

One Vision.
One Mission.
Shared Beliefs.



Discover our beliefs in action

We believe **scientific excellence and integrity** are non-negotiable, grounded in objectivity, long-term commitment, and research that is evidence-based, neutral, and relevant to real-world energy challenges.



Belief in action: This belief is strongly reflected in **EERA's FP10 position paper**, where we call for excellence to remain a core governance principle. Selection and prioritisation must continue to rely on proven expertise, scientific and technological impact, and the capacity to deliver at scale. Preserving these principles is essential to maintaining the credibility and effectiveness of EU R&I funding.



We believe **collaboration and openness** across borders, sectors, and disciplines are essential to break silos and unlock the full potential of Europe's energy research community.

Belief in action: At EERA, we want to connect research across technology areas, knowledge domains and maturity stages. For example, **the Joint Programme e3s - clean Energy tranSition for Sustainable Society**, integrates social sciences and humanities into the energy transition and therefore bridges technological research with societal realities. Another example is the project **RISEnergy**, enabling researchers to access renewable energy research infrastructures across Europe, spanning ten technology areas and supporting innovators at different stages of maturity.

We believe our work carries a **shared responsibility** toward society and the planet – recognising planetary limits, advancing sustainability, and fostering global partnerships to ensure no one is left behind.



Belief in action: The energy transition is not only about speed - it is also about responsibility. Within EERA, this responsibility takes forms through work that ensures that **technological innovation is aligned with societal realities**, through **research that supports resource efficiency and circularity**, and through engagement in **international collaboration**, including partnerships beyond Europe, acknowledging that the clean energy transition's progress cannot be isolated from others.



We believe **independence** is vital to maintain credibility – science must remain free from political or industrial pressure while staying connected to societal realities.

Belief in action: In today's context, research must remain evidence-based and free from undue political or industrial influence. At EERA, this independence is reflected in multiple ways. As the **research pillar of the SET Plan**, we provide expertise grounded in collective scientific input, rather than single-technology advocacy. **Through our 18 Joint Programmes, covering diverse technological areas**, we ensure that no single pathway dominates the conversation. However, independence does not mean distance. EERA engages actively with policymakers, industry, and partners, bringing a clear, evidence-based scientific perspective to the dialogue.

We believe **technology agnosticism** safeguards innovation by keeping science open to all pathways and preventing premature or biased choices.



Belief in action: Few beliefs spark more debate than technology agnosticism. Some see it as essential to good science, while others highlight that research is never fully neutral. This tension is what makes the concept important. For EERA, **it means ensuring research choices are guided by evidence**, not by industrial trends or policy preferences. This is key to Europe's competitiveness, as locking into current solutions risks limiting future innovation. In practice, **EERA's Joint Programmes span diverse technologies while remaining open to emerging approaches**. This breadth ensures that research stays flexible, allowing the most effective solutions to emerge.



We believe **connecting the full value chain** – from fundamental research to implementation – ensures that ideas grow into innovations that benefit people, industry, and the planet.

Belief in action: Innovation fails when knowledge cannot move from discovery to deployment. Europe produces world-class energy research, yet too often it does not reach markets or society due to fragmented pathways and weak connections between research and implementation. For EERA, full value-chain thinking means **linking every stage of the innovation process with the actors and conditions needed to enable impact**. This approach is reflected in initiatives such as the **Innovation Hubs**. By connecting research, industry, finance, and policy, they aim to accelerate technology transfer and strengthen Europe's competitiveness by closing the gap between knowledge and deployment.