

**19<sup>TH</sup> EMA NETWORK MEETING**  
**ENERGY AND MANAGING AUTHORITIES NETWORK OF THE COHESION POLICY**

**FINAL AGENDA**

**Thursday 13 – Friday 14 June 2024**  
**Couvent Van Maerlant, Rue Van Maerlant 18, Brussels**

| <b>Shaping the future European Union Energy sector: grids and innovation</b> |   |
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| <b>Thursday 13 June 2024</b>   |   |
| <b>14:00 – 19:00</b>   |   |
| <b>13:00 – 14:00</b>   | <b><i>Arrival of participants &amp; registration</i></b>  |
| 14:00 – 14:20  | <b>Welcome addresses by Nicola De Michelis, Director DG REGIO and Tudor Constantinescu Principal Adviser DG ENER</b>  |
| <b>Session 1</b>   | <b>Policy developments in Energy and Cohesion Policies<br/>Chaired by Tudor Constantinescu, Principal Adviser, DG ENER</b>  |
| 14:20 – 14:45  | <b>Implementation of Programming period 2021-2027, closing of 2014-20 and mid-term review of programmes and Q&amp;A – Catherine Wendt, DG REGIO</b>   |
| 14:45 – 15:05  | <b>The New Energy Performance of Building Directive – Stefan Moser, DG ENER</b>   |
| 15:05 – 15:25  | <b>Impact Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) on cohesion policy and Q&amp;A – Stefano Lambertucci, DG REGIO</b>   |
| 15:25 – 15:40  | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| <b>15:40 – 16:00</b>   | <b><i>Coffee break</i></b>  |
| 16:00 – 16:15  | <b>Investment needs in distribution grid modernisation and smart grid deployment in light of the Grid Action Plan – Joachim Balke, DG ENER</b>  |
| 16:15 – 16:45  | <b>Experience in programming in using EU Funds to support energy infrastructure.</b><br>Poland: Łukasz Jaworski, Head of the Unit in the Department of European Funds at the Ministry of Climate and Environment<br>Italy: Pia Marconi, Adviser, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Cohesion Policies and the South   |
| 16:45 – 17:45  | <b>Panel discussion: Grids for Europe’s energy transition - Opportunities from EU Funding programmes for smart grids and modernisation of distribution grids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elisa Schenner, EU DSO Entity</li> <li>• Patrick Clerens, European Association of Storage of Energy (EASE)</li> <li>• Dries Acke, Solar Power Europe</li> <li>• Michela Marasco, DG ENER</li> </ul> |
| 17:45 – 17:55  | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| 17:55 – 18:00  | <b>Closing remarks – Tudor Constantinescu, DG ENER</b>  |
| <b>18:00 – 19:00</b>   | <b><i>Drinks and Networking</i></b>   |

**Friday 14 June****09:30 – 15:30**

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| <b>08:30 – 09:30</b> | <b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>   |
| <b>Session 2</b>     | <b>Just and local energy transition and technical assistance initiatives<br/>Chaired by Catherine Wendt, Head of Unit, DG REGIO</b>                |
| 09:30 – 09:45        | <b>Just transition and energy poverty</b> – Alejandro Ulzurrun De Asanza Y Munoz, DG ENER  |
| 09:45 – 10:00        | <b>State of play on the JTF</b> – Pawel Olechnowicz, DG REGIO  |
| 10:00 – 10:15        | <b>C4T Groundwork technical assistance</b> – Luis Galiano Bastarrica, DG REGIO   |
| 10:15 – 10:30        | <b>Technical assistance final report on RO, BG, HR for energy efficiency in buildings</b> – Ivan Krofak, WORLD BANK                                |
| 10:30 – 10:45        | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| <b>10:45 – 11:00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>Session 3</b>     | <b>Strengthening EU funds deliverance for programming period 21-27<br/>Chaired by Catherine Wendt, Head of Unit, DG REGIO</b>                      |
| 11:00 – 11:30        | <b>NZIA and Innovation in European regions and how to unlock structural bottlenecks</b> – Vincent Berrutto, DG ENER                                |
| 11:20 – 11:40        | <b>Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP): impact on cohesion policy and reprogramming of the policies</b> – Davide Lombardo, DG BUDG   |
| 11:40 – 12:00        | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| 12:00 – 12:45        | <b>Tour de table</b>   |
| <b>12:45 – 14:00</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>   |
| <b>Session 4</b>     | <b>Upscaling energy investments under the European Green Deal framework<br/>Chaired by Tudor Constantinescu</b>                                    |
| 14:00 – 14:20        | <b>A Member State's perspective on past projects and current implementation</b> – Didier Boreux, Aurélie Billouez and Stefaan Pennewaert - BELGIUM |
| 14:20 – 14:35        | <b>European Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition - cooperating to upscale energy efficiency investments</b> – Carlos Sanchez Rivero, DG ENER      |
| 14:35 – 14:55        | <b>State of play of RRP</b> – Georgiana Capraru Ianus, SG RECOVER  |
| 14:55 – 15:15        | <b>Guidelines on permit-granting procedures for renewable energy</b> – Lukasz Kolinski, DG ENER  |
| 15:15 – 15:25        | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
| 15:25 – 15:30        | <b>AOB &amp; Conclusions</b> – Tudor Constantinescu, DG ENER   |