

**09th June 2021**

**EnR online Regular Meeting (M69) - Draft Meeting Minutes**

Chaired by ADEME, EnR Presidency 2021

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| **1.** | **Opening** | **Responsible** |
|  | Philippe welcomed participants who introduced themselves by name, organisation and country. He highlighted the purpose of this meeting that was to update on ADEME Presidency work plan and next steps, and to update on the WGs activities.  There were more participants than usual (over 30). |  |
|  | **Adoption of M69 Agenda** |  |
|  | **Adoption of M68 Minutes** |  |
| **2.** | **ADEME Presidency updates** |  |
|  | * **EnR/EIB Collaboration**   Irina reminded about the EnR/EIB Training Workshop that was held on 15th April and that EIB available to support the organisation of national workshops.  Luís informed that ADENE be organising a national workshop with the EIB support (once they get confirmation of their guidelines from the EC). The event is planned at the end of June or early July. Luís will share their experience with the network to inform other agencies.  Irina also reminded that agencies could still respond or send updates for the EIB survey.   * **TAFTIE Collaboration**   Irina reminded about the collaboration with TAFTIE on which RVO launched a survey last year to assess the interest of both networks to collaborate. It was decided at the Full meeting (M68), that EnR members could join TAFTIE High SME Potential & Benchmark Tasks Forces. Interested agencies should inform the Secretariat.  TAFTIE members were invited to join Renewable Energy and Industry & Enterprises WGs.   * **“Renovation Wave” & “Industry Decarbonisation” benchmark studies**   Irina informed that Algoé consulting company had been selected to carry out the RW study. Alexandre Allard & Barbara Pianu from Algoé are the contact points for the activities. The study was launched early May and the results are expected in October. The Task Force was created for the study consisting of the Troika Plus members & Rui. Any other interested member is welcome.  For Industry Decarbonisation study, E-CUBE consulting company has been selected. Study launch is scheduled for mid-June with results expected in November.  Irina thanked the agencies that already provided their experts’ names for both studies. She encouraged other agencies to send their experts’ contacts as soon as possible.  Agencies are also invited to respond to the questionnaires that will be launched in the framework of both studies.   * **Smart Sector Integration – EnR Report & EnR-EC Round Table on 22nd June 2021**   Irina pointed out that [the EnR report on SSI](https://enr-network.org/enr-report-on-smart-sector-integration/) was published & available on the EnR website. She encouraged the agencies to disseminate the report in their countries using [the article](https://enr-network.org/2021/03/enr-report-on-smart-sector-integration/) on the EnR website.  ADEME decided to hold the Regular meeting over one day and to dedicate the second day to the promotion of the SSI report at the Round Table with the EC planned on 22nd June through a round table with the EC. The purpose of the event is to present the main findings & recommendations of the report, to discuss potential challenges the EC might be facing and how EnR could support the Commission in overcoming those challenges, as well as to agree on follow-up activities.  Karlis Goldstein, CAB Simson, and Pierre Loaec, DG ENER, will be representing the EC. It was proposed to present examples of SSI approaches from a selection of agencies (IDAE, dena, SEA). Jacques & Rebecca to secure the participation of the agencies. RVO will prepare a set of questions to the EC to ensure having concrete actions out of the meeting.  Agencies were invited to confirm their participation in the event by informing Eléanor by 17th June.   * **Website improvements & Online library**   Eléanor informed about the following novelties/updates of the website :   * Updated “Events” section * Creation of the “Publications” section to facilitate the visibility and promotion of EnR reports. Currently, three publications are available: the catalogue of best practices related to behaviour insights, the SSI report and the Energy poverty position paper. * “External meeting” sub-section was added in the Members area that includes documents from the EIB-EnR workshop and the EE First Principle expert meeting. Several EnR agencies were present and the network contributed to the discussion by sharing the SSI report. * Updated presentation in the online library of best practices: project short descriptions were added to the title. New factsheets will be available soon; members will be informed by email. * ADEME is in discussion with Avento, company from Norway hosting the EnR website, on the development of the online library to turn it into a basic searchable database. The one-time cost is around €2.000 and will be borne by ADEME. * Updated “Overview EnR meeting hosts & presidents” * Updated “EnR WG Evaluation Schedule” * Updated EnR & WGs members contact list (available on the website). * Updated internal website contacts database with new profiles created for those who did not yet have an account.   There is no automatic alert sent to the person from the website once their account has been created, so members are invited to contact Eléanor should they wish to receive their login details.   * **Modus Operandi**   ADEME started working on developing the Modus Operandi, intended as an internal document detailing the EnR internal rules and functioning. Its aim is to compile the updated information into an overall & comprehensive document describing the operation of the network.  As Rui pointed out, it is important to have a harmonised approach within all WGs to share documents & information. This “chapter” is already included in the Modus Operandi.  Irina informed that the Troika Plus is working on the document and the information will be shared with the network in the coming months for the MO to be presented for vote at the Full meeting in February.   * **Membership**  1. **Turkey withdrawal**   Irina announced the confirmation of the Turkish agency withdrawal from the network as they are no longer an agency, but part of the ministry. The official withdrawal letter has not been received yet. Turkish members will be able to continue their activities in the WGs as observers. The Turkish member withdrawal will be confirmed at the Full meeting in February 2022.   1. **Lithuania request**   Irina informed that the Secretariat had been approached by the Lithuanian energy agency (LEA). ADEME has received an official letter from LEA’s director. The application procedure evaluation seems lengthy and will have to be led online, due to covid-19 restrictions. Troika Plus will decide on LEA’s eligibility and they will be invited to participate in different WGs of their interest; the evaluation team will then be also launched.  Three agencies volunteered to be on the evaluation team: Josephine (SEA), Kerstin (AEA) & Luís (ADENE). It was also agreed that Rebecca would liaise with the evaluation team, as she has contacts with a different entity in Lithuania.  Enrico mentioned the importance of trying to involve other missing agencies from Estonia, Latvia & Belgium through Full members contacting directly the directors/chairs & to revitalise dormant agencies like Denmark, Russia & Luxembourg. He will provide his contacts.  Emilie said they tried to relaunch Denmark through eceee contact but that it was slow. She highlighted that even if we did not have direct contact with energy agency, we could still go through ministries to be in touch with those agencies. | **Luís, ADENE**  **All**  **All**  **All**  **All**  **Rebecca & Jacques, RVO**  **All**  **ADEME**    **All**  **Troika Plus, WG Chairs**  **ADEME**  **Troika Plus**  **Josephine, Kerstin, Luís, Rebecca**  **Enrico** |
| **3.** | **WGs Activities updates** |  |
|  | Check the slides available on [EnR website](https://enr-network.org/m69-regular-meeting-09-june-2021/).   * **Behaviour Change WG**   BEHAVE Conference 2020-2021 attracted a high number of participants (594 registrations) in 29 sessions with 150 speakers. Irmeli warmly thanked the members of the Troika Plus & WG who participated in the conference organisation. A round of applause was given for the achieved results.  EnR held two sessions:   1. “Energy agencies supporting households and communities through the energy transition with a focus on behaviour change and advice delivery”: **55 participants**. EnR team prepared [a catalogue of best practices related to behavioural insights](https://enr-network.org/behave-enr-catalogue-of-best-practices-related-to-behavioural-insights/), available on the EnR website. 2. “The road to net zero: what can energy agencies learn from behavioural science”: **72 participants**.   Agencies interested in organising BEHAVE 2022 & 2024, should inform Irmeli & the Secretariat.  WG’s future plan is to become a platform for collaboration between agencies, social scientists and other key networks. Irmeli also announced the future collaboration with IEA Behavioural Insights Platform of the Users Technology Collaboration Programme.  Emilie proposed to check with c2e2 on their interest in hosting the conference permanently (and online, to increase the accessibility & reduce carbon emissions from travel). Irmeli will enquire about this at the follow-up meeting with c2e2.   * **Buildings WG**   Rui mentioned the Buildings WG’s last meeting took place online on 20th May with the main topic being Horizon Europe calls. WG provided support to the Presidency for the RW study.   * **Industry & Enterprises WG**   Enrico informed, among other things, about the LEAP4SME session held at the BEHAVE conference on EE behavioural policies in enterprises with the Universities of Lausanne and the UIT Business School.   * **Energy Efficiency WG**   Vassilis welcomed RVO as a new WG member. Participation of Sweden & Germany in the WG is welcome to facilitate the balance between northern & southern countries. WG ToRs update is planned by the end of June. They also consider the EU funding opportunities (LIFE programme).   * **Monitoring Tools WG**   Didier gave an overview of the actions taken with ODYSSEE-MURE databases’ updates, the development of the EE1P facility & update of the European EE Scoreboard. The full ODYSSEE & MURE databases and related publications are expected in October 2021. A new proposal for LIFE CET is planned to be submitted in September with a survey on the willingness of the agencies to participate at the end of June.   * **Renewables WG**   Pia announced that Antonia Munz would be taking over as WG Chair at Dena (replacing her during the maternity leave). Last WG projects finished in 2020 (EU HEROES and THERMOS). Interest in TAFTIE participants joining the WG. Irina will put them in touch with Arthur from SIEA.   * **Labelling & Eco-design WG**   Katie reported that the WG also discusses HE & LIFE funding. They work on labelling legislation for light sources. Most of the projects created digital tools (Hacks, Label2020) that will be presented to the WG members. ToRs will be reviewed by the end of June.   * **Transport WG**   Colin Smith was not able to attend the meeting but the WG activities report is available on the Intranet.  Irina mentioned Vassilis’ idea to develop a mapping of WG activities to facilitate information sharing & synergies. Consult WG Chairs on their interest for this initiative. | **All**  **Irmeli**  **Irina**  **ADEME** |
| **4.** | **Discussion on energy sufficiency** |  |
|  | Didier made a presentation on energy sufficiency in which he gave a definition of the topic. He highlighted that we could not avoid sufficiency to reach our targets and that ES is supplementing EE. Didier will organise a workshop within eceee on sufficiency. He concluded in saying the agencies are not enough mature for to start a WG on this topic, it would be better to set up a Task Force.  Josephine agreed that it should not be a separate WG because it is interlinked with other topics.  Emilie outlined that sufficiency, efficiency & circular economy are complementary and people’s demand for sufficiency is rationalised by combining it with circular economy.  Philip suggested to have a Thinking Group (rather than a TF) to analyse how the approach works. He highlighted that whether it is called “sufficiency” or “circular economy” the most important thing is to include public consent & acceptance in the debate.  Vassilis drew attention on the matter of words and what is behind sufficiency. He stressed the need to have an approach on that point. He emphasised that, in some cases, it is necessary to address sufficiency issues in EE policies in order to examine ex ante or ex post the level of sufficiency and its impact on actual consumption, but this needs to be done in a more structured way. There is a clear need to include links between sufficiency & resource recycling.  Didier pointed out that this topic touched upon all WG, so there needs to be a coordinated view, as this is a horizontal issue. A dedicated WG might be created in a few years. As circular economy is part of sufficiency, he proposed to start by that. He outlined that acceptance is already being discussed: BEHAVE Conference was talking about public acceptance, ADEME barometers are working to assess the acceptance of policies (e.g. reducing home temperature) Moreover, there are already sufficiency policies (carpooling, reparability index in France, etc.). Didier highlighted that we needed to focus on policy implementation area.  Charalampos commented that we should not forget water & the water-energy nexus. Päivi supported the importance of the water topic. Philip agreed that water was an issue that concerned us all, regardless of our geographical location. Emilie stressed the link between water, food & energy. Marian added the link to the carbon footprint.  Philippe suggested discussing the topic of sufficiency during the next Troika Plus meeting on 17th June, to see whether we can organise a reflection group during the Thinking Group Meeting in Lisbon. | **Troika Plus** |
| **5.** | **Deep dive into the Renovation Wave study** |  |
|  | Alexandre & Barbara, Algoé, presented the study methodology and the questionnaire that would be sent to the members after the meeting with 25th June deadline (presentation available [on the intranet](https://enr-network.org/m69-regular-meeting-09-june-2021/)). Algoé will conduct interviews with a selection of agencies to deepen their insights.  Q&A:  *Rebecca: There are some general questions at the end of the questionnaire: who should fill in the answers? Collective responses from different colleagues?*  Irina: It depends on each agency, the way you are organised and work on the topic. The most important thing is to showcase the richness of the EnR expertise to position it as an expert network towards the stakeholders (EC, EIB). It is also great to share difficulties & challenges you may face in implementing this topic in your country.  Philip wondered whether it would be possible to prioritize issues to ensure the best possible outcome and not get superficial answers.  Alexandre responded that the priority was to give information that they could not find elsewhere than in this questionnaire. The last questions are probably the most important.  Corinne (ADEME) added that if the members needed more time, they could inform Alexandre or Barbara.  Rebecca asked the question about the benchmark aspect of the study – will there be a ranking of the agencies? Irina reassured that the idea was not to compare the aegncies, but to show the diversity of expertise and power of collective action to encourage the EC to see the EnR as a partner. |  |
| **6.** | **Wrap-up & closing** |  |
|  | Philippe thanked everyone for their reflections and for another fruitful and efficient discussion. He summarized the main follow-up actions discussed.  The date for the next meeting is 22nd June 2021 (10.30-12.00 CET) for the EnR-EC Round Table on Smart Sector Integration.  The next TGM will take place in October or November 2021 in Lisbon. The exact date will soon *be confirmed*. | **All**  **ADEME** |