

Press Release - Information



Committee of the Regions

Brussels, Belgium: On June 23, 2014 eseia – the European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance is organizing an EU Brokerage Event at the Committee of the Regions in the frame of the FP7 INCO ener2i Project back to back with EUSEW 2014.

ener2i, Energy Research to Innovation aims at reinforcing cooperation with EaP countries on bridging the gap between energy research and energy innovation. The event is supported by the INCO NET EaP project.

ener2i concentrates on the following main objectives:

- To enhance the innovation capacity and performance EE/RES actors;
- To improve knowledge transfer and innovation support in the EE/RES field;
- To stimulate effective linkages between research and innovation;
- To strengthen cooperation between EU and participating EaP countries.

This conference will bring together about 60 participants including key representatives of EU institutions, companies, higher education and research institutions from the EU and EaP countries of Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan and Ukraine. Accompanied by a presentation of their general national S&T landscape provided by INCO NET EaP country researchers, the event will focus on:

- Bioresources Utilisation
- Smart Cities and Regions
- Capacity building

During the networking coffee break and lunch, the participants will meet with experts from 16 different countries to discuss and to provide inputs into the brokerage workshop sessions together with the chairs from eseia.

The Committee of the Regions is hosting the event, therefore Mercedes Bresso - *Vice-President of the CoR, has kindly accepted to address the closing speech, as she is supporting the EU's Eastern Partnership initiatives and especially the EaP regional focus.* The full list of actors is available in the final programme.

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Attachment: Final Programme



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