+ projects was successfully submitted on expera by all projects. Projects will receive individual feedback on their reports during the ERA-Net SG+ project event in June.

The annual ERA-Net SG+ project reporting complements the reporting on national level and covers progress, budget, dissemination activities, characteristics related to ERA-Net SG+ objectives and contribution to the knowledge community. A reporting tool on expera had been developed and implemented for the purpose of reporting, which will be, based on your feedback, continuously improved for the next annual reporting in the beginning of 2018. If you have further input on how to improve the project reporting, please do not hesitate to contact us: knowledge-community@eranet-smartgridsplus.eu.

Currently, an evaluation of the collected reports is being conducted by the ERA-Net SG+ Call Management and the Support Team. The provided data gives valuable insights into the progress, activities, first results and impact of the projects. The outcome of the evaluation, an in-depth feedback to individual projects and an overview over the general results, will be presented at the project event of ERA-Net SG+ in the beginning of June (for more information see above).

Update on expera and the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community

The Knowledge Community is growing! Check the latest developments on expera and take part in the discussions.

Since its launch in April 2016, over 200 projects were entered and 300 experts from academia, industry, and SMEs registered at the knowledge sharing platform. They are actively engaged in a vivid knowledge exchange. Almost all Living Document chapters contain a first set of knowledge and invite to contribute and discuss with other expera members. Have a look at the Living Documents and share your opinion and insights.

We are constantly working on improving expera and its usability. We invite you to give constructive feedback and share your experiences with us. Please feel free to invite colleagues and partners to become members of [expera and the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community](#).

Update your factsheets and entries in expera project repository of ERA-Net SG+ projects

To provide a complete overview of all involved ERA-Net SG+ projects, we present your [project factsheets at the ERA-Net SG+ website](#) and provide entries for each ERA-Net SG+ project in our project repository on expera. Please update your project entry, when you have new information and outcomes from your project. In case that you have not submitted your project factsheet or have not yet entered information into your project entry on expera, please do so as soon as possible.

Let us know if fact sheets need to be updated and/or additional colleagues from your project should be involved in editing project profiles at expera.

Projects of the 2nd ERA-Net SG+ call selected

In 2016, ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus launched a 2nd joint call for transnational RDD projects on Smart Grids. 9 projects from 8 regions/countries were approved for funding and are expected to start in early 2017. These projects will contribute to the deep knowledge sharing that has started with projects of the 1st call and our experts from the knowledge community. As mentioned, the new projects will participate in the project event in Romania where you will have the opportunity to meet them.

General information on ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus is an initiative of 21 European countries and regions. The vision for smart grids in Europe is to create an electric power system that integrates renewable energies and enables flexible consumer and production technologies. This can help to shape an electricity grid with a high security of supply, coupled with low greenhouse gas emissions, at an affordable price. Our aim is to support the development of the technologies, market designs and customer adoptions that are necessary to reach this goal.

The initiative is providing a hub for the collaboration of European member-states. It supports the coordination of funding partners, enabling joint funding of RDD projects. Beyond that ERA-Net SG+ builds up a knowledge community, involving key demo projects and experts from all over Europe, to organise the learning between projects and programs from the local level up to the European level.

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ERA-Net SG+ funding partners



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