



# European Energy Network

A voluntary network of European energy agencies

## M72 Regular and Full Meeting | Berlin | March 27 & 28, 2023

Chaired by ADENE, EnR Presidency 2022

Participants: 17 agencies, 51 members (38 in person)

#	Country	Organisation	In person	Online
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1	Croatia	EIHP	<b>Dražen JAKŠIĆ</b>	
1	Finland	Motiva		Kirsi-Maaria FORSSELL
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## 0\_Welcome

**Nelson Lage**, President of EnR and **ADENE** & **Christoph Jugel**, Head of Strategy & Policy Department, **dena** welcomed guests to the meeting.

Nelson Lage started by highlighting the exceptional nature of the year of 2022, with a war starting in Europe after Russia invaded Ukraine, and over 13 months of devastation for the Ukrainian people, and ripple effects throughout the world. Nelson pointed to the effects of the war on an already starting energy crisis and its effects on global value chains, supply shortages and inflation.

The energy crisis has demanded collaborative action from all European stakeholders in the sector, demanding a capacity to constantly adapt. Energy agencies assisted governments in the preparation and monitoring of national energy savings plans, following the Save Gas for a Safe Winter Regulation and the priority topics for the 2022 presidency gained relevance as key topics to accelerate the energy transition and reduce energy dependence from fossil fuels, in particularly originating in Russia.

ADENE's Presidency also tried to introduce new topics, not typically in the scope of energy agencies, such as Green Jobs & Skills and the Water-Energy Nexus, which are becoming more central to enable the energy transition. One of the main strategic lines of action in the year related to the communication and positioning EnR in an international stage, joining high-level representatives from the European Commission, national governments, companies, sectoral associations, etc.

Christoph Jugel welcomed guests to DENA and focused on the important moment that we live in, when energy agencies have central roles and when the paradigm in the energy sector is changing. As EnR Presidency in 2023, DENA will foster collaboration in critical issues for the energy transition, which will be discussed in events throughout the year.

## 1\_EnR Presidency 2022

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-RegularMeeting-Presidency2022](#)]

Agenda | **Luís Silva, ADENE**

EnR Presidency 2022 - Highlights | **Luís Silva, ADENE**

Luís provided some highlights of the year, namely the focus on communications and projection of EnR at a global level, with participation in international events as a network, collaborating with over 80 external stakeholders from across the globe towards that end.

Regarding WG activity, 4 WG stand out in terms of activity and agencies' engagement (Behaviour Change, Industry & Enterprises, Buildings and Monitoring Tools) and new WG chairs were announced in 2023:

- BehaviourChange - RVO (Co-chair: EST)
- Renewable Energy - dena
- Labelling&Ecodesign- ADEME (Co-chair: EST)

The WG Transport is looking for a new WG Chair to replace EST or potentially a Co-chair.

The EnR Presidency has also put into paper the WG Procedures that should be followed for the creation, management and evaluation of WG, to be voted in the Full meeting, which attempt to provide a common backbone to WG activity.

EnR Presidency 2022 - Communication & Events | **Inês Mendes, ADENE**

Inês summarized the year's accomplishments and deliverables in EnR communications' activity:

- New templates and comms materials available in the [EnR website](#)
- New social media channels (twitter, LinkedIn and youtube as a supporting tool)
- Website technical audit, identifying improvements to be implemented and security issues to be addressed
- Website improvements (design and content-wise)
- EnR newsletter with 5 editions (last one to be published in April 2023), with over 1200 subscribers already

Regarding Events, the Presidency promoted EnR's participation in over 15 international events worldwide with over 1000 participants, from direct EnR Presidency initiatives, to WG open events and external invitations to EnR. The highlights regarding events were:

- Organisation of a high-level EU-Africa policy makers roundtable on energy transition at the "aef, Africa energy forum 2022", with 13 african government representatives and the presence of the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans.
- Co-organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Youth Energy Forum (EYEF) with the European Youth Energy Network (EYEN), with 45 young energy professionals, including 6 EnR representatives, resulting in a position paper on "[The role of youth in the future of the European energy transition](#)", presented to the Portuguese Parliament and the Portuguese Presidency of the Republic. The event was marked by the signing of a collaboration MoU between EnR and EYEN.

## EnR Presidency 2022 – Studies & Publications | Sofia Cordeiro, ADENE

Sofia presented an overview of the studies conducted, resulting in [7 EnR publications](#). Key findings can be found in the presentation, but one of the main take-aways is that energy decisions are affected and affect a number of other aspects and therefore energy agencies have to go beyond the traditional scope of action, namely:

- resource efficiency water efficiency , food systems, circular economy , consumption
- education , training and the labour market
- social issues impacts of the energy transition for labour , energy poverty, etc

Inês detailed one of the outstanding publication (being finalized), the EnR International Cooperation Directory, currently encompassing initiatives in Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Indo-Pacific and other regions. A total of 31 initiatives from 11 agencies were characterized.

Full information on each publication and its presentation event (incl. video when available) is detailed in the presentation and available at the EnR website <https://enr-network.org/publications/>

### • Green Jobs & Skills | Filipa Newton, ADENE

Filipa presented an overview of the study conducted and of the conclusions, most importantly when it comes to actions that can be followed by EnR agencies and by EnR as a network, and which can be bundled into 5 main axis, which interconnect:

- Anticipate demands of the market
- Support development of public policies fostering green jobs
- Attract talent and recognize green skills
- Promote cross sectorial knowledge
- Monitor and update green skills & jobs

For each axis, EnR potential actions were highlighted, which can be pursued by individual agencies or WG, as well as the relevant stakeholders that need to be engaged.

Full study & presentation available in the EnR website <https://enr-network.org/publications/green-jobs-skills-challenges-and-opportunities-for-energy-agencies/>

### • Renewable Energy Communities | Manuel Casquiço, ADENE

The [video](#) of the presentation event on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Lisbon was shown. Manuel presented a summary of results of the survey carried out, which identify 4 main types of barriers for Renewable Energy Communities deployment:

- Legislative
- Behavioural/organizational
- Economic
- Technological

Energy agencies play a role in overcoming these barriers, namely by continuing to provide better information, training, sharing best practices, cooperating with stakeholders to streamline the process, create networking opportunities, assist the development and implement national strategies, incl. financial support schemes and, of course, collaborate and share at a European level through EnR.

Full study, presentation & video of the session available in the EnR website <https://enr-network.org/publications/energy-agencies-and-renewable-energy-communities-a-new-path-for-energy-decentralisation/>

## EnR Presidency 2022 – proposal for new WG procedures | Inês Mendes/Sofia Cordeiro, ADENE

Inês presented a proposal to standardize procedures for the Creation, Management & Evaluation of WG within EnR.

Regarding new **WG creation**, following the process tested with the Water-Energy Nexus task force, the proposal entails 2 phases:

- Phase 1 - Proposal of the new WG (ToR for WG Task Force > Approval of ToR for WG Task Force @EnR Full Meeting > WG Task Force implementation of action plan)
- Phase 2 – Task force assessment & WG creation (WG Task Force activity report > Formal approval of WG @EnR Full Meeting)

Regarding the **management** procedures, WG are expected to:

- Management (Yearly updates of action plan and execution report, in January and May / Full evaluation report, when applicable, in January > Update WG page in the EnR website > Find support opportunities for activities, e.g. joint funding application)

- Meetings and events (minimum of 2 meetings, one can be an internal webinar; organize and/or participate in a minimum of 1 external event/webinar)
- Technical work (Publication/report such as internal/external survey & analysis report, policy brief, position paper, study, ...)

The **WG evaluation** occurs yearly, as a self-assessment and reporting exercise, and an evaluation, occurring every 3rd year

- Annual Assessment (Yearly reporting of WG activities and self assessment on WG relevance and assessment on WG activities, Presented @EnR Regular Meeting)
- WG Evaluation (Preparation of WG full evaluation report and formal decision on WG continuity @EnR Full Meeting)

To respond to specific situations that are of common interest for EnR members and limited in time, an **EnR Task Force on Common Interest Initiatives** can be created by proposal of any member and decision by the Troika Plus.

All of these procedures, if approved, will be complemented by templates for all the deliverables needed.

Participants generally agreed with the procedures, although some doubts were expressed some doubts regarding concepts such as “report” or “ member engagement”. Participants asked for clarifications and that these should be expressed in the final document.

## 2\_EnR Members projects/initiatives

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-UpdatesFromEnRAgencies](#)]

- **Energy Audits Implementation in Lithuania | Virgilijus Poderys, ENA**

Virgilijus presented the status of implementation of energy audits in Lithuania and particularly the role that the Lithuanian Energy Agency plays in the process, namely how the agency is addressing compliance with methodology for public buildings.

- **Just Transition and Energy Poverty (Life IP project) | Ármin Bóhm, MEKH**

Ármin presented the LIFE IP “[North-HU-Trans](#)” which aims to assist the full implementation of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), phasing out the single largest coal region in Hungary. In particular the project will contribute to the decarbonisation of the Mátra Power Plant (MPP), the last remaining lignite power plant in the Hungarian electricity system and a major source of GHG emissions, by 2030. A large part of the project is devoted to guaranteeing a just transition, namely addressing energy poverty and also worker reskilling. The pilot projects and the prototype solutions for post-mining sites of the MPP are underway and a series of information materials were developed. These include booklets for residential property owners on building management, heating options and funding opportunities.

- **Towards a green Europe with no energy imports? | Marian Poolen, RVO**

Marian introduced a potential collaboration topic for EnR. As the acceleration of the clean energy transition to increase energy independence urges countries to work closely, there are several studies showing the various paths that can be followed to achieve neutrality (namely from [TU Delft & ETH Zurich](#) and [PAC consortium](#)). Depending on the different regions’ preferences or capacity, the possibilities are more or less open and the manoeuvring space is more or less restricted. In this context, international collaboration could act as a catalyst, as it can help discuss scenarios and align priorities. EnR agencies are involved in governmental implementation of energy policy and therefore have the knowledge, the convening power and experience required. In order to better assist their national governments, agencies can engage, through EnR, to understand how these models can inform planning and decision making and also look at existing information and EnR activities and how they can be used in conjunction with the models. Marian proposed approaching TU Delft and ETH Zurich to find out what can be learned from their approach for EnR agencies’ activity and EnR as a network.

## 3\_Working Groups

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-RegularMeeting-WG-Evaluations&updates](#)]

**Working Group Evaluations – Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy**

- **Energy Efficiency | Vassilis Kilias, CRES**

Vassilis presented the scope of the EE WG, the activities in the last year and a reflection on the WG overlapping objectives on different fronts with other WG, namely regarding actions on policy (with Monitoring Tools WG and Behaviour Change WG) and on innovative policies and financing (where connections can be found with Buildings WG, Industry & Enterprises WG, Transport and Ecodesign WG & Labelling WG), as well as with cross-cutting presidency initiatives. To plan activities for the next 3 years, it

was necessary to define priorities and ways to coordinate efforts with WG, as well as with European projects and a survey among EE WG members was conducted.

Besides the exchange of experience that the WG can provide (and especially important when it comes to evaluate policies, look at failures and how to overcome them), a special coordination could be deepened with the Monitoring Tools WG, using the MURE database. A few areas are identified as key topics that could be addressed by the WG, namely energy sufficiency and energy & food security.

New co-chairs were announced: AEA (Günter Simader) & EWA (Mathias Agius)

The WG proposed to promote a project-policy exhibition workshop per year, to exchange information between members, to support presidency activities and priorities and to communicate with important EU projects, regardless of members' participation. For 2023, the proposed focus is to evaluate REPowerEU energy saving driven initiatives and assess new EE policies introduced by members states.

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### • Renewable Energy | **Philine Wedell & Rita Ehrig, dena**

Philine and Rita presented the focus topics proposed for 2023/2024, with emphasis on 3 workshops to be developed in 2023, which are core to the action plan for the presidency:

- **Offshore wind, a European approach to grid connection (workshop planned in 2023, date tbd)**
- Permitting procedures for offshore wind projects
- Planning and permitting for renewables
- **Production capacities and value chains for transformation technologies (PV, wind and heat pump industries) (workshop planned in May 2023)**
- Unify technical standards in the area of offshore wind
- **Renewable heating and cooling (workshop planned in September 2023)**
- Key technologies and business models for the heat transition
- Long-term power supply agreements (PPAs) and CfDs
- Decarbonisation of industry and RE technologies

The 3 workshops were then detailed in terms of the content, objectives, target groups and lead organisers and partners.

Other areas of interest were already collected from WG members, with further interest declared in:

- Long-term power supply agreements(PPAs)
- Key technologies, business models and supply chains for the heat transition
- Planning and permitting for renewables
- Local energy supply models/energy communities
- Roll-out of heat pumps (together with WG buildings)

A WG meeting will be planned for April/May 2023 and a review of workshops and planning for 2024 activities in the Autumn of 2023.

Comments from participants:

- Participants stressed importance of the topics Energy Communities and heat pumps, and the intersection with already existing initiatives and projects in the network with the Renewable Energy WG.

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### **Working Group Updates**

#### • Industry & Enterprises | **Enrico Biele, ENEA**

Enrico reviewed the year's activities, with high EnR engagement but also involving external stakeholders and focusing on information exchange:

- Workshop with the EEFIG Industry WG ( March 2022);
- Participation with a presentation to the Annual Event of the SET Plan Action on Energy Efficiency in Industry ( March 2022)
- Eceee summer study in Hyeres, France (June 2022)
- Conference and WG meeting in Rome September 2022)
- Joint work (10 Agencies) on a Life project proposal October Nov. 2022)
- Participation to the UNECE Task force on EE sessions January 2023)
- International workshop on the Decarbonisation of the Industrial sector (March 2023)
- SME related activities (9 EnR Agencies, LEAP4SME): national observatories , national trainings, peer learning workshop with Interreg H2020 projects (CRES), reports and guidelines , participation in conferences

For 2023, the plans of the WG include:

- Internal meeting in March 2023
- Learning sessions on key-topics
- Involvement of a new EnR Agency in the activities



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- **Behaviour Change | Rebecca van Leeuwen, RVO**

Rebecca took on the role of chair of the WG after the last regular meeting in June 2022 and started regular meetings in September 2022.

The focus areas for 2023 are:

- Survey on monitoring of ongoing behavioural change-based initiatives, both regarding emergency plans and awareness raising initiatives (Lead: Lea, Motiva, Finland) deadline 31st March
- Updating the EnR Catalogue of Best Practices on Behaviour Change (Lead: Adrianna, EST, UK) Request for information to be sent in April
- Cooperation with IEA TCP Users group
- 7th Edition of the EnR BEHAVE 23 Conference, which will take place in 28-29 November 2023, in Maastricht, the Netherlands

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- **Buildings | Rui Fragoso, ADENE**

Rui detailed the WG activities in 2022:

- 2022.03 | EEFIG WG "Role of EnR agencies implementing the Renovation Wave"
- 2022.04 | Committee of Regions "Making the renovation wave happen through the new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive"
- 2022.05 | EEFIG WG "Stimulating Demand for Energy Efficiency Investments" Actions from EnR Agencies
- 2022.05 | BWG | Webinar "EPBD 2021 Challenges and opportunities | From MEPS to ZEB"
- 2022.07 | BWG | Survey "Long Term Renovation Strategies An update on the status of implementation across Europe"
- 2022.10 | BWG | Webinar "From LTRS to NBRP, what changes?"
- 2022.11 | LIFE proposals - BWG interaction about potential involvement in LIFE proposals

Regarding project proposals, the WG is happy to report that there were 4 successful ones involving 1 or more EnR members in LIFE 2022 calls.

For 2023 the WG is planning:

- 2023.03 | BWG | Survey Mapping BWG members topics level of interest
- 2023.05.10 | EPC Rescaling BWG internal group meeting to discuss this topic
- 2023.05.23 | BWG Regular meeting #1
- 2023.09.12 | BWG Regular meeting #2
- 2023.11.21 | BWG Regular meeting #3

The mapping of interests conducted in the current month of March revealed that the topics that currently are most important for members are:

- Renovation Passports
- Mandatory Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)
- EPCertificate Schemes
- One-stop-shops for renovation

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- **Monitoring tools | Didier Bosseboeuf, ADEME**

Didier updated the Regular meeting participants on a new successful evaluation from the European Commission on the LIFE-CET call to continue project "ODYSSEE-MURE fit for 55", which is coordinated by ADEME and involves 40 partners, including 18 EnR agencies. The new grant agreement was signed in October 2022. The new proposal entails:

- Updates of ODYSSEE (3) and MURE databases (2) and facilities
- Support in capacity building for EC countries by Croatia and other partners
- Odyssee New updating process, using more widely EUROSTAT data and horizontal sources
- Integration of a web based Policy Assessment Tool Policy radar (based on Artificial Intelligence)
- AI/Web scraping methods)
- Dissemination of the Odyssee MURE/ eceee European EE Scoreboard: social media

The kick-off meeting occurred in Nov 2022. Following that, a series of training sessions for new staff were conducted, the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter was issued and the project was present at a conference in Slovenia.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2023, the following activities are ongoing:

- Request to CINEA to re include UK in the project
- 2<sup>nd</sup> technical coordination meeting : 12th March
- 1<sup>st</sup> Regional meeting : April 24th 25 th 2023 (Croatia, EIHP)
- Regional training : April 25 th 26 th (Croatia,
- Participation to the EESW (6 June?)
- Signature of a consortium agreement (Spring 2023)

Also during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, the first updating of ODYSSEE (2020 data) and MURE databases will occur. Energy poverty and sufficiency were included as characterisation options.

In terms of international dissemination, the methodology for ODYSSEE is now applied, through various funding opportunities, in several different geographies (India, North Africa, Latin America).

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- Labelling & Ecodesign | **Colin Smith, EST**

Colin presented the group status. In 2022, WG meetings took place on 14 July and 6 September, presenting updated from members and specific funded projects ([HARP](#)). Also in 2022, the discussion regarding the WG chair position was opened and ADEME has recently agreed to chair the WG going forward, with EST providing support as co-chair. The new WG chair at ADEME is Thérèse Kreitz. The handover will occur in April and members will be contacted soon after.

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- Transports | **Colin Smith, EST**

Colin started by reminding the Regular meeting participants that the Transport WG is currently looking for a new chair or potentially a co-chair, as EST is not able to continue fulfilling this role due to other commitments that do not allow for so many WG activities to be undertaken.

The activities in the last year were limited, but 2 meetings occurred:

- 09 December 2022 | Presentation of EIB Jaspers Project by Atkins (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) - Emissions reduction in transport
  - 30 March 2023 | Adhoc call to discuss ADENE project proposal concept for Interreg funding call
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### New Working Group Proposal - Water & Energy Nexus | **Filipa Newton, ADENE**

Filipa presented the work developed towards the creation of a new EnR WG on Water-Energy Nexus, namely 5 main deliverables:

- EnR'22 Study and Report - Water Energy Nexus Financing | *Smart finance for the water&energy nexus Benchmark and recommendations on innovative financial mechanisms for cities and buildings* (Draft report in analysis by EnR WEN TF and Steering Committee, first version published [here @EnR Website](#))
- EnR'22 Study and Report - Green Jobs&Skills | *Green Jobs Skills Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Agencies* (available [here @EnR Website](#))
- EnR'22 European Consumer Survey | *Consumer willingness to choose taps and showers for water energy savings through labelling* (survey closed, information available [here @EnR Website](#))
- EnR'22 Report on the European Consumer Survey findings | *Energy Water Labelling for the taps and showers market: Contribution for increased adoption of efficient water use products, fixtures, and appliances* (available [here @EnR Website](#))
- EnR'22 Water Energy Nexus WG 1st Online Workshop | *Valuing water & energy savings in consumer choices* (available [here @EnR Website](#))

The main goals for this new WG are to contribute and advocate for the Water Energy Nexus approach under current and future European and national policies on water, energy & climate action, fostering stronger connection between these policies at EU and Countries levels. To do that, the new WG will focus on exchanging information, develop knowledge, foster new collaboration opportunities and create a community around this topic. As energy agencies, the focus on water relates to its role as a key energy efficiency driver, a critical resource for renewable energy, and a vital part of the energy transition, climate action and new food systems.

The WG will work around 3 main areas within its scope:

- WEN 2 Demand | Water and energy combined approaches
- WEN@Production | Energy for Water, Water for Energy
- WEN 4 Climate Action | water's role in climate neutrality plans, namely as a driver for healthy and environmentally friendly food systems

In 2023, the WG has already developed a series of activities:

- Working Group ToR and Work plan 2023-2025 Proposal and approval of Final ToR for the WG Participation in the UN Water Conference and Submission of a Commitment to the UN Water Action Agenda. The Work Plan for the new WG was submitted as an EnR commitment to the [UN Water Agenda](#) and presented at the UN Water Conference in NYC.
- Direct invitation to EnR members to participate in EnR new WEN WG

And there are a few more planned, starting at this Full Meeting (March 28):

- EnR Water Energy Nexus WG Smart Financing Internal Panel and public Event Panel to report the findings of the WEN WG study on "Smart finance for the water&energy nexus" Berlin 28 March
- Assess EnR Agencies areas of interest under WEN Participatory online session April 2023
- Funding opportunity Apply to project funding for the WG activities in 2023 (Interreg Europe) Concept note soon
- Workshop on "How can smart financing help achieve EU targets" June 2023

For the WG work plan 2023-2025, the priority topics will be:

- 1) Cooperation and advocacy for WEN in energy and water policies&instruments
  - 2) Data and monitoring- - developing indicators and deploy a WEN observatory
  - 3) Dissemination – EnR website and reserved members' area and dedicated webinars & physical events
  - 4) EnR studies on new EnR topics relevant to WEN – Futures' thinking, design thinking approaches, Energy for Water, Water for Energy
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## 4\_European Youth Energy Network

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-RegularMeeting-EuropeanYouthEnergyNetwork](#)]

### 1<sup>st</sup> European Youth Energy Forum results and future EnR cooperation | **Tiago Vicente, EYEN**

Tiago presented EYEN and its vision and goals and specifically detailed on its main event of 2022, the 1<sup>st</sup> European Youth Energy Forum, where 45 young energy professionals from over 20 countries discussed and finalised a position paper on “The Role of Youth in the Future of the Energy Transition” after 3 months of online work sessions to draft it. It contains 12 proposed measures that can be implemented by EYEN and its members and member organisations but which also call to action actors like energy agencies and national governments. To increase the impact of EYEN, it’s fundamental to have the support of EnR and EnR agencies, namely by incentivising its young professionals to join EYEN, but also get to know the position paper and explore how each agency can help materialize it, and directly support EYEN, from a more direct sponsorship to contacts, speakers for the events, etc.

## 5\_Behave Conference 2023

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-RegularMeeting-BehaveConference2023](#)]

### BEHAVE 2023 Conference | **Rebecca van Leeuwen, RVO**

Rebecca presented the advancements of the organisation of the EnR conference Behave 2023, namely date and venue already fixed (Nov 28-29, Maastricht, Netherlands), the main focus “Scaling up behaviour change in the light of the energy & climate crises” and the topics that will be discussed. The Organising and Scientific Committees were presented and it was announced that the conference will collaborate with the Energy Efficiency journal to publish proceedings and full papers. For the conference, important cooperation with others stakeholders, notably 2 IEA TCPs (Technology Collaboration Program), the Users TCP and Cities TCP, as well as a possible collaboration with Enterprise Europe Network (EEN could organise a matchmaking event and the conference organisation is still looking for a co-organiser for this). The Behave conference organisation is now detailing the program, namely keynote speakers and institutional representations, and suggestions from EnR members are welcome. Rebecca to articulate with WG chairs – Monitoring Tools, Buildings, Energy Efficiency on potential speakers, session contribution, etc. Rebecca urged all EnR members to promote the Conference within their networks and to encourage submission of papers and to promote the conference through its website <https://www.behave2023.eu/>. Didier Bosseboeuf suggested sufficiency as a topic for the conference.

## 6\_EnR Presidency 2023 Action Plan

Presentation for this section [[EnR-M72-RegularMeeting-Presidency2023](#)]

### EnR Presidency 2023 action plan, inc. discussion | **Christoph Jugel, dena**

Tim Banning presented the action plan for 2023. In 2023, under the leadership of dena, EnR will focus on the changes and challenges associated with the current energy crisis under the theme of “Crisis and Transformation”. To do that, 3 dialogue events are going to be organised, which provide a framework for an exchange of experiences between the energy agencies and external stakeholders, offering the opportunity to develop coordinated proposals for solutions. The 3 workshops are:

- WS1: Strengthening the value chains of the energy transition in Europe (STIPE) – May 2023, in Berlin (hybrid)
- WS2: Energy Efficiency in the Building Sector (MEPS & Energiesprong) – June 2023 (back to back with the Regular Meeting, most likely in France, to be announced soon)
- WS3: RED II and national instruments for the heat transition (REDI4Heat) – October or November 2023 (Thinking Group Meeting, date and location to be announced)

Comments from participants:

- Participants voiced agreement on thematic priorities of the work program and in particular of content linkage to working groups (renewable and buildings)
- Planning of the WG Renewable Energies on the topic Renewable Energies Communities (REC): Note that Austria has an ongoing EU project on this and has developed a blueprint for One-Stop-Shop
- EST (UK) is working on a study on energy efficiency best practice - first results may be presented in next EnR regular meeting (June/July)
- Participants suggested to check whether the topic of heat pumps can be addressed in the building AG.
- Participants flagged possible scheduling conflicts when planning the Regular Meeting and the second workshop in the summer due to national holidays



## Day 2 | EnR Full Meeting | 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Welcome

**Nelson Lage**, President of EnR and **ADENE**

**Christoph Jugel**, Head of Strategy & Policy Department, **dena**

### 7\_A\_EnR Full Meeting

Presentation for this section [\[EnR-M72-FullMeeting\]](#)

Formal decisions on topics discussed in Regular meeting | **Nelson Lage, ADENE**

- **WG Evaluations**

- Energy Efficiency  
Approved unanimously
- Renewable Energy  
Approved unanimously

- **WG new procedures**

Adopted unanimously

- **New WG on Water-Energy Nexus**

Adopted unanimously

### 7\_B\_EnR Presidency Handover

EnR Presidency 2022 final report and handover to EnR Presidency 2023 | **Nelson Lage, ADENE**

Official handover | **Nelson Lage, ADENE & Kristina Haverkamp, dena**

EnR Presidency 2023 | **Tim Banning, dena**

- **Next EnR meetings**

M73 will take place in France, hosted by ADEME, date and final location tbc. Still looking for a TGM host, hopefully among the REDI4heat partners.

- **EnR Presidency 2024**

Despite contacts with several agencies, there has yet to be a solution for 2024's Presidency.

AEA, CRES, EWA, EIHP, IDAE have regretfully declined at this moment.

ADEME would be willing to take on the role again, if no other agencies are able to take on the role if no other agency steps forward.

## Day 2 | Roundtable - Smart Financing for the Water-Energy Nexus | 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Smart Financing for the Water-Energy Nexus | Study Presentation and roundtable

Presentation for this section [\[EnR-M72-SmartFinanceForWaterEnergyNexus\]](#)

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Case studies | The role of Energy Agencies in the Water-Energy Nexus

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Roundtable | The importance of financing the water-energy nexus towards energy-climate goals

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