

## ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems launches its 2018 Joint Call for RDD Projects on Integrated Regional Energy Systems

Malmö, Sweden - May 23, 2018: A new European wide Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiative has started. Today, the ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems (ERA-Net SES) launches its first joint call for projects with a focus on the development of integrated local and regional energy systems. With a funding budget of more than 30 million euros it aims at innovative solutions for facilitating cross-sectoral, holistic approaches for enabling regions and local communities to move towards a decarbonized energy system by 2030.

One of the key challenges for European and global societies is to reach a secure and resilient energy supply with up to 100% share of renewables. To meet this challenge, ERA-Net SES initiates and pushes ahead transnational collaboration on energy system innovation. The platform brings together 30 national and regional funding partners from 23 different countries. Under its focus initiative on Integrated Regional Energy Systems (RegSys), ERA-Net SES is calling for Research, Development and Demonstration (RDD) projects that aim at solutions answering to specific critical needs with a local and/or regional scope. Beyond tackling technical questions and linking the energy and the digital world, research projects should consider market and societal aspects. The total available funding budget is € 33.3 million including European Commission co-fund contribution.

The call is launched during the Nordic Clean Energy Week in Malmö, Sweden. From May 22 to 25, ERA-Net SES is co-hosting a series of events to discuss the latest developments in the fields of smart grids and regional & local energy systems with policy makers as well as international experts from research, industry and regional representations. In a break-out session of the “Speeding-up for change”-event on Wednesday, May 23, potential applicants meet different types of stakeholders that can express the regional perspective and point to practical needs for RDI. Participants match their ideas with such specific needs and meet potential partners for their projects.

More information about ERA-Net SES and the joint call is available on <http://www.eranet-smartenergysystems.eu/>.

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