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Upcoming launch of ERA-Net SG+ follow-up initiative and working group meetings at Nordic Clean Energy Week 2018 in Malmö/Copenhagen

A new follow-up initiative with calls focusing on regional energy systems and will be launched during the Nordic Clean Energy Week on 23rd of May. At the same occasion, working group meetings will be organised on 24th of May. If you are involved in a working group, please save the date!

You are invited to the official launch of the new ERA-Net SG+ follow-up initiative on regional energy systems at Nordic Clean Energy Week 2018 in Malmö/Copenhagen. Moreover, a joint meeting of all Knowledge Community Working Groups will take place to which all Working Group members are invited. There will be content-related sessions and collaboration within and between the Working Groups. The focus will be how to further develop the Living Documents and how to build up on previous Working Group discussion. Moreover, the development of the upcoming policy briefs and spotlights will be addressed.

Please plan the participation within your projects. More information is coming soon!

Annual project reporting of ERA-Net SG+ starts beginning of 2018

The second annual project reporting of the ERA-Net SG+ projects will start 8th of January and last until 21st of February. Please prepare by registering on expera and inform us who will be responsible for the reporting from your project.

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. Our reporting tool on expera, which has been already applied for the first reporting beginning of this year and has been adjusted based on your feedback.

As last year, an evaluation of the collected reports will be conducted by the ERA-Net SG+ Call Management and the Support Team. The provided data gives us valuable insights into the progress, activities, first results and impact of the projects. Further, in-depth feedback to individual projects and an overview over the general results, will be provided based on your project's input.

For projects ending beginning of 2018 (with an ending date latest in February 2018), the reporting will represent their final reporting. For projects ending later-on in 2018, we would like to ask to update the annual reporting in the course of the year based on your project's final progress. You will only need to update your answers from the annual reporting.

A manual for the project reporting will be distributed by 8th of January to all ERA-Net SG+ projects. To organize the reporting process as smooth as possible, please inform us until 4th of January, who will be responsible from your project for the reporting and if not already the case register on expera. In case you have already announced a responsible person last year and you do not want to change responsibilities, you do not need to contact us.

ERA-Net SG+ events 2018

Please consider for your next year's planning that there will be a family of project's event currently planned for autumn. The event will enable exchange on your progress and first results as well as to deepen your cooperation among projects of the 1st, the 2nd, and the 3rd ERA-Net SG+ call. Furthermore, there will be an advanced communication coaching will be offered for communication and dissemination managers building on what they have learned in last year's events and on their experiences from the 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 to come in the beginning of 2018.

Family of project booth and event planning in 2018

Our approach to organise a family of project booth at the European Utility Week (EUW) this year received quite some positive feedback. Hereby, we would like to ask you if your project is interested to participate in this year's EUW with a shared project booth (with similar conditions as last year) from 6th-8th of November in Vienna, Austria. It allows projects to present themselves and the family as whole.

Please also inform us on the conferences and exhibitions you are planning to participate in 2018 with your project in general. We would like to enable exchange and synergies among projects participating at the same event.

Please inform us until 31st of January on your interest in participating at the EUW 2018 with a project booth and your conference and exhibition planning for 2018.

Newsletter: Expera and the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community

There will be an expera newsletter soon for all expera users providing updates on the developments within the Knowledge Community. The newsletter will enable to track latest developments on expera and to take part in the discussions.

Since its launch in April 2016, over 500 followers and experts from academia, industry, and SMEs have 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.

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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