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Launch of expera – the Knowledge Sharing platform of ERA-Net SG+

At the launch event of the second ERA-Net SG+ joint call, expera was successfully launched and introduced to an international group of stakeholders. This knowledge sharing platform is our central service point for ERA-Net SG+ funded projects and access to our European Knowledge Community.

expera enables you to share your knowledge with other funded projects as well as with members of the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community. The platform provides access to a set of “living documents” which will be continuously updated by experts of our Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). Via expera we will share relevant information from the Knowledge Community’s TWGs, e.g. materials from past meetings and announcements of future meetings, an event calendar, as well as an expert repository where you can find representatives from industry, academia, and other institutions as well as from the governance and policy field. Moreover, the platform provides access to the project repository of ERA-Net SG+ which includes a wide range of national and European projects. Please note that ERA-Net SG+ projects will not be automatically registered, so **please enter your project into the expera project repository!**

expera will further be used for the initiative’s project profiling and evaluation (not for the reporting to your national agencies!). Additionally, future Support Team Bulletins will be made available on expera. Thus, we invite all ERA-Net SG+ project participants to become members of expera. **Please make sure that you and your partners register at www.smartgridsplus.eu!**

The project kick-off and Thematic Working Group (TWG) Meetings

On the 15th to 17th of June, 2016, the official kick-off for ERA-Net SG+ projects of the first call will be held in Split, Croatia, together with a joint meeting of all TWGs. Please save the date!

The project kick-off will give you the opportunity to meet your contact points from the ERA-Net SG+ initiative, i.e. the Support Team and the Call Management, and to make yourselves familiar with the structure of ERA-Net SG+. You will be introduced to the processes of our transnational project evaluation and profiling which will start in late 2016. Moreover, there will be a communication coaching for projects providing you with a basic toolbox for your external communication (see below). Project members will have the opportunity to get to know representatives of other ERA-Net SG+ projects and start collaboration and knowledge exchange. You will also be introduced how to use and work with expera - the Knowledge Sharing platform of ERA-Net SG+.

The second part of the meeting will be a joint meeting of all five TWGs of the Knowledge Community. Thematic Working Groups exist for the following topics:

- System Architecture and Modelling,
- Storage and Cross Energy Carrier Synergies,
- Regulatory and Market Development,
- Consumer and Citizen Involvement,
- Interoperability and Standardisation.

Besides ERA-Net SG+ project members, other experts and practitioners from the field of Smart Grids will attend the TWG meeting. Project members can take the opportunity to exchange knowledge with them and learn about the state of knowledge within the different topical areas of the TWGs. The connection of the different Working Groups in one meeting will enable an exchange of knowledge between the groups and the discussion of cross-cutting topics.

Please plan your participation!

Due to capacity reasons **the number of participants is limited to a maximum of four participants per project** (for both the **kick-off and the TWG meeting**). Of these four persons, we would need from every ERA-Net SG+ project:

- For the project kick-off: the project coordinator and the dissemination manager,
- for the TWG meeting: three experts,

while one person could also have more than one of these roles. Alternatively, not necessarily the same persons do have to attend both events (kick-off and TWG meeting). **The invitation including information on the registration process will be sent out very soon.**

For your travel planning: the kick-off will start on June 15 at noon and end on June 16 around noon. The TWG meeting will accordingly begin on June 16 around noon and end on June 17 around 1 pm. Information on venue and hotel as well as the agenda will be sent around together with the invitation.

External communication of ERA-Net SG+ projects

As ERA-Net SG+ funded project you are part of the ERA-Net SG+ initiative and raising the awareness of the initiative when communicating and disseminating your project to the public. We therefore expect you to respect a set of communication and visibility standards that ERA-Net SG+ has defined for funded projects. In order to support a sound communication and dissemination strategy that highlights the achievements of your project within the framework of ERA-Net SG+, we will come up with a set of communication guidelines and templates. Further details will be sent to you soon as well as presented during the communication coaching at our project kick-off in June.

The communication coaching will further support you in finding the right stakeholders to approach with your communication measures, the right messages to convey to these stakeholders as well as the appropriate means to transport these messages. You will also be provided with a toolbox for your communication and dissemination activities. You will be informed in due time on what you are supposed to prepare for this session in advance.

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.

2nd Joint Call for Transnational RDD Projects on Smart Grids

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus launched its 2nd Joint Call for Transnational RDD projects on Smart Grids. European research RDD consortia are invited to submit their project proposals by 15 June, 2016. The total available budget is approximately €24 million.

Find further information on our website at <http://www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu/research-calls/2nd-joint-call-2016/>.

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ERA-Net SG+ funding partners



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