



HIGH LEVEL EVENT **S3P ENERGY**

Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy

**Promoting clean energy through innovation in regions:
the role of Smart Specialisation**

State of play and reflections for the future

25 January 2018 – Berlaymont, Brussels

Draft agenda

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Background

In May 2015, the “**Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy**” (S3PEnergy) was launched with the aim to support the implementation of the Smart Specialisation Strategies of those regions/Member States that have chosen energy-related priorities, and to assist them to use Cohesion Policy funding more effectively. The project has been centred in providing expertise and methodological support to all the agents engaged in energy and innovation, and in promoting mutual transnational learning activities. One of its more tangible results is the creation of five interregional partnerships for smart specialisation, with the participation of more than 60 regions or Member States.

The **High Level Event** of the Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy is organised with a twofold objective: to showcase the results achieved so far and also to discuss on the most effective ways to keep assisting regions specialised in the energy domain. Particular focus will be given to the interregional cooperation dynamics in the domains of bioenergy, smart grids, sustainable buildings, marine renewables and solar.

This high level event will take place on **Thursday the 25th of January 2018** in Brussels.

To attend, please fill in this [registration form](#)

Open registration to take part in the S3PEnergy community

FOR MEMBERS OF THE S3 PLATFORM

If your country/region is already a member of the S3 Platform, the contacts already available will automatically become a member of S3PEnergy. Please provide us [here](#) with a second contact as person in charge of **energy policy**.

FOR PEERS/FRIENDS

You are very much welcome to join the S3PEnergy community. We are looking forward to working with you!

HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON SMART SPECIALISATION PLATFORM ON ENERGY

25 January 2018

Berlaymont Building, room Robert Schuman, Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels

09.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 11.15 Welcome and Setting the scene roundtable

Chair: **Vladimir SUCHA**, Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC), European Commission (EC)

Roundtable: Promoting clean energy through innovation in regions: the role of S3

Roundtable's participants (tbc):

- **Markku MARKKULA**, Vice-president of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Ramón Luis VALCARCEL**, Vice President of the European Parliament
- **Dominique RISTORI**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER), EC
- **Marc LEMAITRE**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), EC
- **Robert-Jan SMITS**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), EC

Discussion of cross-cutting themes

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 - 13.00 Keynote speeches: Regional specialisation in energy, challenges and opportunities

Chair: **Charlina VITCHEVA**, Deputy Director-General, DG JRC, EC

- **Aranzta TAPIA**, Regional Minister of Economic Development and Infrastructures, Basque Country
- **Kevin MORGAN**, Professor of Governance and Development, Cardiff University
- **Representative from the private sector** (tbd)

13.00 - 14.15 Lunch break

14.15 - 16.15 EU regions in the energy transition: lessons learnt and opportunities in innovation and interregional cooperation

Chair: **Peter BERKOWITZ**, Head of Unit "Smart and Sustainable Growth", DG Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), EC

Presentation of the activities and results of S3PEnergy

Alessandro RAINOLDI, Head of Unit "Territorial Development", JRC, EC

Efstathios PETEVES, Head of Unit "Knowledge for the Energy Union", JRC, EC

Antonio SORIA RAMIREZ, Head of Unit "Economics of Climate Change, Energy and Transport", JRC, EC

Roundtable and discussion with the S3 Energy Partnerships

Roundtable's participants:

- Representative of the **Marine Renewable Energy Partnership**
- Representative of the **Bioenergy Partnership**
- Representative of the **Smart Grids Partnership**
- Representative of the **Sustainable Buildings Partnership**
- Representative of the **Solar Energy Partnership**

Discussion of cross-cutting themes

Questions & Answers

16.15 - 17.00 Next steps and conclusions

Chair: **Luis DELGADO**, Acting Director of the JRC-B. "Growth & Innovation" (Seville), DG JRC, EC

- **Rudolf NIESSLER**, Director "Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programmes Implementation IV", DG REGIO, EC
- **Tudor CONSTANTINESCU**, Principal Adviser to the Director General for Energy, EC

17.00 End of the meeting and Networking cocktail