

Responsible Energy Practice Workshop
Friday 15 March 2019
European Economic and Social Committee
Rue de Trèves 74 - Brussels

Rationale of the workshop

As stated in the inception of the recent EESC Opinion on the effects of a new carbon free, decentralised and digitalised energy supply structure on jobs and regional economies, “transforming the energy system towards carbon-free, decentralised and digitalised supply offers enormous opportunities, in particular for structurally weak and rural regions of Europe”. The ENABLE-EU project looks to the same energy transition opportunities from the side of citizens, companies and governments behavioural change perspectives, with the investigation of trends and drivers underpinning energy behaviour across 11 European countries (see the attached project brief for more details).

The workshop is the third of a sequence of workshops the project organises to discuss the future of the energy transition to low carbon economy in Europe with energy policy experts, civil society representatives and citizens. A group of pioneer citizens – early adopters interviewed and selected in the 11 countries case studies on energy presumption, energy efficiency at home, heating and cooling and mobility – has been engaged in the process. They helped to identify from their own everyday life experience promising “responsible energy practices”, where responsible means responding to the need of reducing the waste and consumption of energy in the everyday life, for the benefit of the households themselves, of their neighbourhoods and the planet as a whole.

The aim of the third ENABLE-EU workshop will be now to let these citizens to meet with civil society representatives at EU level, in Brussels, to discuss and elaborate together a roadmap for realising an Energy Union Sustainable Citizens’ Practice Scenario.

Working together, participants will contribute to identify promising everyday life practices of sustainable energy conservation, production or consumption, and possible ways to translate them across Europe.

Agenda

15.03.2019 ENABLE.EU Responsible Energy Practice Workshop	
8.30 – 9.30	Registration & Welcome coffee
9.30 – 10.00	The EESC contribution to the Energy Transition and social impact debate - Welcome of Pierre Jean Coulon (President of the EESC Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society)
10.00 – 10.30	The ENABLE EU Project and the Energy Union Sustainable Citizens' Practice Scenario Carlo Sessa (ISINNOVA)
10.30 – 12.00	First Interactive Session: Sharing the Sustainable Citizens' Practice Scenario Thematic sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Energy production moderated by Elisabeth Schøyen Jensen and Karina Standal (CICERO) ✓ Mobility moderated by Alessandro Silvestri (BC3) ✓ Energy consumption moderated by Daire Mccoy (GRI-LSE) and Mária Bartek-Lesi (REKK)
12.00 – 12.30	Presentation of discussions and results
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 15.00	Second Interactive Session: Building a citizens and civil society roadmap to the energy transition in Europe Thematic sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Energy production moderated by Elisabeth Schøyen Jensen and Karina Standal (CICERO) ✓ Mobility moderated by Alessandro Silvestri (BC3) ✓ Energy consumption moderated by Daire Mccoy (GRI-LSE) and Mária Bartek-Lesi (REKK)
15.00 – 15.30	Presentation of discussions and results
15.30 – 16.00	Conclusions Thomas Carlin-Pellerin (JDI) and Carlo Sessa (ISINNOVA)