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About GREENET



GREENET is the international network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility, supporting research and innovation activities for the Horizon Europe Framework Programme. The GREENET network project started in July 2022 and it consists of 19 partner organisations from different EU Member States and Associated Countries.

The aim of GREENET is to enhance cooperation between Cluster 5 NCPs while improving the standard of support provided to Horizon Europe applicants by raising awareness of Horizon Europe funding opportunities, organising training and matchmaking events and increasing inclusiveness of international consortiums.

The GREENET newsletter will highlight news and updates hand-picked by the network partners in relation to Horizon Europe Cluster 5 topics and other relevant European partnerships and programmes.

This first edition of the GREENET newsletter consists of the following topics:

- First Brokerage Event organised by the network
- First Memorandum of Understanding with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)
- Update on eligibility of UK organisations to participate in proposals
- Update on the Clean Hydrogen Partnership
- Relevant events and opportunities



GREENET Brokerage Event

In connection with the European Commission Horizon Europe Cluster 5 info days in December 2022, the GREENET network organised its first online [networking and brokerage event](#), jointly supported by Enterprise Europe Network, focusing on the 2023 calls for proposals from the Work Programme of Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility.

The main objective was to gather all the relevant stakeholders intending to apply for funding, supporting the development of consortia and project ideas. Participants looking for partners had the opportunity to present their own organisation and project ideas in two different ways: brief oral presentations during the pitching session, and through bilateral meetings previously agreed through the online brokerage event platform.

The event consisted of 23 presentations and 600 bilateral meetings, with a total of more than 1600 registered participants from 53 countries.



First Memorandum of Understanding signed for future cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

One of the GREENET network's activities focusing on Matchmaking is about facilitating the cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). The **Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)** is funded under the EU Single Market Programme (SMP) and comprises close to 600 partners in more than 60 countries.

EEN aims at helping small companies make the most of the business opportunities in the European Union. This is realised by providing support for SMEs in sustainability transition, technology transfer (focused on innovation), access to finance, advice on EU law and standards, help with IPR issues, internationalisation and guidance on research funding.

Increasing the participation of SMEs in Horizon Europe as main research funding programme of the EU is subsequently an important task. EEN services such as transnational "brokerage events" are key for bringing SMEs into Horizon Europe consortia. Building an international consortium is the first step to take part in Horizon Europe. Within evaluations SME participation is considered an added value in Horizon Europe proposals.

In this regard it is important to strengthen the cooperation with the EEN and therefore GREENET plans to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant EEN Sector Groups.

The MoU is a useful tool to facilitate among others: **Information sharing** and signposting about the activities of both networks, mutual support of the respective **partner search** activities and other requests for collaboration, awareness raising and promotion or co-organization of **events** such as Information Days, or brokerage events and to ensure cross-participation in or co-organization of **webinars and training Sessions**.

At the occasion of the latest Sector Group Renewable Energy meeting which took place end of November in Madrid a first MoU has been signed (see picture).

As a result of this cooperation, about 30 EEN advisors have already been actively involved at the promotion of the latest Cluster 5 Infodays that took place mid-December.

Negotiations with other EEN Sector Groups are ongoing and expected to be concluded early 2023.

Update on eligibility of UK organisations to participate in proposals

Despite ongoing uncertainty regarding the UK's association to Horizon Europe, it is important to note that the UK Government remains committed to seeking association. At present, UK organisations are fully eligible to participate in all Cluster 5 Topics and should apply for Horizon Europe funding from the EU as

potential beneficiaries. This is because the UK is a “country negotiating association to the programme” (see EC’s [List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe](#)). If a successful consortia approaches the grant agreement phase of post-evaluation, but the UK’s association has not completed, then UK organisation’s status is changed to that of “associate partner” and the UK Government’s Horizon Europe Guarantee provides the UK organisation with the requested funding (see UK [Government extends Horizon Europe financial safety net for details](#)).

The UK Government Financial Guarantee for Horizon Europe remains under review and the [UK Government’s R&D Roadmap](#) states “During any gap [in our association to Horizon Europe], we would provide funding to UK partners who are successful in bidding to programmes open to third country participation.”

UK participation in Horizon Europe projects is still a considerable advantage, despite the wider political situation, as the success rates of UK entities remains higher than the EU average. Including UK organisations in your proposal can enhance your probability of winning.

Clean Hydrogen Partnership

The [Clean Hydrogen Partnership's](#) main objective is to contribute to EU Green Deal and Hydrogen Strategy through optimised funding of R&I activities . The Clean Hydrogen Partnership is the successor of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU) and has taken over its legacy portfolio.

The Clean Hydrogen Partnership has launched its hydrogen research [call for proposals 2023](#) on 17 January. A total of € 195 million will be made available for projects in an unprecedented drive to support the creation of cutting-edge hydrogen technologies. The Call is organised in 26 topics across the partnership pillars: i. Renewable hydrogen, ii. Hydrogen storage and distribution, iii. Hydrogen end-uses, iv. Cross-cutting issues and v. H2 valleys.

The Clean Hydrogen Partnership organised an online **Info Day dedicated to the 2023 Call** for proposals on 26 January, which is available for viewing on the [Partnership's website](#).

Events and opportunities

Events:

- [Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop](#), organised by the European Commission, 8 February 2023, Online
- [Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Brokerage Event](#), organised by Istanbul Project Academy jointly supported by Enterprise Europe Network and Istanbul Chamber of Industry, 16-17 February 2023, Online

Other funding opportunities:

- Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking Call 2023 - Focus Topic on Energy. More information on the website of [KDT JU consultation workshop](#), which was organised in November 2022
- [Innovation Fund – solutions to decarbonise our industry](#), deadline 16 March 2023



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