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ERA-Net SES Virtual Working Group Meetings, November-December, 2018

The annual series of Virtual Working Group (WG) Meetings has taken place from November to December 2018. In each Working Group, interesting insights have been gathered to eventually compile the 2018 edition of Spotlights & Policy Briefs in the field of Consumer & Citizen Involvement, System Architecture and Implementation Modelling, Storage and Cross Energy Carrier Synergies, Regulatory and Market Development, Interoperability and Standardisation.

- Policy Briefs: The ERA-Net SES Knowledge Community unites scientific experts in smart energy systems. On the basis of their profound expertise, these researchers develop an informed opinion of key aspects which, according to their perspective, should be considered by policy makers. With its working groups, ERA-Net SES provides a platform for initiating and developing the expert discussions regarding the messages of the research community to the policy makers.

- Spotlights: The newsletter-type documents providing a collection of findings of ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems projects and the Knowledge Community. Spotlights keep projects and experts updated on the ongoing activities and intermediate results of the initiative. Spotlights concentrate on specific topics with high relevance for the different Working Groups, which are deemed as generally interesting and worthwhile to be shared with project participants and practitioners. All Knowledge Community experts are invited to discuss and comment the spotlights. Based on the final versions of the spotlights the respective Living Documents are being kept up-to-date.

Take a look at previous Spotlights & Policy Briefs on expera and provide feedback via discussion forums or comments.

All ERA-Net SES projects & Working Group members are invited to contribute to the development of the Policy Briefs & Spotlights. Drafts for the 2018 edition of Spotlights and Policy Briefs are planned to be ready by the beginning of 2019. They will be available for discussion on expera.

In order to have access to all session files and to participate in the Working Group discussions, please officially register as a Working Group member by contacting the Support Team: knowledgecommunity@eranet-smartenergysystems.eu.

Annual ERA-Net SES Project Reporting for 2018 starts in January 2019

The annual project reporting period of the ERA-Net SES projects will start January 15, 2019 and last until February 28, 2019. Please prepare by **informing us who will be responsible** for the reporting from your project and ensuring all of them are registered on expera.

The annual ERA-Net SES project reporting complements the reporting on national level. As previously, the ERA-Net SES Call Management and Support Team will evaluate your answers. While **Call Management** forwards reported **budget- and progress-related results** to the funding agencies, the Support

Team evaluation focuses on the **progress, activities, first results, knowledge community contributions and impact** of the projects. The results are used for updating the overview of the general results in Living Documents but are also the basis for in-depth **individual feedback** to projects.

Following your wishes and recommendations from former reporting periods, some improvements have been made to our **reporting tool on expera** Nonetheless, you will be able to **build on previously entered information**. A manual for the project reporting will be distributed by January 15, 2019 at the latest to all ERA-Net SES projects. In order to allow for a smooth reporting process, **please inform us until January 14, 2019** which project member(s) will be **responsible(s) for** your project's **reporting** and make sure they are registered on expera. In case the same members as last year will report, notification is not necessary.

ERA-Net SES events 2019

Please consider for your next year's planning that there will be **a Family of Projects Event** currently planned **for autumn 2019**. The event will allow the sharing of results and discussing current challenges among ERA-Net SES projects and include a communication workshop. During the event a feedback session based on your annual reporting will be held. It is also planned to welcome the new projects from our RegSys Joint Call 2018. As this year's event, the Family of Project Event will entail a Knowledge Community Meeting with Working Group sessions.

Please plan the participation of 2-3 members of your consortium. More information will be provided in due time.

Family of Project booth at event in 2019

Fairs and conferences always provide an interesting opportunity for presenting project results and establishing valuable contacts. Please let us know **until January 31, 2019** if you would be **interested in sharing a booth in a high-profile energy event** in 2019 (e.g. Eworld, EUW, EUSEW). Projects can present themselves individually next to the family as whole.

Of course, joint project booths of ERA-Net SES projects are welcome at any event. If you are already **planning to exhibit at a specified event**, please let us know until January 31, 2019 and we will connect you with other projects of the family participating as well.

ERA-Net SES Family of Projects Event in Magdeburg, September 17-19, 2018

We would like to thank once more all projects for their contribution to the success of the ERA-Net SES Family of Projects Event 2018. We witnessed lively discussions among projects during and in between the sessions. Among the highlights, the **peer-to-peer feedback sessions** and the initialisation of the **Working Group** on "Regional Matters" stand out. If you would like to know more, review the minutes of the event here and in the respective WG repositories.

Update of Project Websites and Communication Materials Required

As announced previously the **new umbrella initiative ERA-Net SES** comes with a **revised visibility guideline** for projects in both focus areas, SG+ and RegSys. In material used for dissemination and

communication activities, including event contributions and website, all projects must use the **new logo and funding note**. You can download the visibility guideline and logos from <u>our website</u>. Please **adjust your communication measures accordingly**.
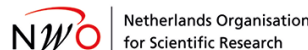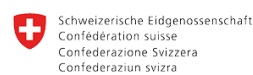
General Information on ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems

ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems (ERA-Net SES) is a transnational joint programming platform of 30 national and regional funding partners for initiating co-creation and promoting energy system innovation. The network of owners and managers of national and regional public funding programs along the innovation chain provides a sustainable and service-oriented programming platform to finance projects in thematic areas like smart power grids, regional and local energy systems, heating and cooling networks, digital energy, smart services, etc.

Co-creating with partners that help to understand the needs of relevant stakeholders, we team up with intermediaries to provide an innovation eco-system supporting consortia for research, innovation, technical development, piloting and demonstration activities. These co-operations pave the way towards implementation in real-life environments and market introduction.

Beyond that, ERA-Net SES provides a Knowledge Community, involving key demo projects and experts from all over Europe, to facilitate learning between projects and programmes from the local level up to the European level.

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