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In focus

Clean energy technologies

Most of the clean energy technologies that will help EU reach its decarbonisation targets by 2050 need to be scaled up significantly in the coming years. What opportunities and challenges lie ahead?

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News

REPowerEU - 2 years on

To mark the 2-year anniversary of the REPowerEU Plan, a web-based report takes stock of the progress made since its adoption.

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Guidance and recommendations to accelerate renewable energy roll-out ahead of REPowerEU anniversary

Almost two years since the adoption of the REPowerEU Plan, the Commission is providing additional support to Member States to further accelerate the deployment of renewable energy and reduce Russian fossil fuel imports.

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Call launched for energy infrastructure projects worth €850 million

The call is open until 22 October 2024 to projects included on the recently approved list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs) - the first list adopted under the revised TEN-E Regulation.

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European Hydrogen Bank auction provides €720 million for renewable hydrogen production in Europe

The 7 selected projects were the winners of an oversubscribed auction which attracted 132 bids in total. Together, the winning bidders plan to produce 1.58 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen over ten years, avoiding more than 10 million tonnes of CO2 emissions.



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Readout of the meeting between Commissioner Kadri Simson and Ukraine's Minister of Energy German Galushchenko

During an official visit to Kyiv on 6 May, Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson discussed with Ukraine's Energy Minister German Galushchenko their cooperation to strengthen the resilience of the Ukrainian energy system and preparations for the next heating season.



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Commission holds exploratory energy transition talks with Saudi Arabia

European Commissioner, Kadri Simson, and HRH the Minister of Energy of Saudi Arabia, Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, held bilateral meetings in the margins of the World Economic Forum in Riyadh. They discussed energy and clean tech cooperation to strengthen bilateral ties and advance the goals of the Paris Agreement and of the UAE Consensus reached at COP28 last year.



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Commission publishes new Recommendations on draft National Energy and Climate Plans from Bulgaria and Poland

The Commission published on 26 April its assessments of the draft updated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) of Bulgaria and Poland, with recommendations on where these 2 countries should raise their ambitions in line with the agreed EU targets for 2030.



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UN-convened Panel on critical energy transition minerals launches to develop common principles on building trust and mutual benefits

Co-chaired by Ditte Juul Jørgensen, European Commission Director-General for Energy, and Ambassador Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko of South Africa, the panel will guide governments and other stakeholders active in the extractive industries, by addressing issues relating to equity, transparency, investment, sustainability and human rights.



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Energy Smart Appliances: launch of an EU Code of Conduct for interoperability

First 10 manufacturers commit to the EU Code of Conduct which aims to ensure interoperability of home appliances. This would contribute to a greater demand-side flexibility of households and help achieve a more stable and optimised power grid.



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Commission launches the European Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition to accelerate private investment in energy efficiency

This new initiative brings together EU countries, Financial Institutions and the Commission, at the highest-level, to create a long-term, viable funding framework for energy efficiency investments.



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New ecodesign rules for local space heaters

The Commission has adopted new EU rules to reduce the energy consumption and facilitate repair of local space heaters (both electric and those fuelled with gaseous or liquid fuels), such as electric radiators, towel rails, infra-red radiant heaters, electric underfloor heaters and gas stoves.



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Recommendation on clinical audits of medical radiological practices

The Commission adopted on 18 April a Recommendation on clinical audits of medical radiological practices that will help to deliver safe and high-quality diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures to patients in the EU.



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EU Building Stock Observatory gets a major upgrade

The EU Building Stock Observatory (BSO) has undergone its most substantial upgrade since its inception in 2016, with the new version launched by the Commission. It offers an improved user interface and better data availability.



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LIFE Calls for proposals 2024 open with €571 million funding

As the EU's flagship initiative for funding environmental and climate actions, LIFE supports innovative, impactful projects with demonstrable impacts and best practices which can be replicated and scaled up elsewhere in Europe.



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Electricity and gas: EU prices decrease after 2022 surge

Electricity and gas bills decreased in the second half of 2023, after the increase which started before the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and skyrocketed through 2022.



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Energy fact of the month

Deployment of renewables 2 years after REPowerEU

Since 2022, the EU have sped up its deployment of renewables and improved its gas energy security aiming to phase out Russian gas. More than 130 GW of new renewable energy has been deployed, which corresponds to gas savings of 24 billion cubic meters.



Speeches by Commissioner Simson

Speech at the high-level stakeholders event on the second anniversary of the REPowerEU Plan (14 May 2024)

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Opening remarks at 'The EU blueprint for fusion energy' event (23 April 2024)

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Coming up!

New video on the European Hydrogen Bank

The European Hydrogen Bank is the first financial instrument entirely dedicated to accelerating the development of a hydrogen value chain in Europe. Want to find out more? Our new video will be out next week!



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Upcoming events

Equality Platform meeting: How to support women to become sustainable energy entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs



date

16/05/2024



venue

Florence (Italy)

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39th European Electricity Regulatory Forum



date

27/05/2024 - 28/05/2024



venue

Florence (Italy)

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European Sustainable Energy Week 2024





date

11/06/2024 - 13/06/2024



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Brussels (Belgium) and online

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ACER and European Commission workshop: REMIT II implementation



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11/06/2024



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Online

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10th Energy Infrastructure Forum





date

27/06/2024 - 28/06/2024

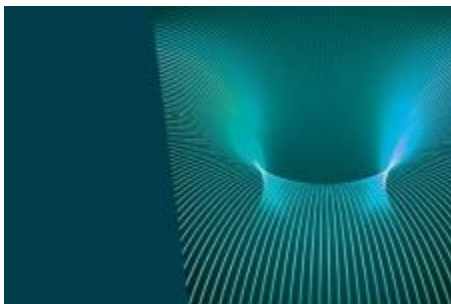


venue

Copenhagen (Denmark)

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EU Fusion Business Forum



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03/07/2024 - 04/07/2024



venue

Berlin (Germany)

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Annual Political Dialogue – Initiative for coal regions in transition



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27/06/2023 - 28/06/2023



venue

Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic)



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Ecodesign and energy labelling requirements for computers – review



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