

# Responsible Energy Practice

**Citizens and Civil Society Roadmap for the Energy Transition in Europe**

**Workshop – Friday 15 March 2019**

**European Economic and Social Committee**

**Rue de Trèves 74 - Brussels**

## **Rationale of the workshop**

As stated in the inception of the recent EESC Opinion on the effects of a new carbon free, decentralised and digitalised energy supply structure on jobs and regional economies, “transforming the energy system towards carbon-free, decentralised and digitalised supply offers enormous opportunities, in particular for structurally weak and rural regions of Europe”. The ENABLE-EU project looks to the same energy transition opportunities from the side of citizens, companies and governments behavioural change perspectives, with the investigation of trends and drivers underpinning energy behaviour across 11 European countries (see the attached project brief for more details).

The workshop is the third of a sequence of workshops the project organises to discuss the future of the energy transition to low carbon economy in Europe with energy policy experts, civil society representatives and citizens. A group of pioneer households – early adopters interviewed and selected in the 11 countries case studies on energy presumption, energy efficiency at home, heating and cooling and mobility – has been engaged in the process. They helped to identify from their own everyday life experience promising “responsible energy practices”, where responsible means responding to the need of reducing the waste and consumption of energy in the everyday life, for the benefit of the households themselves, of their neighbourhoods and the planet as a whole.

The aim of the third ENABLE-EU workshop will be now to let these citizens to meet with civil society representatives at EU level, in Brussels, to discuss and elaborate together a roadmap for realising an Energy Union Sustainable Households Practice Scenario.

Working together, participants will contribute to identify promising everyday life practices of sustainable energy conservation, production or consumption, and possible ways to translate them across Europe.

## Draft Agenda

Friday 15 March 2019

When	What	Who
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	ENABLE.EU staff
9.00 – 9.30	The EESC contribution to the Energy Transition and social impact debate	Welcome of the EESC Foresight Unit (Pierluigi Brombo, tbc) Lutz Ribbe – Rapporteur of the Opinion TEN/660 (tbc)
9.30 – 10.00	The ENABLE EU Project and the Energy Union Sustainable Household Practice Scenario	Giovanna Giuffre, Carlo Sessa (ISINNOVA – ENABLE.EU)
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 12.30	First Interactive Session: Sharing the Sustainable Household Practice Scenario	Participants are divided in 4 mixed tables (citizens, CSOs representatives, energy experts from Enable-EU), working with the help of one rapporteur to discuss responsible energy practice and ways to support and disseminate them at European and national level (1 hour and half of work at separate tables + 30 minutes for reporting back the work of the groups in plenary)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 15.30	Second Interactive Session: Building a citizens and civil society roadmap to the energy transition in Europe.	Participants are divided in 4 to mixed tables (citizens, CSOs representatives, energy experts from Enable-EU), working with the help of one rapporteur to discuss a roadmap of actions citizens, CSOs and policy makers can take to translate responsible energy practice across Europe (1 hour and half of work at separate tables + 30 minutes for reporting back the work of the groups in plenary)
15.30 – 16.00	Conclusions	ENABLE.EU speaker (tbc) EESC speaker (tbc)

## H2020 PROJECT ENABLE-EU

### Brief

**Title: Enabling the Energy Union through understanding the drivers of individual and collective energy choices in Europe**

**Duration: November 2016 – November 2019 (36 months)**

**Consortium:**

Participant No *	Participant organisation name	Country
1 (Coordinator)	Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi (ISINNOVA)	Italy
2	Notre Europe Jacques Delors Institute (JDI)	France
3	Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD)	Bulgaria
4	Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo (CICERO)	Norway
5	Basque Centre for Climate Change - Klima Aldaketa Ikergai (BC3)	Spain
6	Cambridge Econometrics Ltd (Camecon)	UK
7	Energiapiaci Tanacsado Kft (REKK)	Hungary
8	Economics Institute (EI)	Serbia
9	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (WWU)	Germany
10	Centre for Global Studies (Strategy XXI)	Ukraine
11	The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)	Poland
12	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	UK

### Project Abstract

The Energy Union Framework Strategy laid out on 25 February 2015 has embraced a citizens-oriented energy transition based on a low-carbon transformation of the energy system. The success of the energy transition pillar in the Energy Union will hinge upon the social acceptability of the necessary reforms and on the public engagement in conceptualizing, planning, and implementing low carbon energy transitions. The ENABLE.EU project will aim to define the key determinants of individual and collective energy choices in three key consumption areas - transportation, heating & cooling, and electricity – and in the shift to prosumption (users-led initiatives of decentralised energy production and trade). The project will also investigate the interrelations between individual and collective energy choices and their impact on regulatory, technological and investment decisions. The analysis will be based on national household and business surveys in 11 countries, as well as research-area-based comparative case studies. ENABLE.EU aims to also strengthen the knowledge base for energy transition patterns by analysing existing public participation mechanisms, energy cultures, social mobilisation, scientists' engagement with citizens. Gender issues and concerns regarding energy vulnerability and affluence will be given particular attention. The project will also develop participatory-driven scenarios for the development of energy choices until 2050 by including the findings from the comparative sociological research in the E3ME model created by Cambridge Econometrics and used extensively by DG Energy. The findings from the modelling exercise will feed into the formulation of strategic and policy recommendations for overcoming the gaps in the social acceptability of the energy transition and the Energy Union plan. Results will be disseminated to relevant national and EU-level actors as well as to the general public.

### Participatory Foresight

ENABLE-EU includes a **participatory foresight activity for understanding social acceptability and fostering support to the energy transition at European level and in 11 countries (8 Member States + Norway, Serbia**

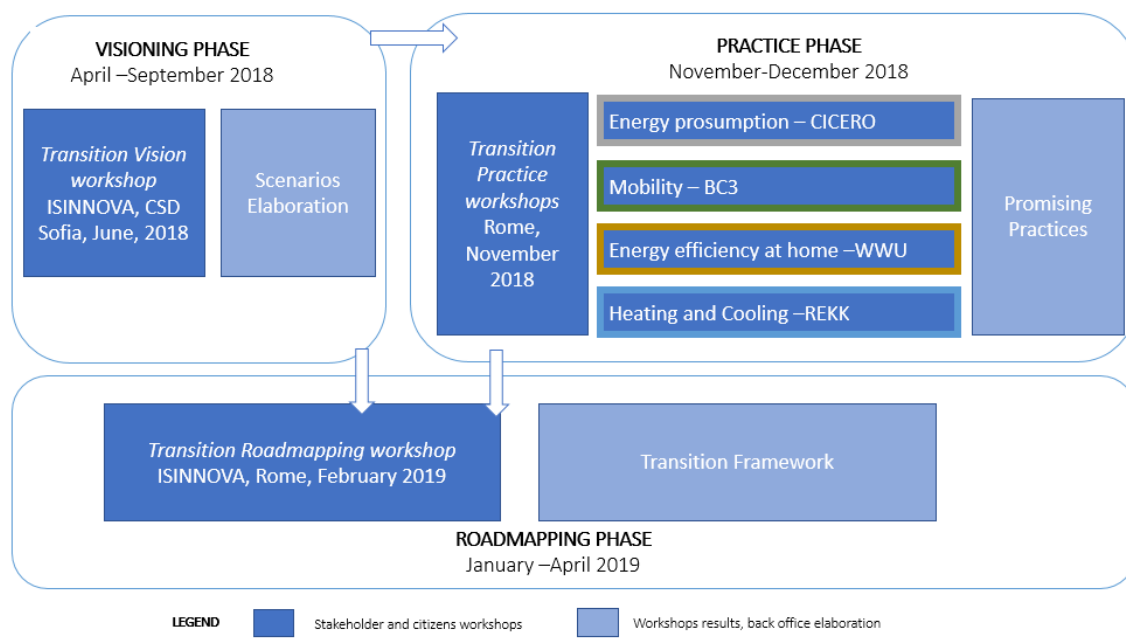
**and Ukraine).** This activity started at the beginning of 2018 and will last until April 2019. The aim of the foresight exercise is to focalise a citizen oriented energy transition scenario, and discuss promising energy sustainable and social practices in four fields: prosumption, energy efficiency at home, heating & cooling, electric vehicles. The foresight process combines future visioning methods with the engagement of pioneer households – a sample of early adopters of new energy technologies involved in the ENABLE-EU case studies - to elaborate an **Energy Union Sustainable Household Practice Scenario**, identifying promising everyday life practices of sustainable energy conservation, production or consumption, and possible ways to translate them across Europe. This fundamental focus on practices and practice transformation differentiates this process from other foresight techniques.

The whole foresight exercise is articulated in three steps:

1. **Transition Vision Phase** (April-September 2018) will aim to build scenarios from the everyday life perspective, by interpreting trends, drivers and practices that influence current behaviour and present and future energy choices. The Transition Visioning workshop was organised in Sofia, in June 2018, engaging around 60 experts and stakeholders from ENABLE-EU case studies.
2. **Transition Practice Phase** (October-December 2018) involving 80 pioneer households from the ENABLE-EU case studies and 11 countries, and aiming to discuss the energy transition from the everyday life perspective of different typologies of users. A Transition Practice Workshop was organised in Rome, in November 2018, with parallel energy practice sessions focusing on energy presumption, energy consumption at home, and mobility.
- Third, the **Transition Practice Roadmapping Phase** (January-April 2019) will aim to define a roadmap to the energy transition in the household practice across Europe, and in particular in the 11 countries involved in the project. A Transition Roadmapping Workshop will be organised with the participation of high level energy experts, civil society representatives and household pioneers from the ENABLE-EU countries.

After the last workshop, the participatory foresight exercise will be concluded delivering a consolidated Energy Union Sustainable Practice Scenario and roadmap for a citizens-oriented energy transition in Europe.

### Scheme of the ENABLE-EU participatory foresight process



More info on the project web-site: <http://www.enable-eu.com/>