

# EERA High-Level Policy Conference

## CONCEPT & DRAFT AGENDA

### “Repowering Europe for a sustainable EU strategic autonomy Presenting an R&I agenda for REPowerEU”

**Date:** 19 October 2022

**Time:** 9:00 – 13:00 CEST, followed by a networking lunch

**Format:** In-person event with broadcasting

**Location:** Brussels, [Townhall Europe](#)

### Concept overview

The current converging geopolitical, economic, and climate crises are impacting every aspect of our lives. The way we tackle them now will have far-reaching implications for the years to come. In this context, the European Commission’s REPowerEU Plan was designed to support the difficult task of aligning energy policy efforts along these fields in a coherent and effective manner.

Research has a pivotal role to play in this endeavour and EERA, through the REPowerEU Manifesto, shows that its community of researchers is best placed to address both short-term emergencies and long-term constraints, provided Europe is able to create the space and the adequate conditions for this to happen.

As an introduction to feed the discussions that will follow, EERA will officially launch its REPowerEU Manifesto containing the European clean energy research community’s response to the REPowerEU Plan.

#### **Panel discussion 1: Creating the conditions for societal implementation of REPowerEU**

Recognising the societal nature of the challenges ahead of us, the first panel will discuss how to go about the non-technological barriers to be overcome for a successful implementation of the REPowerEU Plan.

The debate will revolve around gearing up the policy, regulatory and socio-economic environment to make the shift. It will touch upon the necessary behavioural changes to mould demand reduction, the skills in demand to support the clean energy transition, as well as the new market models needed to sustain the transition.

The speakers will also reflect on how the different short-, medium- and long-term priorities put forward in the REPowerEU Plan intertwine with one another in view of addressing them from a systemic perspective.

### **Panel discussion 2: Implementation knowledge: the missing link for making possible REPowerEU objectives**

The second panel will reflect on the more technical aspects of the REPowerEU Plan. Hands-on experiences featured in the discussion will show how knowledge implementation should become a key tool in informing the policymaking process. Moreover, they will highlight the critical value of boosting collaboration between researchers, policymakers and industry to accelerate the transition toward a more sustainable, energy secure and autonomous EU. More concretely, specific opportunities for improvement will be addressed, e.g., the place of heating and cooling, energy storage, infrastructure development and supply chain in making possible the REPowerEU Plan.

The panel will also be the occasion to present the European Centre of Excellence concept, product of an extensive co-creation process carried out by the EERA community and designed to be a privileged instrument to boost research collaboration at the EU level on critical aspects of the clean energy transition.

## **Draft agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcoming remarks	<b>Nils Røkke</b> President, EERA
9:10 – 9:50	Keynote speech 1	<b>EC Representative, TBC</b>
	Keynote speech 2	<b>Diana Ürge-Vorsatz</b> Vice Chair, IPCC's Working Group III <i>(invited)</i>



9:50 – 10:10	<b>EERA REPowerEU Manifesto:</b> The European energy research community's response to the REPowerEU Plan	<b>Adel El Gammal</b> Secretary General, EERA
10:10 – 11:20	<p><b>Panel discussion 1</b> Creating the conditions for societal implementation of REPowerEU</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>EERA Executive Committee Member</b> (<i>tbd</i>)</p>	<p><b>Paula Pinho</b> Director, Directorate for Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, DG ENER, European Commission (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p><b>Tinne Van der Straeten</b> Minister, Ministry of Energy, Belgian Federal Government (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p><b>Tiina Koljonen</b> Board Member, Joint Programme Economic, Environmental and Social Impacts of the Energy Transition (e3s), EERA</p> <p><b>Dorthe Nielsen</b> Executive Director, EuroCities (<i>invited</i>)</p>
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee break	
	<b>Panel discussion 2</b> Implementation knowledge: the missing link for making possible REPowerEU objectives	

11:40 – 12:50	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Nils Rørkke - President, EERA</i></p>	<p><b>Rosalinde van der Vlies</b> Director, Clean Planet, DG RTD, European Commission <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p><b>Hans-Günther Schwarz</b> Strategic Programme Coordinator, Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology <i>(invited)</i></p> <p><b>Adel El Gammal</b> Secretary General, EERA</p> <p><b>Diego Pavia</b> Chief Executive Officer, KIC InnoEnergy <i>(invited)</i></p>
12:50 – 13:00	Concluding remarks	<p><b>Nils Rørkke</b> President, EERA</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Networking lunch</p> <p><i>Following the conference, EERA is pleased to invite the attendants to a walking lunch where they will have the opportunity to exchange their perspectives on the topic addressed and identify potential opportunities for collaboration.</i></p>	