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## Recently approved project ambitions to become the broadest programme for transnational access to major energy research infrastructures in Europe

*RISEnergy, led by Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and counting with the participation of the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) and several of its member organisations, has been approved by Horizon Europe. The project aims to create a wide European ecosystem to accelerate R&I on clean energy technologies as Europe powers towards reaching its net-zero emissions goals.*

Brussels, July 17, 2023 – Following a competitive Horizon Europe call, the **Research Infrastructure Services for Renewable Energy (RISEnergy) project** has succeeded in the evaluation phase and is now preparing the grant agreement. The initiative, which brings together **69 organisations from 22 countries**, will count on a budget of 14,5 mil € and sets out to achieve more **efficient, competitive and cost-effective energy systems** and devices as well as facilitate and accelerate research at various stages along the value chain, enabling faster time-to-market of individual energy technologies. This will foster broader incorporation of renewables into energy systems.

Within the European Green Deal framework, the RISEnergy project acknowledges the need for further research and innovation to **keep the timeline, accelerate innovation and bring results to market**. Against this background, it strives to initiate a **long-term, coordinated research effort** among leading private companies, funding agencies and research institutions with common expertise in energy technologies to **identify and promote ways to scale them up within the EU**.

The project's three key activities, namely **access to excellent research infrastructure (RI), cross-RI services and proactive innovation management**, will be executed through a **core Renewable Energy RI Ecosystem**, an effort that will be led by the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) in its capacity of Europe's largest energy research community. As a result, RISEnergy intends to create a large community of research infrastructures offering free access to users and become the **broadest programme for Transnational Access (TA) and Virtual Access (VA) ever proposed**. As such, it will provide access to training facilities and educational activities and establish a European **unique entry point with tailor-made access roads** for academics, industry, and SMEs to promote and coordinate international R&I access.

Led by the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), a globally recognised research centre of the Helmholtz Association already successfully leading other pan-European projects, most of the organisations of the RISEnergy consortium have a long-term history of cooperating over the years, notably as members of the EERA community, anticipating promising achievements as a result of this new collaborative endeavour.

RISEnergy is expected to kick off at the beginning of 2024 and will last 54 months.

## About KIT

Being “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association”, KIT creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is the objective to make significant contributions to the global challenges in the fields of energy, mobility, and information. For this, about 9,800 employees cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in natural sciences, engineering sciences, economics, and the humanities and social sciences. KIT prepares its 22,300 students for responsible tasks in society, industry, and science by offering research-based study programs. Innovation efforts at KIT build a bridge between important scientific findings and their application for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural basis of life. KIT is one of the German universities of excellence.

## About the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA)

The European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) is an association of European public research centres and universities active in low-carbon energy research. EERA pursues the mission of catalysing European energy research for a climate-neutral society by 2050. Bringing together more than 250 organisations from 30 countries, EERA is Europe’s largest energy research community. EERA coordinates its research activities through 18 Joint Programmes and is a key player in the European Union’s Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan. For further information, see [www.eera-set.eu](http://www.eera-set.eu).

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