



EERA French National Day

8/12/2025, start at 10h30

Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Espace
Amphithéâtre Stourdzé - 1 rue Descartes – 75005 Paris

Programme

10h30 - 10h45: Opening words

- Welcoming words (Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Space)
- Introductory words by Leen Govaerts (Director Water and Energy Transition - VITO, Vice-President EERA) and Benjamin Herzhaft (Deputy General Director – IFPEN, French EERA-ExCo member)

Morning session moderation - Bertrand Bouchet (Deputy Director for European Affairs - CEA)

10h45-11h: Overview of the Commission – RTD policy – Davide Amato (Deputy Head of Unit DG RTD – Clean Energy Transitions)

11h – 11h30: The French energy and ecological transition, what is at stake? - Violaine Tarizzo (Advisor to the Energy Director - General directorate for energy and Climate)

- A general overview of the French energy policy, its objectives in terms of transition and the major instruments (multi-annual energy program, low carbon national strategy, ...) put in place.
- The articulation of the national perspectives with the European objectives (Green Deal, Competitiveness Fund, Clean Industrial Deal, ...)

11h30 – 12h30: A national energy research ecosystem rising the challenge of the ecological transition

- Overview of the French energy research policy and the key stakeholders - General Directorate for Innovation and Research - Frédéric Ravel (Head of the Energy, Sustainable Development, Chemistry and Processes Department – General Directorate for Research and Innovation)
- France 2030: the French support instrument for research and innovation – focus on SNA and PEPR - General Directorate for Innovation and Research - Thomas Jeannin (Energy Advisor – General Secretary for Investment)
- Presentation of the Low-carbon program agency – Alexandre Legris (Head of the Low-carbon program agency)
- The view of the funding agencies – Thibault Cantat (Deputy Director General for Science - National research agency) – David Marchal (Executive Director for Expertise and Programs – ADEME)

12h30 - 13h30: Networking Lunch

Afternoon session moderation – Fabrice Lemoine (Vice-president for European Strategy - Université de Lorraine / CNRS)

13h30 – 13h45: Testimony of Silvia Lasala, researcher at Université de Lorraine and ERC grantee

13h45 – 14h05: Presentation of EERA - Adel El Gammal (Secretary General – EERA)

- The missions and ambitions of EERA
- Actions of EERA (technical, positions, advocacy, ...)

14h05 – 14h35: Presentation of EERA Joint Programmes



- Energy Systems Integration - Laurens de Vries (Joint Programme Coordinator – TU Delft)
- Wind – Stephan Barth (Joint Programme Coordinator - ForWind)

➔ Highlighting a holistic perspective of the energy transition and a programmatic approach towards R&I for sustainable competitiveness.

14h35 – 14h45: Q&A

14h45 – 16h: Round table - Positioning major national energy research priorities within the broader European agenda

France and the EU share a wide consensus regarding the new technologies that need to be developed to support the decarbonisation of the economy, whilst ensuring energy security and industrial sovereignty.

This common vision translates into a high level of participation by the French energy and ecological transition research ecosystem in European research funding schemes (Horizon Europe, CETP, EURATOM,...). France is also a major contributor to the SET Plan objectives, which aim at shaping integrated European research priorities in the field of low-carbon energy.

Nevertheless, some limits may arise, due for instance to fragmentation of funding instruments (Horizon Europe, ANR, regional funds, France 2030) which create administrative complexity and lead, in the worst case, to incompatibilities.

The participants to the round table will be requested to share their thoughts on what should be done to improve coordination between European and national roadmaps, align funding priorities, promote cross-border cooperations, ...

- Moderation by Fabrice Lemoine, Davide Amato (DG RTD Dep. HoU Clean energy transitions), Leen Govaerts (Vice President EERA - VITO), Antonio Pires Da Cruz (coordinator PEPR SPLEEN - IFPEN), Abdelilah Slaoui (Head of the energy unit - CNRS), Muriel Thibaut (General Directorate for Research and Innovation)

16h – 16h15: Conclusion – Adel El Gammal (Secretary General - EERA) and Benjamin Herzhaft (Deputy General Director – IFPEN, French EERA-ExCo member)