



EnR Presidency & Secretariat 2016-17

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Work plan

Introduction

ENOVA laid important foundations in 2015-16 for revising the structure and strategic accents of EnR and introducing useful changes. ENOVA's work as presidents is highly appreciated, not only by dena but by EnR as a whole.

Succeeding ENOVA as EnR Presidents, dena would like to tune in with and follow up on some main activities and initiatives of ENOVA and integrate ENOVA's achievements in the presidency period 2016/17. Reducing administration expenditure, giving more emphasis on the exchange of expertise and experience as well as the development of cooperation within the network will be major objectives when it comes to enhancing the value and benefit of the rare occasions available for EnR to meet, discuss and showcase.

Additionally, dena selected a focus topic to give a central theme to the presidency 2016/17 on which all intended activities eventually centre.

dena will try to at least prepare, and perhaps initiate, some changes. Of course, there are limits to what can be altered and changes are mostly subject to approval by the whole network. However, dena intends to make some practical suggestions in the following as well as throughout the Presidency period 2016-17.

Focus Areas

EnR visibility

dena 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, dena will take care to highlight EnR's work in presentations in external conferences in Germany and elsewhere.

EnR exchange & cooperation

dena 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 (internal group work was an intriguing example by ENOVA), agenda as well as preparation requirements.
- Enhancing EnR exchange is inseparable from the following two task areas.



EnR administration & reporting

dena 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, dena 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.
- ANRE's presidency 2017-18 has been confirmed early so dena 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). dena 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.



Using the website regularly and fully will be key to enhancing exchange, linking up WGs and their activities, dislocating part of the administration from meetings. Complementing meetings, the website will increasingly serve as a medium for regular and continuous correspondences and communication. This way, EnR members will be activated to increasingly use it as the central communication platform beside meetings.

Focus Topic

Integrated Energy

Realising the Energy Union will be the dominating goal and task for stakeholders of the European energy sector incl. EnR in the next couple of years. In order to focus and make it possible at the same to include both areas, EEF and RES, dena selected a particular focus topic: Integrated energy. The concept tackles energy efficiency – as one of the five interlinked and mutually dependent dimensions of the Energy Union – as well as RES and is most likely to offer valuable contributions to the Energy Union and European energy transition. Integrated Energy is a rather recent and already much-discussed topic in Germany: The fast development of RES also bears challenges for their integration and the deployment of surplus electricity from RES. Coupling sectors is a promising way to counter these challenges and also means increasing the share of electricity from RES in the different sectors. Furthermore, efficiency of RES facilities and plants can be increased this way. Abroad, dena perceives increasing interest in the concept integrated energy, too.

The EU heating and cooling strategy stresses that increased energy efficiency – particularly also in industrial (heat) processes – and use of renewables will have an impact on energy security. In order to successfully and sustainably link sectors (e.g. heating and electricity) it will be crucial to also interlink energy efficiency increase and RES use, e.g. in the cogeneration of heat and electricity or Power-to-X approaches. Smart technologies will be key to making all this happen and will become even more important as drivers of the digitisation of the energy sector.

The idea is that the focus topic will render the thematic base – with a strong focus on energy efficiency as one of the five interlinked and mutually dependent dimensions of the Energy Union – and will thus serve as a pivot for dena's proposed EnR activities in 2016 and 2017 (cf. below). If possible, dena will of course try to link it up to the focus topic ANRE might want to choose for their presidency starting in 2017.

Intended Activities

Activities 2016-17 will build on ENOVA's work and are intended also as a means to contribute to increased visibility of the network in the member countries and towards the EC.

- EnR Event in Brussels (22 or 23 June), hosted by dena and gea Europe
- Thinking Group Meeting in Berlin (mid-Sept or late Oct), hosted by dena and BMWi
- 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, approaches to integrated energy)