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## **European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan)**

### **Meeting with stakeholders on 05 October 2015**

On 5 October, the European Commission organised a meeting with the main SET Plan stakeholders (European Industrial Initiatives –EII, European Technology Platforms –ETPs, European Energy Research Alliance –EERA and the European Platform of Universities engaged in Energy Research, Education and Training –EPUE) in order to inform them about the new SET Plan governance structure and get their feedback.

55 participants attended the meeting, covering all invited SET Plan structures.

The meeting was chaired by Stathis Peteves (Head of Unit, JRC.F6). Andreea Strachinescu (Head of Unit, ENER.C2), Gwennaël Joliff-Botrel (Head of Unit, RTD.G1) and Paul Verhoef (Head of Unit, RTD.G3) presented the context of the Integrated SET Plan Communication, the proposed new governance model and process for implementation. The presentations are available on <https://setis.ec.europa.eu/towards-an-integrated-SET-Plan>

The main questions raised by stakeholders included:

- Involvement of Member States in the new European Technology and Innovation Platforms (ETIPs).
- The future of the current implementation plans of the EIIs.
- The role of EERA.
- The feedback expected on the Issues papers. Targets and objectives and how this will affect the Energy Work Programme under Horizon 2020.
- The "people dimension" (education and training).
- How progress will be measured.

The Commission gave some initial feedback, namely:

- ETIPs will be free to organise the participation of Member States, through relevant experts, as it is most appropriate for their specific field. The Strategic Research Agendas to be developed/updated by ETIPs will continue to present the views of the stakeholders, not of Member States. Strategic discussions with Member States will occur in the Steering Group meetings. Each ETIP should ensure that it includes relevant stakeholders from the entire value chain of its field, depending on the specificities of each technology. The feedback from stakeholders on the Issues papers to be provided by the Commission should address research and innovation needs, as well as regulatory/policy issues (e.g. framework conditions) as it may be necessary.

Once the targets and objectives are agreed, they can be supported by both EU and national programmes.

- Since ETIPs should provide the voice of research institutes as well, they are expected to involve EERA. But EERA can also act as a separate entity and implement activities via, for instance, its Joint Programmes in support of SET Plan objectives agreed by the Steering Group.
- EPUE will be invited to provide feedback to the Issues Papers in all fields. They may use this opportunity to put forward activities in the field of education and training when the specific energy field requires it.
- Progress will be measured by SETIS based on indicators as proposed in the SET Plan Communication as well as in line with the targets and priorities to be agreed in advance with the stakeholders and Member States. Monitoring progress in the first years will allow also for adaptation in the implementation process, when needed. Both short-term and long-term objectives will be set. Key data will be used for the State of the Energy Union report.

Next steps include:

- Stakeholders are invited to consider the new governance model and meet with the Head of Unit responsible for their field in the next 2 months to discuss how they would like to structure their Platform.
- A dedicated meeting will be organised with EERA to further discuss its role in the Integrated SET Plan.