

Note from Coordinator

Dear EERA Geothermal members,

First, I want to thank all of you who contributed to the 2020 edition of the European Geothermal Workshop as members of the Scientific Committee, chairs of sessions, and not at least presenters of recent research results. From EERA Geothermal, we appreciate the collaboration with the University of Strasbourg, KIT and the other co-organizers on the event.

Many of you have started the work on proposals for the Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call. From EERA Geothermal, we organized a workshop where those who were interested could present their possible contributions and proposal ideas. You can read more about the workshop in this newsletter.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Deep Geothermal Implementation Working Group (IWG) integrated the suggestions from EERA

Geothermal in the revision of the SET-Plan Deep Geothermal Implementation, which is now sent for endorsement to the EC Set-Plan Steering Committee. Already, the IWG made use of the revised document in giving feedback on the Clean Energy Transition Partnerships.

Given the current situation with limited possibility to travel, we plan our 2021 steering committee meeting to be an online meeting in the spring.

Best regards,



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Great interest in EERA Geothermal's workshop to find partners for the Green Deal Horizon 2020 call

On 13 October 2020 EERA Geothermal, in collaboration with the ETIP Deep Geothermal, arranged a workshop for members of both organizations to present their competence and plans for the Green Deal Horizon 2020 call. Especially two call areas were considered.

- LC-GD-2- 1- 2020: Innovative land-based and offshore renewable energy technologies and their integration into the energy system
- LC-GD-2-3-2020: Accelerating the green transition and energy access Partnership with Africa

David Bruhn (GFZ) held an introductory presentation to the call, followed by EERA Geothermal members presenting short pitches about their research interests. There was a great interest in the workshop and over 50 people from at least 14 nations took part. 26 presentations were submitted and later distributed to the participants. We encourage feedback on the format of the workshop and whether a similar workshop is something we should consider also for future calls.

EERA Geothermal at the European Geothermal Workshop 2020

The [EGW 2020](#) was arranged online 7 and 8 October 2020. As last year the eight sessions of the conference were organized with topics corresponding to EERA Geothermal's eight Sub-Programmes.

EERA Geothermal members were represented in all sessions of the conference and held two out of five keynote talks, in addition to a special session on research community contribution to the Deep Geothermal Implementation Working Group.

Revision of the Deep Geothermal Implementation Plan

The draft for the SET-Plan Deep Geothermal Implementation Plan was sent to the [Deep Geothermal IWG support unit](#) in May after a thorough feedback process in the EERA Geothermal community. All suggestions submitted by EERA Geothermal were included in the final version of the SET-Plan Deep Geothermal Implementation Plan.

Additional updates

Success stories to be featured by EERA

To give the EERA community the opportunity to follow-up on the implementation of the communication strategy, as well as to contribute to it, EERA aisbl has introduced a communications section in the JPC meetings. If you have tips for stories and events that should be featured, you can contact the EERA Geothermal Program Office or Luisa Fernandez at EERA aisbl directly, email: ml.fernandez@eera-set.eu.

Crowdthermal - Empowering citizens to participate directly in the development of geothermal

One of the projects presented at the EGW 2020 was the [Horizon2020 project CORWDTHERMAL](#).

The main goal of CROWDITHERMAL is to study alternative financial models for geothermal development, especially crowdfunding. And through this empowering European citizen to participate directly in the development of geothermal. One of the objectives of the project is also to promote geothermal and highlight its essential role for becoming climate neutral.

It is possible to follow the project's activities by [signing up for their newsletter](#). The project has produced an [animated video](#) to introduce the concept, and is actively campaigning [on social media](#).

Upcoming events

- **12 November 2020** - EERA 10th Extraordinary General Assembly – online
- **23 – 24 November 2020** - 14th SET Plan conference – online
<https://www.bmwi-registrierung.de/SETPlan2020/default.aspx>
- **15 – 16 February 2020** - 12th European Geothermal PhD Days (EGPD)
<https://web.u-cergy.fr/egpd2021/>
- **Spring 2021 - date not SET** – EERA Geothermal SC meeting – online
- **21 – 26 May 2021** – World Geothermal Congress in Reykjavik
<https://www.wgc2020.com/>