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# Access to Risk Finance and SMARTSPEND Closing Conference

**Thursday 18th of November 2021, from 09:30 to 13:00 (CET)**

**Objective:** This 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Access to Risk Finance Conference will look into funding instruments for energy innovation, those in place today and their outlook for the coming years. The EU's Emission Trading System will be discussed, with a focus on using carbon contracts for difference to de-risk pilot projects and new technologies for scaleup. Moreover, this conference will close the SMARTSPEND project, by presenting its results in the areas of Research & innovation (R&I) policy, European Technology and Innovation Platforms and SET Plan implementation working groups.

## Conference Programme

TIME	ITEM
9:00 – 9:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30 – 9:35	Welcome Speech  <u>Speaker:</u> Rainer Janssen Managing Director Projects in WIP and President of EUREC - SMARTSPEND Project Coordinator
9:35 – 10:30	<b>Session 1: Funding instruments for energy innovation</b>  <u>Objective:</u> Zabala will set the scene by presenting its recent mapping report of the funding instruments available in Europe for clean energy innovation, followed by a presentation on the European Innovation Council by the European Commission. The speakers will join a panel discussion along with an official from the International Energy

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	<p>Agency to discuss how financial instruments can boost green R&amp;I in Europe, new approaches and best practices from outside the EU.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Zdenka Myslikova, Postdoctoral Scholar, CIERP at Tufts University</p> <p><u>Presentations</u> – 25 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping funding instruments for energy innovation in Europe Juan Sanciñena, R&amp;D and innovation consultant, Zabala - 15 minutes</li> <li>• Supporting the energy transition with the European Innovation Council - Directorate General for Research &amp; Innovation, European Commission - 10 minutes</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion with questions from the audience</u> - 30 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juan Sanciñena, R&amp;D and innovation consultant, Zabala</li> <li>• Directorate General for Research &amp; Innovation, European Commission</li> <li>• Simon Bennett, Energy Technology Analyst, Energy Agency</li> <li>• Dirk Bessau, Business Unit Manager, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH</li> </ul>
<p>10:30 – 11:40</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Smart Strategies for energy technology research and innovation - Presenting the results of the SMARTSPEND project</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> This session will focus on the results and policy recommendations from the SMARTSPEND Horizon 2020 project on clean energy innovation, bringing in insights on national R&amp;I programmes, outcomes from the past 2 editions of the Access to Risk Finance Conference, as well as recommendations to support the SET plan under its European Technology and Innovation Platforms &amp; its Implementation Working Groups.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Rémi Gruet, Ocean Energy Europe</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration and development of cross-thematic synergies amongst energy stakeholders - Paola Mazzucchelli, Brussels delegate, CIRCE - 10 minutes</li> <li>• ETIPs supporting the SET Plan - Greg Arrowsmith, Secretary General, EUREC - 10 minutes</li> <li>• Industry meets regulators: Reporting on SMARTSPEND clean industry delegation meetings with high-level energy officials in 10 EU countries - Nicolas de la Vega, Policy and Project Officer, EUREC - 10 minutes</li> <li>• Presenting the highlights and outcomes of the two past editions of the Access to Risk Finance Conference - Sabrina Hastings Mela, Consultant, EASE - 10 minutes</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A session with audience</u> - 30 minutes</p>



11:40 - 12:00	<b>Coffee Break - 20 minutes</b>
12:00 - 12:40	<p><b>Session 3 - De-risking clean energy projects funded under ETS with Carbon Contracts for Difference</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Explain the concept of Carbon Contracts for Difference and explore how it can be introduced in the EU's Emissions Trading System under Innovation Fund to support innovative energy projects.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Paola Mazzucchelli, Brussels Delegate at Circe and Processes4Planet</p> <p><u>Five-minute pitch on CCfD:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG CLIMA, European Commission (TBC)</li> <li>• Lucy Chatburn, Director at Cleantech Group</li> <li>• Ben McWilliams, Research Analyst, Bruegel</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion with speakers</u> – 25 minutes</p>
12:40-13:00	<p><b>Closing speech in interview format</b></p> <p><u>Interviewee:</u> H��l��ne CHRAYE, Deputy Director Clean Planet and Head of Unit C1, Directorate General for Research &amp; Innovation, European Commission</p> <p><u>Interviewer:</u> Greg Arrowsmith, Secretary General, EUREC</p>