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Upcoming JPP ERA-Net SES EVENTS

Virtual Working Group Meeting on System Architecture and Implementation Modelling
The Virtual Working Group Meeting on System Architecture and Implementation Modelling has been postponed to 10:00 to 12:00 CET on 14 January 2020. If you have not registered for this WG’s Virtual Meeting so far and are interested to join, please register here. Everyone who had registered for the Working Group meeting initially planned for December will be informed about the connection details before the meeting in January.

Introductory Webinar for Joint Call 2018 (RegSys) Projects
For all members of these projects and in particular for those who were not able to join the JPP SES Conference 2019 in Namur, an introductory webinar will be held by the Call Management and the Support Team from 13:00 to 14:00 CET on January 23, 2020. You will learn, among other things, about the Knowledge Community, support offered by the initiative and the reporting system and requirements. Please mark the date in your calendar and register via this link.

Smart Energy Systems Conference 2020
We are looking forward to the upcoming Smart Energy Systems Conference 2020 of the Joint Programming Platform (JPP) ERA-Net SES in autumn 2020! If you would like to jointly host the event together with the JPP SES initiative (including the Family of Project Event and Knowledge Community Meeting) and welcome top energy system researchers and policy makers to your institution, let us know: knowledgecommunity@eranet-smartenergysystems.eu. For further information, contact us or find the review of the public part of this year’s conference on our website (here). We will share the date and location of next year’s conference as soon as a host has been found.

EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) Award 2019
We would like to forward to you the opportunity to apply for the EU Sustainable Energy Award until 23.59 CET on 27 January 2020. The awards competition highlights new ways to shape Europe’s energy future and will culminate with the awards ceremony in Brussels on 23 June 2020 in the framework of the EUSEW. The award category “innovation” focuses on outstanding EU-funded activities that show an original and innovative way to the sustainable energy transition. ERA-Net SES funded project may have quite a chance. Find all information and a link to the application online.

Annual and Final Reporting
ERA-Net SES projects are required to report to the initiative. The reporting tool will be active from 3 February for all projects. Annual reports by projects of Joint Call 2017 and Joint Call 2018 must be submitted by 31 March 2020. Joint Call 2016 projects must submit their final report by 31 May 2020. Please as soon as possible let us know who will report for your project and register on expera (if you are not yet a member) for ensuring access to the reporting tool. If no change in responsibilities is due in comparison to last year, no action is required upfront.

If you have not received the e-mail with further information on the reporting, please get in touch with knowledgecommunity@eranet-smartenergysystems.eu.
ERA-Net SES Working Groups – Contributions to Spotlights and Policy Briefs still open

All ERA-Net SES projects, Working Group and Taskforce members are invited to share their expertise and further develop the Policy Briefs and Spotlights. During the recent, insightful Virtual Working Group Meetings, work on the documents continued. Please join a Working Group of your interest (link to WG working areas on ex area) to access the documentation and engage in the discussions.

- **Policy Briefs**: On the basis of their expertise, participants of the ERA-Net SES Working Groups (WG) develop an informed opinion about what should be considered by decision makers (e.g. policy makers, regulators or responsible persons in enterprises), according to their perspective. The WGs provide a platform for discussing and consolidating messages to the decision makers. On an annual basis, after approval by the Steering Board, the Policy Briefs are published and addressees of the recommendations are involved in the discussion.

- **Spotlights**: These newsletter-type documents provide a collection of findings of ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems projects. Project members are invited to present ongoing activities and intermediate results to keep fellow experts updated. Spotlights focus on topics related to the Working Group with high relevance for other projects, researchers and practitioners.

**Download the Updated Communication Material**

Please find the updated ERA-Net SES visibility guideline for both, SG+ and RegSys projects on our website. The guideline includes requirements and information on how to make use of the ERA-Net SES logos and funding notes in your dissemination and communication activities, including event contributions and website. You can download the visibility guideline, logos and support material from our website. Please adjust your communication measures accordingly.

**Joint Call 2018 (RegSys) Projects Awarded – Welcome to the ERA-Net SES Family of Projects!**

We are glad to welcome the twenty-three projects which have been selected for funding within the ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems Joint Call 2018 on Integrated Regional Energy Systems. ERA-Net RegSys called for innovative solutions facilitating cross-sectoral, holistic approaches for enabling regions and local communities to move towards a decarbonized energy system by 2030. National and regional funding partners contribute roughly 20 million euros, while the EC supports with more than 10 million euros, adding up to a funding budget of more than 30 million euros.

The projects focus on the development of integrated local and regional energy systems. The call resulted in a broad range of projects meeting local and regional challenges. Projects include aspects such as energy system flexibility, smart control of district heating and cooling, local and microgrids, climate neutral hydrogen turbines, distributed electricity network optimization, information and communication technologies, agriculture sector-coupling to the energy system, as well as citizen inclusion and regional energy planning.

Find a first overview of awarded projects and call statistics at the ERA-Net SES website – details are expected early 2020. If you as project partner see the need to make adjustments to this project overview, please get back to us as soon as possible: knowledgecommunity@eranet-smartenergysystems.eu.
**ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems**

ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems (ERA-Net SES) is a transnational joint programming platform, with 30 funding partners from European and associated countries. It functions as a network of owners and managers of national and regional public funding programs in the field of research, technical development and demonstration. It provides a sustainable and service-oriented joint programming platform to finance transnational RDD projects, developing technologies and solutions in thematic areas like smart power grids, integrated regional and local energy systems, heating and cooling networks, digital energy and smart services, etc. [https://www.eranet-smartenergysystems.eu/](https://www.eranet-smartenergysystems.eu/)

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