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EERA Joint Programme on Wind Energy - Newsletter - April 2022

News from the Coordinator

Dear members of EERA JP Wind,

It has been a while since we sent you a newsletter. Flaminia left us to pursue a career in Italy. During the last months we have been looking for a replacement. We have been fortunate to attract Julien Balsen as the Operations and Communication Manager for JP Wind. Originally from France, he has been working in EU affairs for the last 6 years in the EU office of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region in Brussels on environmental and research issues. He introduces himself below and started on April 4th. As was the case with Flaminia, he will be based at the EERA office in Brussels. To contact Julien: e-mail: j.balsen@eera-set.eu and telephone: +32486717349. We expect Julien to become visible on social media soon.

important recent developments within JPWind are the definition and delivery of two lighthouse projects. One on system integration, the other on floating wind. We have communicated these to the EU and to national representatives in the SETPlan Implementation Working Group offshore wind. We are asking the EU and governments for financial

support for relatively long-term, low-TRL research projects or programmes of size 50-100 million addressing important challenges in the energy transition. We will continue to ask support for these ideas.

Peter Eecen – JP Wind Coordinator

Introducing Julien Balsen

I was born in the South of France, in Marseille, but my family comes from all over: I have a Scandinavian name, Italian descendants and a great passion for Europe! I have a degree in Political Science, specialising in territorial policies and sustainable development. I started my career at the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region by taking an early interest in environmental issues. Convinced that these challenges could only be tackled on a European scale, I decided in 2015 to join the regional office in Brussels. After 5 years defending regional interests, in particular on research and innovation, I decided to breathe new life into my professional future and join EERA JP Wind to work more closely with wind energy stakeholders, in which I strongly believe to achieve the challenges and climate objectives. You can see more of me on [my LinkedIn profile](#) (don't hesitate to add me). Living in Antwerp (not far from the port where I can admire the wind turbines) I am passionate about athletics (I'm a sprinter), which I practice 5 times a week, as well as about detective novels, which I read by the dozen. I am sure that we will all work well together in a very positive and good atmosphere. You can reach me by email (j.balsen@eera-set.eu) or by phone (+32486717349)

I look forward to meeting you!

Julien Balsen – JP Wind Operations &
Communication Manager

SUPPEERA Workshop on Wind Energy and Energy Systems Integration

April 20, Delft & online

EERA, through the strategic **SUPEERA project**, supports the implementation of the SET Plan, integrating it at the same time into the broader context of the Clean Energy Transition.

The project foresees several activities to facilitate the innovation and uptake by the industry. One of adopted approaches has been an **analysis of the energy measures in the 27 National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)** aiming at reaching Member States' and EU's 2030 climate targets. This analysis resulted eventually in the identification of six common pathways (Wind energy, Energy System integration, Bioenergy, Energy storage, Hydrogen and Solar Power).

These common pathways will provide the basis for the recommendations on R&I priorities in support to the Clean Energy Transition goals across Europe and will serve as an input to improve cooperation between research and industry. Moreover, and in addition to long-term strategies and policies, the European energy research community is called to react swiftly to unprecedented (geo)political settings in which energy priorities have been laid down in the recently published REPowerEU Communication.

In this framework, SUPEERA is organising six

knowledge-generating workshops to discuss how can R&I and industry get closer to accelerate innovation and uptake of new technologies in the selected pathways.

Following a series of introductory webinars, the first workshop will take place in The Netherlands and it will discuss research-industry cooperation practices and opportunities to accelerate innovation in the wind energy and energy system integration sectors. The purpose is to bring forward successful Dutch implementation examples of the two selected pathways, and to explore their replication potential towards other regions/countries with similar priorities which would eventually trigger investments in low-carbon technologies.

A special section will be dedicated to the role of R&I in answering to the current energy crisis.

The event will be in hybrid format but will take place in Delft, in The Netherlands.

The registration and the information are available [here](#)

Provisional Agenda

- **Welcome** and objectives of the workshop
- **Background** - Presentation of two pathways:
Wind & Energy System Integration
 - **Collaboration between research and industry: best practices, barriers and replicability potential**
 - The SET Plan as a tool for EU-wide collaboration on R&I priorities of low-

carbon technologies – EERA

- Identification of best practices and barriers from EERA representatives and members (JP Wind and ESI)
- Identification of best practices and barriers from relevant Dutch stakeholders (industry, SMEs, researchers, etc.)

- **Panel discussion and Q&A**

- **Coffee break**
 - **Cross-sectorial dialogue for system solutions towards the CET objectives**
 - EERA presentation on main takeaways on cross-sectorial topics
 - Examples from technological cross-cutting issues (structures, material and components etc.)
 - Examples from non-technological cross-cutting issues (social, environmental and economic issues, policies, regulations and standards)

- **Panel discussion and Q&A**

- **Conclusions**

- **Lunch break**

Registrations are open at this [link](#). In case of further questions or information needed, please do not hesitate to contact i.matejak@eera-set.eu or s.pantelis@eera-set.eu

EERA EU Energy Policy Review: Impact on Renewable Energy

On 25 March, JP Wind organised the second webinar to update EERA's research community about selected EU policy dossiers and their impact on renewable energies. The workshop was organised in close collaboration with the EERA Secretariat.

The webinar covered several items, from an introduction to REPowerEU to an update on the EU taxonomy and the Renewable Energy Directive (RED III). It also made a point on Offshore renewable energy, the Gas Package and the revised EU Batteries Regulation. Each thematic topic made a particular reference to the current geopolitical situation following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Read more about the event and access the presentations and recordings [here](#). It provides a quick overview of recent policy developments followed by interesting discussions on the impact to renewables implementation and its research.

SetWind Final Event on the 10/03

The final SETWind event was held online on the 10th of March. You can find the video of the event on the Youtube Channel: [SETWind project - YouTube](#). For all others documents related to the project, you can find it on [Zenodo](#)

Upcoming events

April 28 : [Workshop on on Planning & Deployment, social, environmental and economic issues \(SP8\)](#)

May 25: [Workshop on Offshore grids \(SP5, SP6\)](#)

June 01-03 : [TORQUE 2022 Conference](#) -

Registrations

June 17 : EU Policy Workshop

June 22 : Workshops on Rotorblades (SP7)

September 19-23 : JP Wind Innovation Forum



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