

EERA Day in Norway

AGENDA

“Collaborative R&I as a driver for Norway’s energy transition in a rapidly changing world”

Date: 20 March 2025

Time: 9:00 – 15:00 CET, followed by a networking coffee

Location: [Research Council of Norway](#), Oslo, Norway

Time	Title	Speakers
9:00 – 9:30	Registration and coffee	
9:30 – 9:35	Opening	<u>Chair of the event</u> Camilla Stoltenberg CEO, NORCE
9:35 – 10:15	Welcome	
9:35 – 9:45	The role of research in shaping Europe’s energy future	Mari Sundli Tveit Chief Executive, The Research Council of Norway
9:45-9:55	Proactive agenda setting: Leveraging EERA to shape low-carbon energy research in Europe – A key opportunity for Norway	Henk-Jan Vink Managing Director, TNO and President, EERA
9:55 – 10:05		Nils Røkke Vice President, EERA and Executive Vice President Sustainability, SINTEF
10:05 – 10:15		Margareth Hagen Rector, University of Bergen and representing UiB ExCo member, EERA
10:15 – 10:50	High-level context on low-carbon energy in Norway and Europe	<u>Moderator</u> Camilla Stoltenberg CEO, NORCE
10:15 – 10:30	The role of European low-carbon energy research in a highly polarised world	Adel El Gammal Secretary General, EERA



10:30 - 10:40	Low-carbon energy policy in Norway and its role in Europe	Kristin Myskja Head of Climate, Industry and Technology Department, Ministry of Energy
10:40 - 10:50	Norway as a player in Horizon Europe on low-carbon energy research and innovation	Benedicte Løseth Executive Director - Research System and Internationalisation, The Research Council of Norway
10:50 - 11:10 Coffee Break		
11:10 - 12:00	Panel discussion I: Strengthening the alignment of national and European strategies/funding opportunities	<u>Moderator</u> Petter Støa Vice President Research, SINTEF
<p><i>Norway is committed to advancing low-carbon energy solutions, with national priorities focused on renewable energy, carbon capture and storage (CCS), hydrogen, and energy efficiency among others. These priorities are designed to support the country's transition to a sustainable energy system while ensuring energy security and industrial competitiveness.</i></p> <p><i>However, aligning Norwegian efforts with European strategies and policies is crucial to maximising impact, securing funding, and fostering cross-border collaboration.</i></p> <p><i>Strengthening this alignment ensures that Norwegian research and innovation remain at the forefront of European low-carbon energy developments.</i></p> <p><i>How can Norway better integrate its national priorities with EU energy and research policies? What are the main challenges in aligning national and European funding mechanisms, and how can they be addressed? How can Norwegian stakeholders leverage EU programmes such as Horizon Europe/FP10?</i></p>		<p>Rune Volla Director Department for Energy Research, The Research Council of Norway</p> <p>Ivan Matejak Director SET Plan & Strategic Programming, EERA</p> <p>Ingeborg Palm Helland NINA and The Portfolio Board for Energy and Transport</p> <p>Lene Mostue Energi 2050</p> <p>Tim Genge EU Advisor - National Contact Point, Innovation Norway</p>
12:00 - 13:00 Networking Lunch		
13:00 - 13:50	Panel discussion II: The added value of Norwegian Participation in EERA Joint Programmes	<u>Moderator</u> Kristin Margrethe Flornes Executive Vice President Energy & Technology, NORCE
<p><i>EERA operates 18 Joint Programmes (JPs) serving to organise the work within EERA through specific topics. The JPs allow the EERA members to coordinate their activities, define a common research agenda as well as a joint message on a specific thematic at EU level. They also</i></p>		<p>Marie Bysveen EERA JP CCS, Coordinator, SINTEF</p> <p>Peter Breuhaus EERA JP ESI, SP Coordinator, NORCE</p>

<p><i>represent a great collaborative space to build up a network in the given topic and to work together towards building joint initiatives.</i></p> <p><i>Panel II will show the value for Norwegian researchers to actively engage in EERA JPs as well as specific examples on concrete cases showing full potential. The panel will further reflect on the added/differential value that Norway can bring to the EERA JPs and outline the key issues and opportunities for their sustainable future. What is the most valuable return/benefit for the Norwegian research community from actively engaging in EERA JPs? How can the JPs work be linked to national priorities and the future framework programme (FP10)? What will the JPs look like in the future?</i></p>		<p>Inga Berre EERA JP Geothermal, Member, UiB</p> <p>Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug EERA JP Hydropower, Coordinator, NTNU</p> <p>Kristina Haaskjold EERA JP e3s / JP ESI, Member, IFE</p>
<p>13:50 – 14:05 Coffee Break</p>		
<p>14:05 – 14:50</p>	<p>Panel discussion III: Connecting Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research with EERA and the next framework programme</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u> Adel El Gammal Secretary General, EERA</p>
<p><i>Norway has 13 Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research (FME) conducting long-term research on low-carbon energy. Innovation and value creation are at the core and international cooperation is a paramount component. These centres have become unique and crucial instruments to harness the quadruple helix model, ensuring that the very-much-needed collaboration between scientists, industry, public authorities and society materialises.</i></p> <p><i>Inspired by such model, Norway has pushed the idea of close collaboration between excellent national research groups to respond to the societal challenges. Such a need has become even more explicit recently as pointed out in reports by Draghi, Letta and Heitor.</i></p> <p><i>Several EERA Joint Programmes (JP Wind, JP CCS, JPe3s) have become pioneers in pursuing this type of collaboration (the so-called Centres of Excellence). What are the benefits and challenges of ECoE? How should this be taken forward in the next framework programme? Which role can Norwegian FMEs play in this process?</i></p>		<p>Fionn Iversen FME HyValue, NORCE</p> <p>Konstanze Kölle FME NorthWind, SINTEF</p> <p>Hanne Flåten Andersen FME Battery, IFE</p> <p>William Christensen Ministry of Energy</p>
<p>14:50 – 15:00</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Camilla Stoltenberg CEO, NORCE</p>
<p>Coffee</p>		