

Learn. Exchange. Connect - Co-creating responsible energy transitions

RIPEET Final conference

Thursday 18 January 2024 (09:30 to 12:15)

Scotland House (Rond point Schuman 6, 1000 Bruxelles)

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If you wish to attend in person, we would kindly ask you to register before **Thursday 11 January 2024**. If you wish to attend online, registration is open until **Tuesday 16 January 2024**.

General context of the conference

In order to prompt regional and local policies in Europe in the direction of sustainability along the lines of the **European Green Deal**, it will be essential to broaden participation in regional and local policy; to widen social interactions and the inclusion of previously unheard voices. To do that, **new frameworks for societal participation** and inclusive R&I governance need to be implemented that activate place-based transformative dynamics. The EU has set out ambitious targets in its different green transition related programmes and different initiatives are in place to get things going (e.g. EU Missions). However, the take up and national, regional and local diffusion of these initiative is lacking behind the ambitious goals.

RIPEET has co-created regional pathways for change, by implementing **Transition Labs** that mobilized stakeholders and citizens. The Transition Labs helped to leverage the richness of local knowledge on specific innovation and transformation challenges and to come up with adequate solutions to them. In this sense the RIPEET approach set out a clear vision of what is being prioritized in the region in the frame of overall goals set e.g. in the Green Deal, combining a sense of ownership with a realistic assessment of the roles and responsibilities of different players and their capacity to act on the identified challenges. While there is no one-size fits it all solution, approaches such as the Transition Lab strengthen the capacities of regions to deliver effective transition policies by creating new frameworks for societal participation and (public) engagement.

The final RIPEET conference “**Learn. Exchange. Connect - Co-creating responsible energy transitions**” will bring together European Commission representatives, policy-makers, co-creation experts, as well as regional representatives from our pilot territories and mirror ecosystems, to discuss the critical role of responsible and inclusive stakeholder engagement strategies on regional and local level in energy transition. It will explore the RIPEET process and its implication in different regional contexts and look beyond the scope of the project to reflect on how the approach can inform other EU transition instruments such as Regional Innovation Valles, Partnerships for Regional Innovation or the EU missions.

For more information, please contact [Wolfgang Haider](#) (ZSI), coordinator of the RIPEET project, or [Rodolphe Doité](#) (ERRIN)

Agenda

Timeline	Session
09:30-09:50	<p>Transition Labs: putting responsible innovation into practice</p> <p><i>Overall introduction into the project by Wolfgang Haider, ZSI, RIPEET coordinator</i></p>
09:50 – 10:50	<p>The RIPEET process – experiences from the ground</p> <p><i>1. Implementing Transition labs via a place-based approach</i></p> <p>With the participation of University of Vaasa (Mona Enell Nilsson), Fundecyt, Science and Technology Park Extremadura (Mario Del Viejo), Aaran Islands Energy Cooperative (Stephanie Brennan)</p> <p><i>2. Making unheard voices heard – stakeholder engagement for inclusive energy transition</i></p> <p>With the participation of Community Energy Scotland (Matthew Logan); Agenex – Energy Agency Extremadura (Rachel Tully), Silesia Business Agency (Monika Ptak) and SPL Horizon - La Réunion Island (Mathieu Hoarau)</p> <p><i>3. From the Transition Lab to energy solutions – answering regional needs via cascade funding</i></p> <p>With the participation of Merinova Technology Centre (Tauno Kekale) and Highland and Island Enterprise (Sarah Marshall), as well as civil society representatives from the developed energy innovation solutions in Ostrobothnia (Mathias Högbäck and Emma Wester)</p>
10:50 – 11:10	<p>Networking break</p>
11:10 – 12:00	<p>Looking beyond: The role of regions in delivering inclusive energy transitions</p> <p><i>Panel with the participation of</i></p> <p>Eero Ailio, Policy Adviser on Energy Transition and Local Governance at the European Commission DG Energy</p> <p>Johanna Dahl, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia (FI)</p> <p>Hortense Lutz-Hermellin, Delegate of the Auvergne Rhône Alpes</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Conclusion</p> <p><i>Summarizing the key learnings of the conference</i></p>
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Networking lunch</p>