

EnR Presidency & Secretariat 2017 - 2018



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Introduction

ANRE Romania will continue the EnR former Presidencies activities highly appreciated by the EnR members for revising the structure and strategic accents of EnR and introducing useful changes as well Focus Areas.

ANRE Romania throughout the Presidency period 2017-2018 will exchange best practices and expertise as well the development of cooperation within the EnR network.

EnR visibility

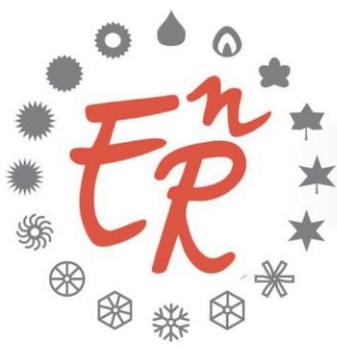
ANRE aims at further working on increased perception and visibility of EnR.

- Use and if possible create selected and appropriate occasions to serve for showcasing EnR expertise and experiences, e.g. at EnR Events and in EnR Position Papers.
- Use EnR events and EnR positions as a communicative means to intensify relations and contacts with European stakeholders in energy and climate matters.
- Whenever appropriate and possible, ANRE will take care to highlight EnR's work in presentations in external conferences in Romania and Europe.

EnR exchange & cooperation

ANRE aims at helping further enhance exchange and cooperation within EnR.

- More opportunity to be given for focusing on contents & discussions, e.g. by trying to exploit the potential for more topic-oriented meetings through minor amendments of format, agenda as well as preparation requirements.
- Enhancing EnR exchange is inseparable from the following two task areas.



EnR administration & reporting

ANRE aims at practical suggestions and test runs for reducing administration to a necessary level. Only few meeting opportunities are available for EnR throughout a year and time should mainly be spent to focus on topics and strategic concerns rather than administrative ones, e.g. by

- Dislocating some administration from the actual meetings where possible and reasonable to unburden the limited timeframe of meetings.
- Revise reporting mode for the WG Chairs: Upload reports on the respective WG sections on the new EnR Website (modes and deadlines to be defined).
- EnR doesn't have an archive, so the website might be the best place to gather the reports and other material of common EnR interest (instead of sending them to changing presidencies).

EnR Working Groups

The WG form the thematic and expertise core of EnR. To serve EnR purposes as a whole, WG topics and activities may increasingly inspire agendas and strategic approaches rather than just being discussed on the go or on top. To this end, it will be necessary to depart from mere WG reporting in meetings and instead find measures to

- Re-activate collaboration and exchange between WG.
- Integrate WG's input and engagements more targeted in meeting agendas.
- Exploiting the possibilities of the new website will help dislocating reporting matters from actual meetings and concentrate on a targeted, topic-oriented exchange of expertise, collaboration potentials etc. between WGs
- The Chairs and the WG are also at the centre of the next task area.

EnR management and strategy

Increased continuity in management and strategy will strengthen EnR in the long run and help focusing and planning EnR's work and activities.

- Within troika, ANRE intends to follow up on ideas regarding an increased integration of WG Chairs into management and strategy and come up with concrete or further suggestions by the troika.
- ENEA's Italian Presidency 2018-2019 has been confirmed early so ANRE takes this opportunity and aims at linking up with the following presidency in due time before hand-over. This is also key to achieving more continuity across presidencies and exploiting the potential of troika for discussing and where possible aligning management and strategy across presidencies will add to this objective.

Tool

Thanks to ENOVA's initiative and support, the EnR website saw a complete relaunch in February 2016 (further refinement ongoing). ANRE intends to make as much use of new and additional website possibilities as possible, e.g. for administration matters like reporting as well as for communication and updates between meetings.



Focus Topic

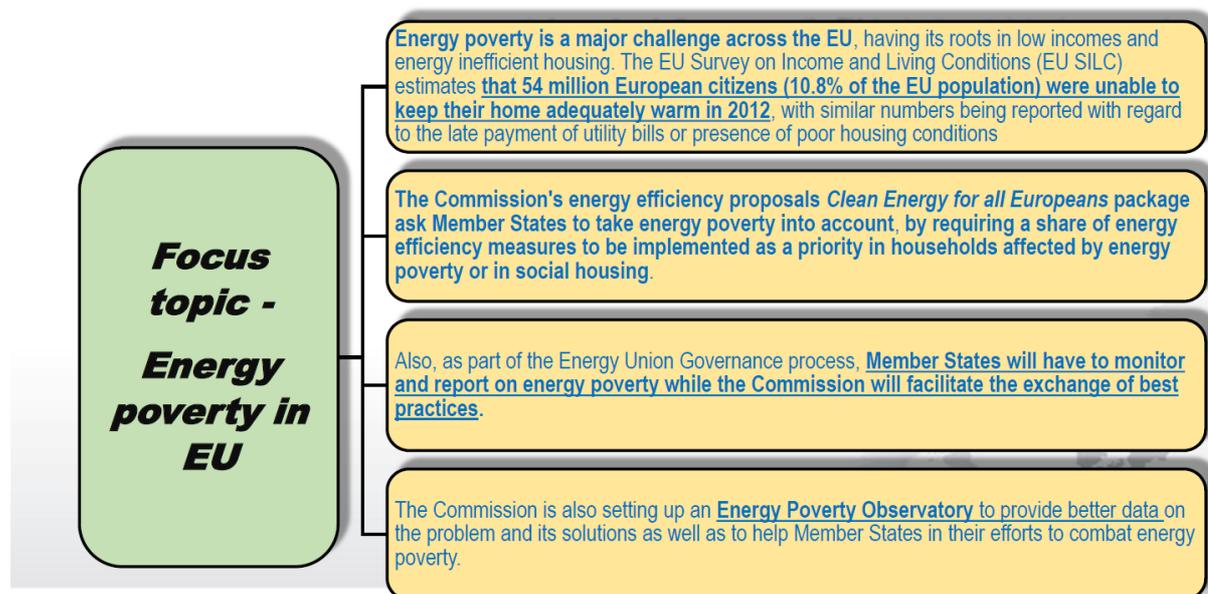
Energy poverty in EU

The *Clean Energy Package* from November 2016 called for **an official definition of energy poverty** and the Member States will have to monitor and report on energy poverty while the Commission will facilitate the exchange of best practices and coordinate these monitoring efforts at EU level via an **Energy Poverty Observatory**, as part of the Energy Union Governance process.

The 9th meeting Conclusion of the Citizens' Energy Forum London from 30-31 May 2017 recommended that **energy poverty** be addressed primarily through targeted measures such as energy efficiency of buildings and appliances (eco-design), in addition to social policy and safeguards against disconnection, avoiding interfering in the market. Also, invited Member States to ensure that Obligation Schemes and Alternative Measures under the Energy Efficiency Directive improve the housing stock of all consumers and especially the energy poor.

The best way to tackle global warming and reduce energy bills for consumers is to cut energy consumption. An ambitious energy efficiency policy will lift millions of people out of **energy poverty** and make homes more comfortable. At the same time, an **'energy efficiency first' principle** should be applied in all decision-making.

During the EnR Network Presidency 2017-2018, ANRE's focus topic will represent the starting point for elaborating an EnR Position Paper which will identify relevant approaches and best practices of the EnR members and European partners for addressing energy poverty, in order to ensure that citizens have consistent access to clean and affordable energy.



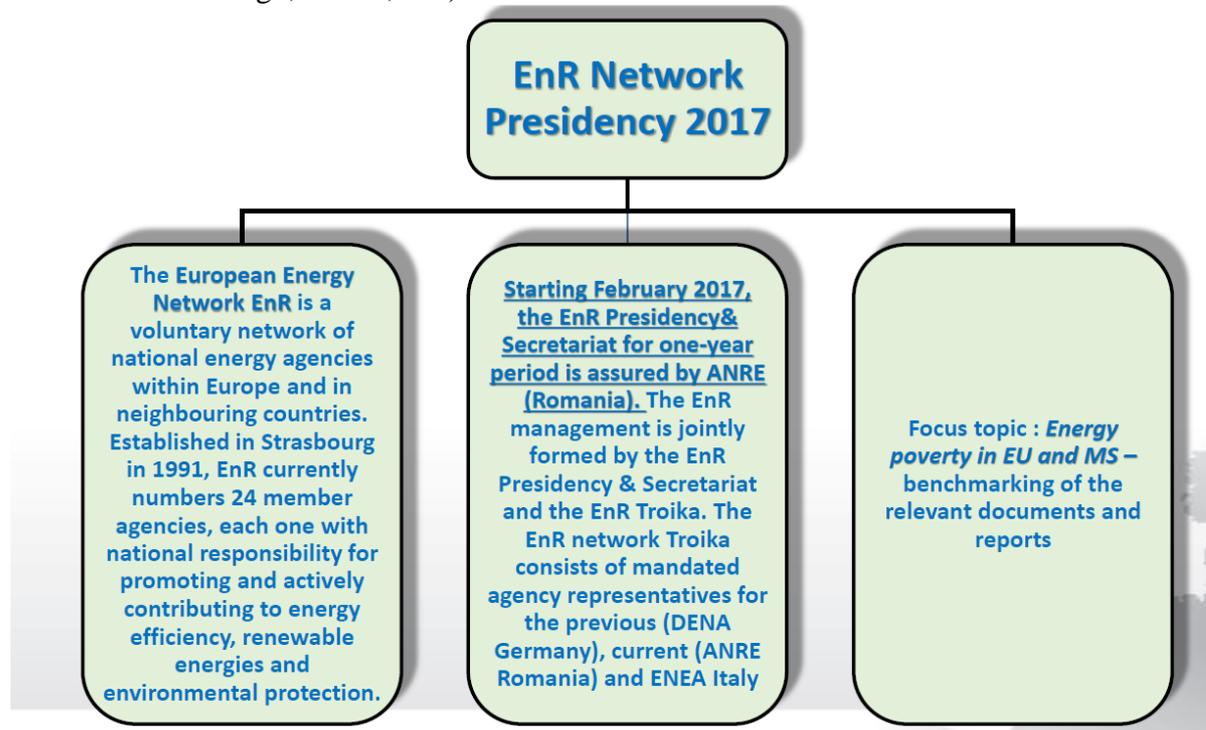


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Intended Activities 2017 -2018

EnR Network activities during ANRE Presidency are intended to contribute to increased visibility of the network in the member countries and towards the EC.

- EnR Regular Meeting M61 in Bucharest (14-15 June 2017), hosted by ANRE Romania
- Thinking Group Meeting in Salzburg (27-28 Sept 2017), hosted by AEA Austria
- EnR Regular&Full Meeting M62 in London (21-22 February 2018) hosted by EST UK
- EnR Factsheet, template for amendment and re-use by future presidencies
- EnR Position Paper –new format, to be send to the Commission independently of a response to any public consultation. Should consist of a set of theses/ assumptions on developments or directives in EU energy policy areas (e.g. tackling: EED, electricity market design, EPBD, etc.)



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