

# EERA Weekly EU Policy Update

## EU AGENDA AND NEWS ON EU CLIMATE, ENERGY, R&I POLICY

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### 1. Institutional agenda

EU Meetings of the week		
European Parliament		
16 June	ENVI Committee	Agenda not available
Council of the EU		
15 June	Informal video conference of energy ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>• The European Green Deal</li> <li>• The NECPs</li> <li>• The German presidency will present its work programme in the field of energy</li> </ul>
18 June	Working Party on Energy	Agenda not available
19 June	Video conference of the members of the European Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recovery fund to respond to the COVID-19 crisis</li> <li>• The new EU long term budget</li> </ul>



## 2. News of the week

### **Horizon Europe will be the main beneficiary of Next Generation EU – Science|Business**

Of the €13.5 billion available under the Commission's proposal for a recovery fund, no money will be added to the funding of the European Research Council and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. The total will be divided among four of the Horizon Europe priorities: health; digital, industry and space; climate, energy, and mobility; and the European Innovation Council. Each priority could get 25% of the recovery fund, available only for the first four years of Horizon Europe.

More info [here](#)

### **The 2020 EU R&I Days will be held online – European Commission**

Following the measures taken in the last weeks, the European Commission has decided to host its annual event on research and innovation virtually, from the 22 to the 24 September. Building from its first edition last year, the event will host interactive sessions to highlight the future steps of research and innovation policies in Europe.

More info available [here](#) (There might be issues with the webpage at the moment)

### **Blue energy, a focal point of the EU maritime strategy – European Commission**

Europe is currently the world leader in offshore wind energy, with over 90 % of the world's total installed capacity, but should now aim to expand its exploitation of other renewable maritime energy sources. This is the key finding of the EU Blue Economy Report 2020, analysing ocean and maritime activities. The report not only describes in detail the performance of European offshore wind, but includes considerations and suggestions for the uptake of other technologies, like wave and tidal energy.

More info [here](#)

### **European Council looks to amend aviation emission rules – Euractiv**

European officials have proposed to revise the CORSIA scheme (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation), which would cap the future aviation emissions based on the levels of 2019-2020. Under the scheme, aviation companies would need to compensate emissions in excess with investments in green projects. However, officials have complained that setting the bar too low, given the declined emissions due to the Covid-19 crisis, would unfairly hit the aviation sector by making it invest more than expected.

More info [here](#)

### **Investments in renewables increase, but less than expected – UNEP**

While the amount of added renewable power capacity reached its highest level ever, investment increased by only 1% in 2019 compared to the previous year. The COVID-19 crisis should represent an opportunity for governments to increase the amount of investment considerably, but so far, the response has been tepid. Governments have pledged to invest a



likely cost of around \$1 trillion in non-hydro renewables over the next ten years, but this number amounts to almost half of the \$2.7 trillion invested during the 2010-2019 decade.

The entire report “Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment 2020” available [here](#)

### **To meet the Paris Agreement targets, coal and gas-fired plants will need to shut down earlier than expected – Euractiv**

Although planned with a lifespan of almost 40 years, current emissions levels will require coal and gas-fired plants to stop working very soon. This is the result of a study conducted on climate mitigation. As the researchers show, coal-fired power plants in scenarios consistent with the current international climate targets (i.e., keeping global warming well-below 2°C or 1.5°C) must retire 10 to 30 years earlier than their average usage time.

More info [here](#)

## **3. Other events**

Other Events and Conferences			
Organisation	Title	Date and Time	Venue/Location
SolarPower Europe	<b>Global Solar Market Outlook Launch Conference</b>	16-17-18 June 2020, registrations open <a href="#">here</a>	Online
European Commission	<b>EU Sustainable Energy Week</b>	<b>22-23-24-25-26 June 2020</b> , registrations open <a href="#">here</a>	Online
Energy Commission, DG ENER	<b>Powering the SET Plan for the European Green Recovery</b>	<b>26 June 2020</b> , 10:00 to 11:30, registrations open <a href="#">here</a>	Online
ETIP SNET	<b>Webinar on “Flexible generation in a low-carbon RES dominated energy system”</b>	<b>30 June 2020</b> , 15.00 to 16.30, registrations open <a href="#">here</a>	Online

