

EERA Day in Spain

AGENDA

“The Potential of Research and Development Collaboration to Achieve the Energy Transition”

Date: 30 October 2024

Time: 9:30 – 14:00 CET, followed by a networking lunch

Location: [Auditorium, CIEMAT, Complutense Avenue 40, 28040 Madrid, Spain](#) and online

1. Concept overview

The European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) is a membership-based, non-profit association, **representing the largest low-carbon energy research community in Europe** and playing a pivotal role in the European Union's Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan). Founded in 2008 by leading research institutes, its aim is to expand and optimise EU energy research capabilities. Today, it **brings together over 250 organisations from 32 countries**. EERA coordinates its activities through 18 Joint Programmes, offering world-leading scientific expertise in three main areas: **low-carbon technologies, materials, and systems**.

These 18 programmes are aligned with the SET Plan, which implies **a harmonisation of the strategic objectives** of both initiatives with the European Green Deal and the related Industrial Plan, particularly the Net-Zero Industry Act and the REPowerEU Plan.

Spain actively participates in 17 of the 18 Joint Programmes, represented by over 30 organisations, including universities and public and private research and development (R&D) centres.

This event is organised to:

- **Highlight and disseminate Spanish participation in EERA** and analyse the added value of this participation in different thematic areas.
- Identify and establish **coordination mechanisms among the different working groups of EERA**, seeking synergies and more cross-cutting actions.
- Encourage the **addition of new partners** and involve Spanish technological platforms to access the industrial and business sectors.

Event invitees: Members of EERA, Ministry of Ecological Transition, Ministry of Science and Innovation, ALINNE Executive Committee, Spanish Energy Technological Platforms.



2. Agenda overview

Time	Title	Speakers
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome	<p>Henk-Jan Vink Managing Director, TNO and President, EERA</p> <p>Yolanda Benito Director-General, CIEMAT and ExCo Member (Spain), EERA</p> <p>Luis Pedrosa Director of Energy, Climate, and Urban Transition Strategy, TECNALIA and ExCo Member (Spain), EERA</p>
10:00 - 10:45	European and Spanish Strategies in Energy Matters	<p>Mercedes Ballesteros (Moderator) Director of the Energy Department, CIEMAT</p> <p><u>EERA</u> Adel El Gammal Secretary General, EERA</p> <p><u>SET Plan</u> Cristina Trueba Spanish Representative in the SET Plan, General Secretariat of Innovation, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities</p> <p><u>PNIEC: Strategic Energy and Climate Plan (general and Pillar 5)</u> Lucia Blanco Deputy Deputy Director of Energy Foresight and Statistics, Ministry for the Ecological Transition</p> <p><u>State Plan for R&D&I</u> Amaya Ezcurra Area Chief, Deputy Directorate General for Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation, Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities</p>
10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break		

<p>11:15 – 12:00</p>	<p>Roundtable I: Added Value of Spanish Participation in EERA Joint Programmes</p>	<p>Luis Pedrosa (Moderator) Director of Energy, Climate, and Urban Transition Strategy, TECNALIA and ExCo Member (Spain), EERA</p> <p>Lorenzo Malerba Researcher, CIEMAT and Joint Programme Coordinator of Nuclear Materials, EERA</p> <p>Jose Luis Villate Renewable Energy and Thermal Efficiency Director, TECNALIA and Co-Leader of Joint Programme Ocean Energy, EERA</p> <p>Marcelo E. Domine Senior Scientist, CSIC, and Participant in the Joint Programme Bioenergy and Leader of Sub-Programme 3: Biochemical Platform, EERA</p> <p>Jose Luis Domínguez Head of Power Systems Group, IREC and Participant in the Joint Programme Wind, EERA</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>Roundtable II: Opportunities for Financing Energy R&D Projects</p>	<p>María Luisa Castaño (Moderator) Advisor to the Director-General, CIEMAT</p> <p>Philippe Schild Senior Expert, Clean Energy Transitions, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Luisa Revilla National Delegate for Energy, Cluster 5: Horizon Europe, CDTI Innovación</p> <p>Carlos Alberto Fernández Head of Policy, Strategy & Planning Department, IDAE</p> <p>Paloma Calzas Head of Industrial Technology Department, CDTI-Innovacion</p>



		<p>Lourdes Armesto Head of the Scientific and Technical Coordination and Evaluation Division, Spanish State Research Agency (AEI)</p>
13:00-13:45	Roundtable III: Alliances for the Energy Transition in Spain	<p>Nieves Vela (Moderator) Head of the Renewable Energy Division, CIEMAT</p> <p><u>Recovery, Transformation, and Resilience Plan: Complementary Plans - Renewable Energy and Hydrogen</u></p> <p>Fernando Escobar Chief of Staff, General Secretariat for Research, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities</p> <p><u>Mission Innovation - Spanish Participation</u></p> <p>Ignacio Garcia Fenoll Deputy Director of Innovation Policies, General Secretariat of Innovation, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities</p> <p><u>ALINNE Alliance</u></p> <p>María Luisa Castaño Advisor to the Director-General, CIEMAT</p> <p><u>Energy Technology Platforms</u></p> <p>Marian Ferre Head of the Thematic Scientific-Technical Programmes Subdivision, Spanish State Research Agency (AEI)</p>
13:45 - 14:00	Summary and Actions	
<p>14:00 Networking lunch</p>		