

# Launch event of the European Youth Energy Network (EYEN)

29.6.2021, 16:30 - 18:15 (CEST)

## Agenda

### Intro

**16:15 - 16:30 Dial-in opens (15 mins in advance)**

**16:30 - 16:40 Welcoming and introduction to EYEN**  
*Federico Barbieri - President, EYEN*

### Part 1 - EYEN and synergies with stakeholders (60 min in total)

**16:40 - 16:50 The role of Youth in the just energy transition and added value of EYEN**  
*Ditte Juul Jørgensen - Director-General, DG ENER*

**16:50 - 17:00 The role of young people in international cooperation**  
*Gauri Singh - Deputy Director-General, IRENA*

**17:00 - 17:10 Youth opportunities in a fast-changing energy industry**  
*Diego Pavia - Chief Executive Officer, EIT InnoEnergy*

**17:10 - 17:30 Panel discussion + Q&A**  
*Eugenia Del Rosario - Blue Book Trainee, Unit A2, DG ENER*  
*Riccardo Toxiri - Programme Officer, Governance Support Office, IRENA*  
*Grace van den Boogaart - Career Center Coordinator, EIT InnoEnergy*

**17:30- 17:40 Wrap-up & coffee break**

### Part 2 - Joining EYEN: membership and partnership (30 min in total)

**17:40 - 17:55 Introduction to application process and the difference between partners and members**  
*Beatriz Ildefonso - Membership & Partnership Co-Coordinator, EYEN*

**17:55 - 18:15 Discussion and concluding remarks**

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## Background

### About EYEN

EYEN is the European **network of energy-focused youth organisations** from across Europe. Our mission is to **place youth at the heart of the European energy transition**, by **empowering** energy-focused youth organisations, **connecting** them with each other and with key actors in the energy sector, and **sharing** knowledge on European and national levels. We help youth to participate in high-level debates and ministerial meetings, spread events and opportunities and have launched "OpenPolicy Europe", a platform to facilitate the understanding and boost the engagement of youth in policymaking in Europe. The organisation is in the process of being legally established as a non-profit association in Brussels, Belgium.

### Our story

After participating in the **10th Clean Energy Ministerial 4th Mission Innovation Youth Forum** as youth delegates, EYEN co-founders identified a lack of youth participation in high-level debates and ministerial meetings concerning the European energy transition. In order to overcome this gap, they decided to found EYEN as a catalyst for youth engagement with the European energy transition.

EYEN has been working closely with **DG ENER** and the **UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY)** via the **SDG7 Youth Constituency (SDG7 YC)** to establish and develop the network. In June 2020, we assisted in conceptualizing the first ever **European Youth Energy Day** and we are looking forward to contributing to the organisation of the following one within EUSEW2021. In December 2020, we organised the **Youth Shaping the Climate Pact**, developing a **policy paper** on "Gaps and ideas for youth engagement" to the European Commission and we were officially invited to participate in the **youth engagement co-creation process** for the Climate Pact. In March 2021, EYEN won the **SOLVE THE GAP Hackathon** with the EU Policy Hub project (now OpenPolicy Europe).

### Objective of the event

The objective of the event is to promote EYEN and position the organisation as a key player in youth engagement for the energy sector. The event will introduce EYEN to a **wide range of EU stakeholders** of the public and private sectors as well as civil society. It will also kick start dialogues between EYEN and its potential members/partners, explaining their possible involvement in EYEN and opportunities that the organisation could offer.

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