



EERA Policy WG meeting

Online Call #4 – 29 April 2021





▶ Agenda

1. Welcome and approval of the minutes of last POL WG meeting (25.03.21)
2. Update on the EERA Brokerage Event
3. Latest policy developments on the EU side
4. AOB

1) Welcome and approval of the minutes



▶ 1) Draft minutes – POL WG 25.03.2021

POL WG meeting MINUTES

Date 25 March 2021
Time 10:00 – 11:15 ~~hrs~~
Location Zoom

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Agenda

Topics discussed
Welcome and approval of minutes
Update on the EERA Strategy Working Group
Tour de table: brief overview of the topics on which POL WG members are currently working on
Latest Policy Developments on the EU side
SUPEERA Project – Way forward on Policy Briefs & Webinar
EERA Brokerage Event
AOB

Links to useful documents

- POL WG meeting PTT

Key Outcomes

Welcome and approval of [minutes](#)

Welcome and approval of January POL WG minutes.

Update on the EERA Strategy Working Group

3 key priorities identified, for each of them we have created 3 Task Forces. Task Force #1 and #2 have been launched this week. Task Force #3 will probably be launched in May. Task Force #1 is linked to the work of POL WG, if you are interested and have time to collaborate, you are more than welcome.

- Task Force is composed by a core group of participants who will join online webinars and by a group of people interested in participating who not necessarily will be present to online meetings. The TF routine implies having online meetings and lots of documents, it could be interesting to share documentations to members of the POL WG to receive input on certain topics.

Tour de table – Overview of topics POL WG members are currently working on

POL WG members provided an overview of the main topics they are currently working on in their respective organizations. If there are any additional information on [this](#) you can contact Rosita Zilli.


- EERA JP SC on New EU Bauhaus: its basic principle is very interesting but for the time being the EC is only targeting the creative sector, leaving behind technology infrastructures organizations. EERA JP SC is trying to see if we can have a more balancing role. If anyone else in EERA is interested, let us know.
- For POL WG members who are in contact with representatives part of different Shadow Committees, it could be interesting if you could share the info you receive with your JP. By doing so, we would be able to know the input coming from each MS on specific topics of our interest. This could create consensus to push actions on certain issues.

Latest policy developments on the EU side

- Horizon Europe Budget and Launch:** Drafts of HEU 2021-2022 Work Programmes published in the EU Transparency Portal. First call for proposal will be launched in Spring 2021 and presented at the EU R&I Days 2021 (23-24 June). Link to Cluster 5 draft WP can be found in the presentation.
- EU Green Deal:** Ongoing discussion on final climate target for 2030.
- EU Strategy on Adaptation to climate change:** Published by EC on 24/02. Pretty much on our focus.
- Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive:** EERA contacted by Ocean Energy Europe for a potential collaboration on this point.
 - Not deemed as a priority by some POL WG members. EERA has limited resources, the work on this point should be done by EERA JP Ocean.
- EC new ERA & ERA Forum for Transition:** List of 14 actions of new ERA, among these 7 are of interest to EERA; List can be found in the presentation. Regarding ERA Forum for Transition, it would be interesting if someone from the POL WG could take part in this forum.


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2) Update on the EERA Brokerage Event



▶ 2.1. – Key elements

▶ Objective

- ▶ Support, facilitate screening and speed-up identification of calls of interest to JPs
- ▶ Avoid competing /foster collaboration across Members and across JPs for more **EERA winning proposals**

▶ Target Audience

- ▶ JPCs, JPSCs and interested members

▶ Process

- ▶ Screening by EERA: 117 selected topics of cluster 4 and cluster 5
- ▶ Strong remote structured preparatory work based on EERA template
- ▶ **Presentation by contributors of:**
 - ▶ **Project ideas:** the potential coordinator (or interested party) on behalf of consortia.
 - ▶ **Capacities:** Short description of the participants' main capacities and expected contribution/role per topic.

▶ 2.2. – Statistics

▶ 173 participants

▶ 80 Expressions of interests

On EERA template prior to the event, specifying member's topics of interest, expertise and expected contribution

▶ 30 Presenters:

- ▶ 10 Presentations of project ideas (potential coordinators on behalf of the consortium)

- ▶ 20 Presentation of participants' main capacities and expected contribution for the 117 selected topics

▶ 16 JPs represented

Link to the [recording](#) and [presentations](#)

3) Latest policy developments on the EU side



3.1. European Climate Law



▶ 3.1. The European Climate Law

- ▶ 20/04: Provisional agreement reached by EU Parliament and Council of the EU
 - ▶ Enshrines into law the **EU's climate-neutrality objective** and a collective GHG emissions reduction target of **at least 55% by 2030**
 - ▶ Establishes a **European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change** tasked with providing scientific advice and reporting on EU measures, climate targets, and indicative GHG budgets and their coherence with the EU Climate Law and Paris Agreement
 - ▶ Stronger provisions on adaptation to climate change.
 - ▶ Establishment of a process for setting a 2040 climate target, if deemed appropriate
 - ▶ Commitment to negative emissions after 2050
- ➡ The agreement is now subject to approval by the Council and Parliament, before going through the formal steps of the adoption procedure

3.2. Horizon Europe



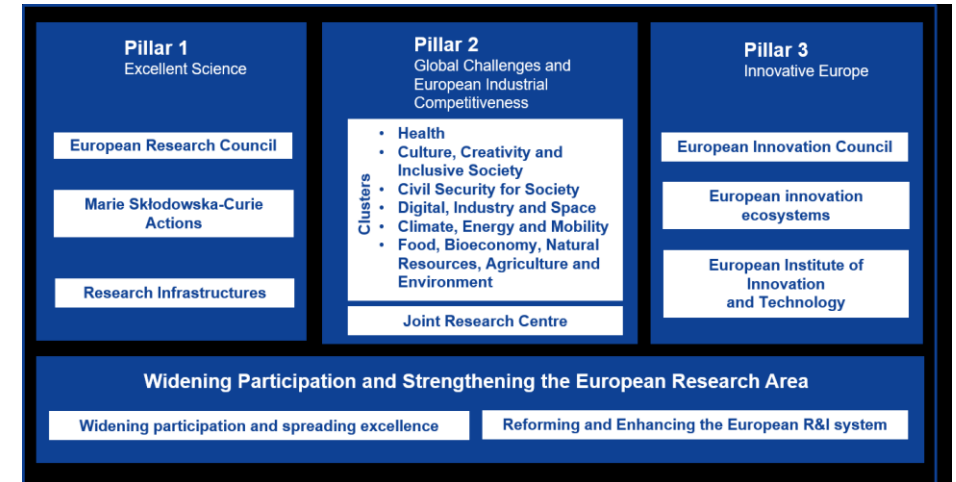
▶ 3.2. Horizon Europe: Formal adoption

▶ 27/04: European Parliament formally adopts Horizon Europe.

The programme was provisionally applied since 1 January 2021.

▶ TOTAL HEU Budget: €95.5 billion, including €5.4 billion from the EU's Next Generation EU Recovery Plan.

- ▶ Highest ever budget allocated for digital-related research and digitalisation. It will provide support for innovative SMEs, European research infrastructure, and an additional €1 billion for basic research channelled through the ERC
- ▶ **A few drafts of HEU 2021-2022 Work Programmes** published in the EU Transparency Portal
- ▶ First [calls for proposals](#) to be launched in spring 2021 and presented at the [European Research and Innovation Days](#) on 23-24 June. Link to the **Cluster 5** draft WP available [here](#).
- ▶ The UK's association to HEU has been formally approved by the EU Parliament (EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement). The agreement will enter into force on 1 May after Council conclusion.

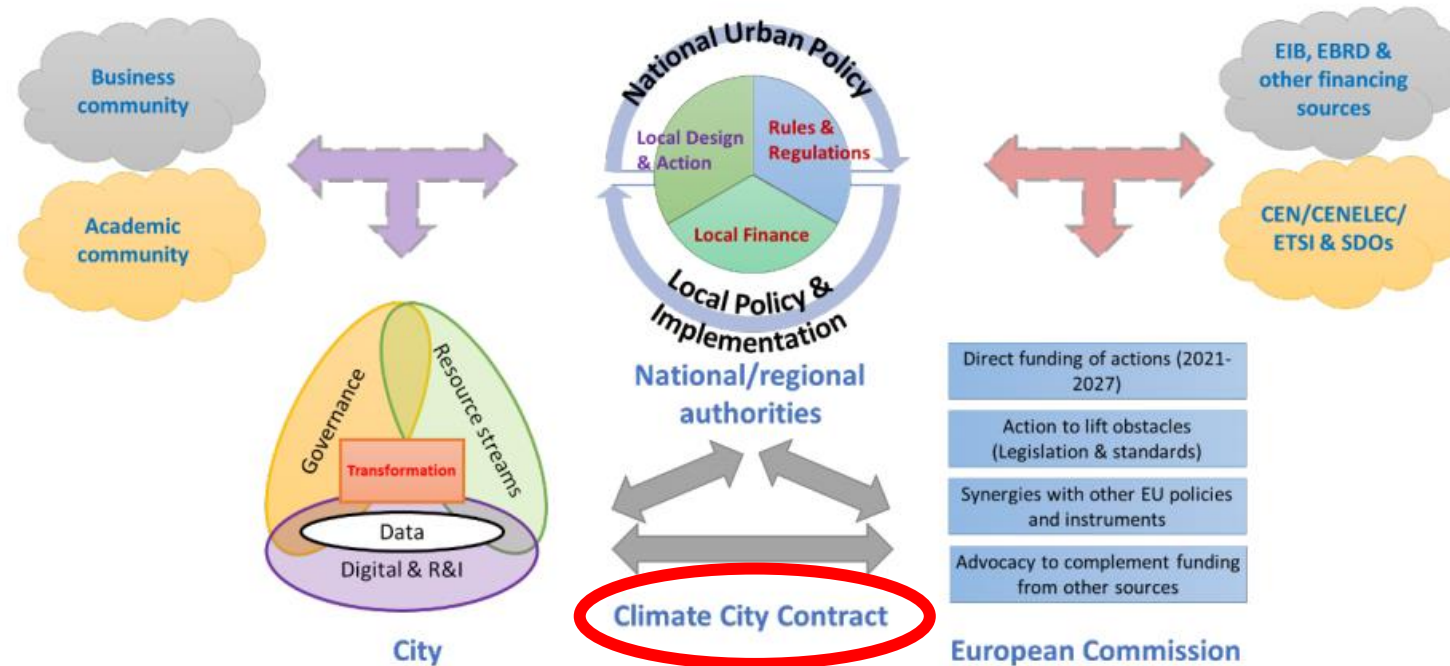


3.3. Mission on Climate-neutral and Smart Cities



▶ 3.3.1. Horizon Europe Mission on Climate-neutral and Smart Cities

- ▶ “EU missions are commitments to solve major societal challenges like fighting cancer, adapting to climate change, protecting our oceans, living in greener cities and ensuring soil health and food”
 - ▶ Launch expected after the official publication of Horizon Europe: targeted date Q3-Q4 of 2021
- ▶ Practical aim: establish multi-level, co-creative processes, formalised through a Climate City Contract → involve city councils, citizens, stakeholders in dialogues on the transformation of cities towards climate neutrality



▶ 3.3.2. Horizon Europe Mission on Climate-neutral and Smart Cities

- ▶ 2 calls launched under Horizon Europe specific to the Mission:
 - ▶ HORIZON-MISS-2021-CIT-01-01: Supporting national, regional and local authorities across Europe to prepare for the transition towards climate neutrality within cities
 - ▶ HORIZON-MISS-2021-CIT-01-02: Collaborative local governance models to accelerate the emblematic transformation of urban environment and contribute to the New European Bauhaus initiative and the objectives of the European Green Deal
- ▶ Both are Coordination and support actions (CSA), with a proposed budget of around €2 million (per the Draft WP)
- ▶ The mission should create synergies with other initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors, the EIT and its relevant KICs, the Green City Accord, the European Green Capital Cities, the SET-plan and the 100 PEDs initiative, the EIP-SCC and the lighthouse projects, CIVITAS;
- ▶ Timeline: unclear, depends on Horizon Europe deadlines, which are not final yet
- ▶ EERA in the process to develop an application for the [EU Sustainable Energy Week](#) on the issue of climate-neutral and smart-cities

3.4. The new European Bauhaus



▶ 3.4.1. The new European Bauhaus

▶ Launched on 18 January 2021

▶ Aims to combine economic, environmental, and cultural aspects such as design, sustainability, accessibility, affordability and investment, in order to help deliver the EU Green Deal

▶ Timeline:

- I. **Co-design phase** (January 2021 – Summer 2021): Gathering stakeholder views and shaping the movement with concrete contemporary ideas.
- II. **Delivery phase** (from September 2021): Five pilot projects will be set-up to co-design new sustainable and inclusive solutions with style. Follow-up and monitoring in a «community of practice» mode.
- III. **Dissemination phase** (from January 2023): Spread ideas and concepts through new projects, networking, and sharing of knowledge with the aim of supporting the emergence of lead markets for sustainable and inclusive ways of living.



- Stakeholders are invited to share their ideas through a dedicated [online portal](#).
- [High-level roundtable](#) set up with the aim of bringing inspiration and acting as a community ambassador.

▶ 3.4.2. The new European Bauhaus

- ▶ The [New European Bauhaus Conference](#) was held on April 22-23, bringing together around 6.000 participants in a first major gathering.
- ▶ A call for [new EU Bauhaus Prizes](#), as part of the co-design phase, was launched. Prizes will be given out in the following 10 categories:
 - I. Techniques and materials
 - II. Building a spirit of circularity
 - III. Solutions for the co-evolution of built environment and nature
 - IV. Regenerated urban and rural spaces
 - V. Preserved and transformed cultural heritage
 - VI. Products and lifestyle
 - VII. Reinvented places to meet and share
 - VIII. Culture, art and communities
 - IX. Modular, adaptable, and mobile living solutions
 - X. Interdisciplinary education models

3.5. Taxonomy for green investments



▶ 3.5. EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy

- ▶ Science-based transparency tool for companies and investors.
- ▶ Aims at creating a common language that investors can use when investing in projects and economic activities that have a substantial positive impact on the climate and the environment.
- ▶ 21/04: The EU Commission has unveiled a first batch of implementing rules, spelling out detailed technical criteria companies need to comply with in order to win a green investment label in the EU.
 - ▶ Inclusion of bioenergy and forestry.
 - ▶ A decision on whether to include gas and nuclear – the two most controversial aspects of the taxonomy - has been delayed and could be presented in June with the second batch of implementing rules dealing with “transition” activities.
- ▶ The document will continue to evolve over time, in light of developments and technological progress. The criteria will be subject to regular review.

► 3.6. Ongoing EC public consultations

Policy	Deadlines	How
Climate change – new rules to prevent methane leakage in the energy sector	1 May 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Measurement Research – European partnership on metrology (Horizon Europe)	1 May 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe	13 May 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Review of the Communication on the Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation	3 June 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Sustainable Products Initiative	9 June 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Energy Efficiency – Revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive	22 June 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Consultation on the Digitalisation Action Plan	Planned for beginning of June	

4) AOB





Thank you!
