



# About E<sup>n</sup>R

*The European Energy Network E<sup>n</sup>R is a voluntary network of national energy agencies within Europe and in neighbouring countries. Established in Strasbourg in 1991, E<sup>n</sup>R currently numbers twenty-four member agencies, each one with national responsibility for planning, implementing, managing or reviewing research, development, demonstration or dissemination programmes for promoting and actively contributing to energy efficiency, renewable energies and climate change abatement.*



## Topics & Objectives

The 'E' in 'E<sup>n</sup>R' represents European, Energy, Efficiency, Experience, Exchange, Expertise, and Environment, to name just a few examples, while the 'R' stands for 'Renewables'. E<sup>n</sup>R was established to promote and disseminate sustainable energy good and best practices through strengthening cooperation of its members and key European actors on all relevant issues related to a sustainable energy system and economy.

As an alliance of national energy agencies in Europe, the network closely follows the development of the Energy Union, to which it contributes with the expertise and experience available through its members.

Relationships formed between E<sup>n</sup>R and directors of EU programmes in the past have led to greater coherence between European and national programmes and measures. E<sup>n</sup>R has always been quick to seize – and even anticipate – the opportunities for diversification presented through the accession of new member states into the EU and stronger ties with countries outside the EU.

## E<sup>n</sup>R Priorities

- Exchange of information and experiences between members to enhance their national energy efficiency efforts and renewable use, thereby adding value to national developments and supporting governments.
- Providing a platform for advising European, as well as international, institutions on energy- and climate-related issues.
- Presenting common positions towards European and international bodies in which E<sup>n</sup>R members and their national partners are represented.
- Providing a channel for pan-European technical support on matters of energy policy, strategy, evaluation, programme design and delivery and marketing communications.
- Benchmarking selected European and international energy agencies and their activities.

## E<sup>n</sup>R Working Groups

The core of E<sup>n</sup>R is formed by issue-focused Working Groups, which generally meet once to twice per year. Each Working Group is chaired by a member agency representative, and is also open to non-E<sup>n</sup>R participants. While issues may vary over time, the following eight groups are currently in operation:

- Behaviour Change – Chair with Motiva Oy (Finland)
- Buildings – Chair with ADENE (Portugal)
- Energy Efficiency – Chair with CRES (Greece)
- Industry – Chair with dena (Germany)
- Labelling & Ecodesign – Chair with EST (UK)
- Monitoring Tools – Chair with ADEME (France)
- Renewable Energy – Chair with dena (Germany)
- Transport – Chair with EST (UK)

E<sup>n</sup>R Working Groups are small committees comprising experts from member agencies and external stakeholders. They serve as fora for sharing information, drafting and implementing common projects under EU-funded programmes, such as the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme, and formulating joint positions to public consultations initiated by the European Commission. For a sample of activities and contact to Working Group chairs, please visit the Working Groups section of the website (see bottom).

### E<sup>n</sup>R Management

The E<sup>n</sup>R management is jointly formed by the E<sup>n</sup>R Presidency & Secretariat and the E<sup>n</sup>R Troika.

- Presidency & Secretariat rotate among E<sup>n</sup>R members for one-year periods.
- The Troika consists of mandated agency representatives for the previous, current and next Presidencies.

E<sup>n</sup>R operates on the basis of a charter, which defines cooperation and working modes between its member agencies. E<sup>n</sup>R is based on a principle of voluntary membership without governmental representation. It has no direct funding or basic budget. Instead, its operation relies on the individual budgetary means of each member.

Basically, E<sup>n</sup>R activities take place on four levels:

- Working Groups
- Annual Full & Regular Member Meeting (usually February)
- Annual Regular Member Meeting (usually June or July)
- Thinking Group Meeting (every one or two years), bringing together the agencies' managements to confer on E<sup>n</sup>R strategic topics and current and pending energy issues.



In addition, E<sup>n</sup>R organises external workshops and conferences on selected topics of common interest and develops and contributes to publications and position papers.

### E<sup>n</sup>R Presidency & Secretariat 2016

In February 2016, the EnR Presidency & Secretariat was passed on to the German Energy Agency (dena). In February 2017, ANRE (Romania) will take over these positions.



In addition to guiding the E<sup>n</sup>R internal and administrative processes and matters in 2016, dena has selected a focus topic for the 2016 Presidency – the new concept of 'Integrated Energy', which aligns with, as well as serves, the

approaches and goals of the European energy transition that the Energy Union aims to deliver. Integrated Energy focusses on the interface between the different realms of energy demand and production and has impacts on both energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. Striving to achieve its ambitious Energiewende objectives, Germany is looking closely at the solutions which a strong focus on Integrated Energy combined with digitalisation can offer. While approaches and requirements may vary from country to country, dena is convinced that Integrated Energy will increasingly gain relevance in the future energy system within Europe and beyond.

For more information on E<sup>n</sup>R, please visit our website at [www.enr-network.org](http://www.enr-network.org)

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