

PROJECT PERIODIC REPORT

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² The home page of the website should contain the generic European flag and the FP7 logo which are available in electronic format at the Europa website (logo of the European flag: http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/emblem/index_en.htm logo of the 7th FP: http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm?pg=logos). The area of activity of the project should also be mentioned.

Declaration by the scientific representative of the project coordinator

I, as scientific representative of the coordinator of this project and in line with the obligations as stated in Article II.2.3 of the Grant Agreement declare that:

- The attached periodic report represents an accurate description of the work carried out in this project for this reporting period;
- The project (tick as appropriate) ³:
 - has fully achieved its objectives and technical goals for the period;
 - has achieved most of its objectives and technical goals for the period with relatively minor deviations.
 - has failed to achieve critical objectives and/or is not at all on schedule.
- The public website, if applicable
 - is up to date
 - is not up to date
- To my best knowledge, the financial statements which are being submitted as part of this report are in line with the actual work carried out and are consistent with the report on the resources used for the project (section 3.4) and if applicable with the certificate on financial statement.
- All beneficiaries, in particular non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs, have declared to have verified their legal status. Any changes have been reported under section 3.2.3 (Project Management) in accordance with Article II.3.f of the Grant Agreement.

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For most of the projects, the signature of this declaration could be done directly via the IT reporting tool through an adapted IT mechanism.

³ If either of these boxes below is ticked, the report should reflect these and any remedial actions taken.

3.1 Publishable summary

Summary description of project context and objectives

The project aims to organize a conference on Infrastructures for Energy Research (ENERI 2010) during the Belgian Presidency of the European Council. The conference will be a 1.5 day event held in Brussels in the new conference facilities Square Brussels Meeting Centre on November 29th and 30th, 2010.

The conference objectives are to present the ESFRI's Energy Thematic Working Group Report 2010 and the three new research infrastructures which have been identified in the update 2010 of ESFRI roadmap as well as to contribute to the development of a comprehensive strategy for research infrastructures in the energy field at pan-European level, in the framework of the European SET-Plan and of the ESFRI Roadmap. ENERI 2010 aims also to contribute to the identification of possible actions to increase the human capital affecting the implementation of the energy research projects and to the analysis of the impact of research infrastructures (including e-Infrastructures) on the implementation of energy policies and sustainable development.

The target audience is the scientific community, R&D and science policy managers, the energy sector and industry, policy decision makers.

Description of the work performed since the beginning of the project and the main results achieved so far.

The project started on May 1st, 2010 and ended on February 28th, 2011. The conference itself took place on November 29th and 30th, 2010. From the beginning of the project until the conference, the main tasks performed can be summarized as:

- Identify and contract a subcontractor for the design of a conference website and of a global visual identity, the management of the website and the logistic support;
- setting-up of and organisation of the organisation and programme committee meeting in order to follow-up the practical aspects of the conference organisation and to establish a coherent conference programme;
- establishment of a representative and comprehensive list of stakeholders to be invited to attend the conference;
- sending a personal letter of invitation to all the speakers and chairmen
- producing a set of guidelines for the speakers and chairmen
- organisation of an exhibition (11 booths)
- organisation of the gala-dinner and the visit of the Magritte Museum
- creation and dissemination of a press release
- organisation of a meeting with the press at the beginning of the conference

After the conference, the main tasks performed are:

- the publication on the conference website of the presentations and abstracts of each speakers;
- the publication on the conference website of the conference conclusions and recommendations

The main results of the projects are:

- the setting-up and provision of a conference website (updated regularly)
- the establishment of a coherent and robust conference programme including more than 20 speakers representing the European Commission (2 EU Commissioners and high-level representatives from the DG Research & Innovation), high-level representatives from energy research infrastructures, the European Energy Research Alliance, the US Department

of Energy, the Australian Academy of Science and Technology, the European Investment Bank, the Belgian authorities (Minister of Science Policy, President of Belgian Science Policy Office);

- the successful organisation of the first European thematic conference on research infrastructures, attended by some 280 participants
- the successful organisation of the exhibition, with 11 booths representing the main existing and new ESFRI energy research infrastructures, plus the EC, BELSPO and the Hercules Foundation;
- the production of a set of conference conclusions;
- good media coverage of the event (national TV and several articles in the general press)

Expected final results and their potential impacts and use (including socio-economic impact and the wider societal implications of the project so far)

The conference expected to have an impact on the development of a comprehensive strategy for research infrastructures in the energy field at pan-European level, in the framework of the European SET-Plan and of the Energy Thematic Working Group Report 2010.

During the two days of the event, it was clearly stated that new and existing energy research infrastructures are needed for the implementation of the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan and for building solid knowledge and technological foundations of future innovation partnerships in the energy field.

At the end, the conference stressed the need to implement the co-development of the Research Infrastructure policies in the Energy domain and of the SET-Plan, looking for increased synergies with the Joint Programming activities of the European Energy Research Alliance and the European Industrial Initiatives, in the context of a strengthened Innovation Union.

The full text of the conclusions is available on the conference website. The conclusions were presented at the ESFRI plenary meeting on December 1st 2010