

### **GREENET Newsletter #5**

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#### **GREENET** wishes you a happy summer!

As the summer holidays draw nearer, offering both a well-deserved break and the promise of renewed energy, we welcome you to this edition of our newsletter. As your Horizon Europe National Contact Points, we're here to ignite the spark of innovation within your organizations. This latest dispatch brings to light essential updates, key events, and promising opportunities available through the GREENET network.



# GREENET activities in Brussels around SMEs and synergies

In June, GREENET played a central role in fostering smart city innovations by co-organizing the Tech4SmartCities event in Brussels, which was well-attended by SMEs and researchers. Highlighting the day was a dedicated workshop on Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Calls for Proposals, where the GREENET project and tools, especially the Partner Search Database, were showcased, leading to a notable increase in registrations. Attendees also engaged directly with GREENET representatives in a series of B2B meetings, setting the stage for successful Horizon Europe applications.

Furthermore, on the following day, GREENET hosted the EEN-NCP Meet & Exchange, focusing on enhancing collaboration between advisors and identifying synergies that optimize support to applicants, particularly SMEs. The discussions emphasized the importance of cross-network awareness and the potential advantages of shared outreach efforts. This included recognizing the benefit of more 'open topics' within Horizon Europe to better encourage SME involvement. Anticipation is building for the upcoming release of the "GREENET EEN-NCP Best Practices Guide" on GREENET's website.

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# WIDERAEXPERTS.EU portal has been launched

Boost your Horizon Europe proposal with free expert pre-screening!

Wideraexperts.eu is a free portal developed within the NCP\_WIDERA.NET project. It facilitates matchmaking between experts and applicants from Widening countries preparing proposals for Horizon Europe's Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters, Institutionalised European Partnerships and EIC Pathfinder schemes

If you are a proposal coordinator or work package leader from an <u>eligible</u> <u>country</u>, you can submit your proposal for a professional pre-check through the portal. Simply register your proposal on <u>wideraexperts.eu</u> to be matched with an expert. They will give recommendations to improve quality and chances of securing funding.

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# **Brokerage Events Travel Grants for Widening Countries**

The NCP\_WIDERA.NET project partners have launched a travel grants programme to support applicants from Widening countries in attending Pillar II clusters and European partnerships brokerage events organized on-site. This initiative aims to establish working contacts between coordinators seeking new partners and to increase participation in Horizon Europe proposal submissions.

You can receive up to 1,000 EUR to cover the costs of your travel and accommodation for a matchmaking event.

If you are interested in participating, please visit the <a href="NCP\_WIDERA.NET">NCP\_WIDERA.NET</a> project website to view the <a href="list of upcoming events">list of upcoming events</a>. This will help you plan your attendance and take advantage of the travel grants programme. Additionally,

you can see the <u>list of the project partners</u> implementing the programme.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to establish new working contacts and increase your chances of success in Horizon Europe!

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# GREENET supports your mission to build strong consortia for your Cluster 5 proposal!

The GREENET Partner Search Tool brings together organisations (coordinators as well as partners) from across the world. This tool is a unique opportunity to generate new contacts and collaborate on potential Horizon Europe projects (including related missions and partnerships).

Finding partners has never been easier! Simply register, express your interest in a specific topic/s and browse for existing profiles.

Join the community

#### New and updated GREENET factsheets on Partnerships and more

We have redesigned the way factsheets are displayed on our GREENET website and added new factsheets. Here you can find factsheets on European Partnerships and other relevant funding programmes and initiatives, as well as some other pertinent facets of Cluster 5 and GREENET activities. We will also be adding more factsheets in the future.

Have a look

#### **Publications**



## Implementing Horizon Europe: Key figures 2021-2023

Horizon Europe was launched in April 2021 with a total budget of EUR 95.5 billion, including EUR 5.4 billion from NextGenerationEU to support the green and digital recovery from the pandemic. By the end of 2023, 45% of the budget had been committed and 23% of the payments made.

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# Opportunities for Researchers from the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon Europe

European NCP's for Cluster 2 (Culture, Creativity and Inclusive society) have published a guide of opportunities for researchers from the for SSH in Horizon Europe, including Cluster 5.

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#### New Results Pack on an inclusive energy transition

15 EU-funded projects put citizens at the centre of the energy transition, by helping to alleviate energy poverty through tailored energy efficiency measures and enabling the uptake of renewable energy solutions, and by facilitating collective actions in the field of sustainable energy, such as energy communities.

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## **New Results Pack on better energy policy** design - modelling and behavioural science for energy efficiency

Reducing energy consumption and achieving energy savings is essential to deliver the European Green Deal. The eight EU-funded projects presented in this CORDIS Results Pack highlight bottom-up research on energy behaviour and modelling and supporting the design and implementation of better energy policies.

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**Automated mobility** Transport System in Europe: where are

we now?

Resilience

The Commission has published a staff working document on automated mobility in Europe summarizing the state of the art of connected, cooperative and automated mobility in Europe by reviewing the advances made at operational, technological, societal and economic levels since 2018.

The International Transport Forum has published a report on the transport system resilience, drawn up from the conclusions of the round table organized by the ITF in Paris in September 2023.

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## Long Distance Freight Transport Research

The European Road Transport
Research Council working group on
long distance freight transport has
published its position paper
"Decarbonizing Freight Transport with
available green energy".

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## The Alliance for Zero-Emission Aviation launches its vision towards electric and hydrogen flight in Europe

The vision sets the ambitious objective of having 36 to 68% of intra-EU flights operated by such hydrogen- and electricity-powered aircrafts by 2050 and describes how they would progressively enter and expand in the market.

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**News for NCPs** 

## I'm a Cluster 5 NCP

#### A GREENET DIGITAL HANDBOOK

## **GREENET Digital Handbook for NCPs – 2nd** edition

We are pleased to announce that the second edition of the GREENET Digital Handbook "I'm a Cluster 5 NCP" is now available on our website.

What is new in this edition?

- A tutorial on how to use the horizon academy and the NCP portal as sources of information
- A guide on communication, dissemination and exploitation activities
- A guide on the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)
- A tutorial on how to use the Horizon Dashboard to gather data on already funded projects
- How to establish contact with the European Commission in case you should have specific questions on Horizon Europe
- A comprehensive introduction to the European Partnerships

In the handbook, you will find a wide collection of best practices, recommended practical methods and sources of information as well as tested tools addressed particularly – but not only – to new and / or less-experienced National Contact Points (NCPs) of Cluster 5 in Horizon Europe. This broad and up-to-date compilation of relevant knowledge for Cluster 5 NCPs supports you in your day-to-day work and provides handy reference when being faced with challenges in your daily tasks as a Cluster 5 NCP. The Digital Handbook is a living document, regularly updated and developed further.

Since the file is for NCPs only, the direct link below may work only after you have already logged into the portal. The file can also be found via the repository.

# The first round of the mentoring programme was a success – who wants to join round 2?

The first round of the GREENET Mentoring Programme has come to an end and we are happy to announce that it was a great success! Between September 2023 and March 2024, 17 National Contact Points from 14 different countries met regularly in small groups to get to know each other, discuss their NCP activities and learn from each other.

The feedback received after this six-month period was very encouraging. Participants felt welcome and at ease with their peers and would highly recommend participation to their colleagues, either as a mentee or as a mentor. For most of them, the most important aspect of the mentoring programme was the opportunity to connect with NCPs from different countries and to expand ones network at European level and beyond. Other recurring comments were that the programme is fun, it helps to feel connected and it builds up confidence to face the daily challenges of NCP work.

In six small groups of 3 to 4 NCPs the mentees were supported by a more experienced colleague (mentor) who moderated the meetings. The groups shared their views on many aspects of the NCP work, exchanged best practices and some even found new friends. The learning process worked in two ways, so that both the mentors and the mentees learned a lot from each other.

Round 2 is under preparation, and we hope that more mentors and mentees will be able to take part in this amazing experience from September 2024 to March 2025.

Do you want to know more? Visit the GREENET website or directly contact the organisers at eu-energie (at) fz-juelich.de.

More information

#### **Events and opportunities**

#### **Events:**

- <u>ULTIMO Webinar Series: How Cities Envisioning Automation In Public</u>
   <u>Transport</u>, 9 July 2024 16:00-17:15 CET, Online
- 4th International Workshop on Data Analytics in the Energy Sector, 17-19
   July 2024, Chania, Greece
- Swiss Battery Days, 26-28 August 2024, Zurich, Switzerland

- <u>LIFE at SERE 2024 14th European Conference on Ecological</u> <u>Restoration</u>, 26-30 August 2024, Tartu, Estonia
- <u>European Polar Science Week</u>, 3-6 September 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark
- <u>First Advanced Air Mobility Symposium</u>, 9-12 September 2024, Montréal,
   Canada
- ICAS Conference 2024, 9-13 September 2024, Florence, Italy
- Knowledge Sharing Workshop 2024: Accelerating Geothermal Energy, 11
   September 2024, Ittigen, Switzerland
- CETP Joint Call 2024 Launch Event, 12 September 2024, Online
- ICAO Symposium on Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Aviation Emissions, 16-18 September 2024, Montréal, Canada
- <u>Dutch Battery Day</u>, 24 September 2024, Hague, Netherlands
- ROADVIEW Cluster Event, 24 September 2024 9:00 to 15:00 CEST, Online
- New Mobility Congress, 24-26 September, Łódź, Poland
- InnoTrans 2024, 24-27 September 2024, Berlin, Germany
- Battery Technologies Summit, 25-26 September 2024, Gebze, Türkiye
- SHOW Project Final Event (CCAM), 26 September 2024, Tampere, Finland
- <u>European Week of Regions and Cities</u>, 7-10 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- Battery Show North America, 7-10 October 2024, Detroit, USA
- Li-ion Battery Europe, 8-10 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- <u>Energy Storage Global Conference</u>, 15-17 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- 12th ERA Budapest workshop 2024, 16 October 2024, Online
- <u>EIT InnoEnergy Business Booster 2024</u>, 16-17 October 2024, Barcelona,
   Spain
- Batteries Event 2024, 16-18 October 2024, Lyon, France
- International Congress on Innovation in Atmospheric Water Collection and <u>Environmental Restoration Techniques</u>, 17-18 October 2024, Canary Islands, Spain
- CETPartnership Annual Conference, 22-23 October 2024, Online
- Conference on Battery Direct Recycling, 29-30 October 2024, Wuerzburg, Germany
- ElectROBatt, 31 October 1 November 2024, Bucharest, Romania
- Future Battery Forum, 5-6 November 2024, Berlin, Germany & Online
- Smart City Expo World Congress, 5-7 November 2024, Barcelona, Spain
- Hungarian Battery Week, 6-8 November 2024, Budapest, Hungary
- SESAR Innovation Days 2024, 12-15 November, Rome, Italy
- European Hydrogen Week, 18-22 November 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- The Annual Research Conference 2024 | Europe in a changing world: navigating the challenges, seeking opportunities, and building resilient economies, 21-22 November 2024, Ispra, Italy
- Rail Live 2024, 26-27 November 2024, Zaragoza, Spain

- <u>Battery Innovation Days (4th edition)</u>, 26-27 November, Barcelona, Spain & Online
- RTR Conference, 11-13 February 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- <u>European Conference on Connected and Automated Driving</u>, 13-15 May 2025, Ispra, Italy





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