

Driving EU Competitiveness through Low-Carbon Energy Research & Innovation



 16 October 2024 | 9.30 - 13.30 CEST

 Sparks Meeting, Brussels & Online

9:00 AM **Welcome coffee and registration**

9:30 AM **Welcoming remarks**
Henk-Jan Vink - President, EERA

9:40 AM **Opening speech**
Janez Potočnik - Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel & Former European Commissioner for Science and Research (2004 – 2010) and Environment (2010 – 2014)

10:00 AM **Highlights EERA flagship report EU Competitiveness and Strategic Autonomy: The central role of low-carbon energy research and innovation**
Adel El Gammal - Secretary General, EERA

10:20 AM **Fireside chat - Placing R&I at the core: ensuring long-term economic resilience and sustainable competitiveness in Europe through low-carbon energy**

- *Rosalinde van der Vlies* - Director, Clean Planet, DG RTD
- *Anna Gumbau* - Energy and climate journalist



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10:40 AM

Panel discussion 1 - Securing long-term competitiveness: enabling conditions and the role of low-carbon energy R&I in setting the course

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- *César Dro* - Policy officer, Common Policy Centre, DG RTD, European Commission
- *Norela Constantinescu* - Deputy Director Innovation and Technology Center, IRENA
- *Martin Porter* - Executive Chair, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) Europe
- *Angels Orduña* - Executive Director, A.SPIRE
- *Nils Røkke* - Vice-president, EERA & Executive Vice-president Sustainability, SINTEF

11:50 AM

Coffee break

12:10 PM

Panel discussion 2 - Low-carbon energy R&I meets the industrial ecosystem: addressing bottlenecks, sharing success stories, and paving the way forward

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- *Daniel Cios* - Policy Officer, Energy Intensive Industries and Raw Materials, DG GROW, European Commission
- *Benedetta Scuderi* - MEP, Greens/EFA
- *Fabrice Stassin* - Secretary General, BEPA
- *Tuula Mäkinen* - ExCo Member, EERA & Lead, Green Electrification, VTT

13:20 PM

Concluding remarks

Henk-Jan Vink - President, EERA

13:30 PM

Networking lunch

