

From science to market – Implementing the Clean Industrial Deal for a competitive, low-carbon Europe

3 December 2025 | 9:30 – 16:30 CEST

TownHall Europe, Brussels & Online

Master of ceremonies: Anna Gumbau

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| 9:30 | Registration & welcome coffee |
| 10:00 | Welcoming remarks
<i>Henk-Jan Vink</i> – President, EERA |
| 10:10 | Keynote speech
<i>Philippe Lamberts</i> – Advisor to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Directorate-General IDEA |
| 10:30 | Fireside chat
<i>Thomas Pellerin-Carlin</i> – Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) |
| 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:20 | Performance <i>Here comes the sun</i>
<i>Joshua Steib</i> |
| 11:30 | Innovation hubs: the role of R&I in boosting EU competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of EERA position paper “From lab to leadership: bridging Europe’s research-to-impact gap”
<i>Ivan Matejak</i> – SET Plan & Strategic Programming Director, EERA• Panel discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>Davide Amato</i> – Deputy Head of Unit, Clean Energy Transitions, DG RTD, European Commission◦ <i>Maurits Ornstein</i> – Managing Director, Hitachi Energy◦ <i>Henry Jeffrey</i> – Head of Policy and Innovation Group, The University of Edinburgh and EERA Joint Programme Coordinator Ocean Energy◦ <i>Pietro Bernarda</i> – Director of European Projects, EDF |

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Lunch

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AI for energy and energy for AI: how do we bridge the gap between ambition and feasibility?

- **Presentation of EERA position paper “Unlocking the power of AI in Europe’s energy systems”**

Julio Serrano – Applied AI Scholar, University of Vaasa

- **Panel discussion**

- *Vincent Berrutto* – Head of Unit, Digitalisation, Competitiveness, Research and Innovation, DG ENER, European Commission
- *Norela Constantinescu* – Deputy Director, Innovation and Technology Centre (IITC), IRENA
- *Volker Hoffmann* – Research Scientist, SINTEF and EERA member
- *Julio Serrano* – Applied AI Scholar, University of Vaasa

14:40

Coffee break

15:00

Strengthening Europe’s energy resilience and preparedness

- **Presentation of EERA position paper “Resilience and preparedness in Europe’s energy transition: the role of low-carbon energy R&I”**

Rosita Zilli – Policy Director, EERA

- **Panel discussion**

- *Ruud Kempener* – Policy Officer, Renewables and Energy System Integration Policy, DG ENER, European Commission
- *Bernard De Clercq* – Group Head of EU Affairs, Elia
- *Heather Grabbe* – Senior fellow, Bruegel
- *Nils Røkke* – Executive Vice President Sustainability, SINTEF and EERA Vice President

16:10

Closing

Adel El Gammal – Secretary General, EERA