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## DG Energy News



In focus

### Batteries - a key enabler of a low-carbon economy

The variable nature of renewable energy resources means that storing energy is the next big challenge in the fight against climate change. As the fastest growing storage technology, batteries have steadily been at the forefront to solve this issue.

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## Top stories

### **CEF agreement to fund greener, more sustainable transport and energy networks, and digitalisation**

The new agreement outlines the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) proposal, worth €33.7 billion, as part of the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027.

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### **New EU energy labels applicable from 1 March 2021**

To help EU consumers cut their energy bills and carbon footprint, a brand new version of the widely-recognised EU energy label will be applicable in all shops and online retailers from Monday, 1 March 2021.

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### **3rd TEN-E meeting cross-regional groups on gas**



Date

15/03/2021 - 16/03/2021





Venue

Online

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## **Methane workshop: Leak detection and repair in the oil and gas sectors**

	Date	16/03/2021 - 16/03/2021
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## **Methane workshop: Venting and flaring in the oil and gas sectors**

	Date	17/03/2021 - 17/03/2021
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Calls for tender and consultations

## **Consultation on the list of candidate for the 5th Projects of Common Interest in electricity and gas infrastructure**

	Deadline	08/04/2021
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## Climate change – new rules to prevent methane leakage in the energy sector



Deadline

30/04/2021

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### New energy quiz

Remember our 5 video clips addressing various energy related themes? A new energy quiz (and the key) has been added to the collection, available in all official EU languages except Gaelic and Maltese.

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