

EERA Weekly EU Policy Update

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1. Institutional agenda

| EU Meetings of the week | | |
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| European Parliament | | |
| 12 June | ITRE Committee | Agenda not available |
| 8 June | ENVI Committee | Agenda not available |
| Council of the EU | | |
| 8 June | Working party on the Environment | Agenda not available |
| 11 June | Joint meeting of the Working Party on Research and the Working Party on Atomic Questions | Agenda not available |



2. News of the week

A detailed explanation of the developments in the energy sector integration – Euractiv

With the energy systems integration strategy currently being an open consultation, Euractiv has compiled a description of the previous developments and the features of the proposed strategy. The strategy envisioned by the EU does not only aim at boosting the uptake of renewable energies, but also at saving energy by increasing the overall efficiency of the sector. The proposed goals should be facilitated by a list of enablers, explained in detail in the policy brief developed by Euractiv.

More info [here](#)

Registrations open for the EU Sustainable Energy Week – European Commission

This year's edition of the EUSEW, one of the main annual events for sustainable energy in Brussels, will be held between the **22 and 26 June** and is going to be completely available online. With the theme: 'Beyond the crisis: clean energy for green recovery and growth', the EUSEW will not only include 3 days of conferences but also awards and the first edition of the European Youth Energy Day. Registrations to the events are open on the [website](#) of the event, where you will be able to find the programme and all the relevant information.

Plans to double InvestEU budget do not include research – Science|Business

With the budget of InvestEU doubling up to €75 billion, under the new plans unveiled by Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni, the share allocated to research is set to remain the same as before, €10 billion. The biggest part of the extra money will be allocated to structural projects targeting critical infrastructures, new technologies to enable the digital and green transitions, and pharmaceutical manufacturing and stockpiling. Commissioner Thierry Breton also stated that those sectors where productivity was hit the most are the one currently more in need of new investments.

More info [here](#)

Emissions from cars sold in the EU increased for the second time in a row in 2018 – European Environmental Agency (EEA)

More petrol-fuelled cars, more SUVs and the low level of market uptake of low-emission vehicles sparked the increase of emissions from cars and vans sold in the EU in 2018. A report from the EEA shows how in 2018, for the second year in a row, the environmental performance of the car sector has worsened rather than improved, although meeting its goal for that year. Based on these levels, the sector must now fill a 27% gap to reach the target posed for 2020. A positive remark is the fact that only one car manufacturer has exceeded its 2018 target, the Italian Automobili Lamborghini, with all the others respecting their goals.

More info [here](#)

New report addresses the reduction of energy sector-related risks in a pandemic – European Commission

The report presents best practices for the management of energy sector risks, illustrating how to deal with a shock similar to the Covid-19 crisis. Outlining both short-term and long-term



challenges, the Commission's experts propose 20 good practices to handle risks connected to business continuity, ensuring energy supply and cross border assistance.

More info [here](#)

3. Other events

| Other Events and Conferences | | | |
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| Organisation | Title | Date and Time | Venue/Location |
| European Commission and Covenant of Mayors - Europe Office | Citizen Finance: people investing in their cities' sustainable future | 9 June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open here | Online |
| European Commission | EU Sustainable Energy Week | 22-23-24-25-26 June 2020, registrations open here | Online |
| Energy Commission, DG ENER | Powering the SET Plan for the European Green Recovery | 26 June 2020, 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open here | Online |
| ETIP SNET | Webinar on "Flexible generation in a low-carbon RES dominated energy system" | 30 June 2020, 15.00 to 16.30, registrations open here | Online |

