

CCSE Stakeholder Forum 2026 · Agenda

Leveraging Research & Innovation results from the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership

 18TH - 20TH OF MAY 2026

 CDMA - EUROPEAN COMMISSION, BRUSSELS

 HYBRID EVENT

From **18 to 20 May 2026**, the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership will convene a landmark event in Brussels, bringing together researchers, innovators, policymakers, and industry leaders from Europe and Africa. This gathering marks a pivotal moment in the long-term AU-EU collaboration on climate action and sustainable energy, building on the successes of the LEAP-RE and LEAP-SE programs and the broader objectives of Horizon Europe.

WHY THIS EVENT MATTERS

The CCSE Partnership is a **cornerstone of the AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology, and Innovation**, dedicated to advancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate resilience. Through programmes like **LEAP ENERGY+** and **CAPA**, the partnership fosters transnational research, capacity-building, and the deployment of innovative solutions to address the dual challenges of climate change and energy access.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Over **three days**, participants will engage in:

- **Kick-off meetings for LEAP ENERGY+ and CAPA**, setting the stage for new research and innovation projects.
- **Project showcases** highlighting breakthroughs in biomass transformation, hydrogen, battery storage, solar energy, agriculture, and electromobility.
- **Science and policy dialogues** to bridge research outcomes with actionable policy recommendations, ensuring that innovations translate into real-world impact.
- **Strategic sessions to define the CCSE Roadmap 2028-2034**, operationalising the partnership's vision for a sustainable, resilient future.

Join the Conversation!



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MONDAY 18 MAY 2026

LEAP ENERGY+ Kick-off Meeting

CDMA - European Commission · Room: **Aquarium**

RESTRICTED TO LEAP-ENERGY + CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

HYBRID EVENT

14:00 - 14:30

Registration

14:30 - 16:00

LEAP ENERGY+ Presentation & Kick-off Meeting
• Presentation of Consortium

Aquarium

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:30

Presentation by CINEA
• Lump sum
• Management tools

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LEAP-ENERGY+



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LEAP-SE



LEAP-RE



CAPA



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TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026

MORNING

Project Showcase and Lessons Learnt from the CCSE Partnership

CDMA - European Commission · Room: **SDR** and Room: **Atrium**

HYBRID EVENT

OPEN TO INDUSTRY & POLICYMAKERS

Morning – Plenary

9:00 – 9:30

Registration

Atrium

9:30 – 10:00

Welcome Remarks

- Director RTD C
- LEAP-RE & LEAP ENERGY+ : LGI
- SACREEE · DSTI · MESRS · ANR

Moderator: LGI

Atrium

10:00 – 12:30 – Parallel Sessions (with coffee break)

SDR · SESSION 1

Biomass transformation, hydrogen and battery storage

Sub-session 1.1 – Biomass Transformation

BIOOTHEREP · PyroBioFuel · Vil2Bio · SUNGARI

Coffee Break (15 min)

Sub-session 1.2 – Hydrogen & Battery Storage

D3T4H2S · RCLIB

(Projects funded under LEAP-RE Pillar 1 (2021 – 2026))

ATRIUM · SESSION 2

Solar energy & agriculture, electromobility

Sub-session 2.1 – Solar Energy & Agriculture

SHE · Smart APV Fruit · OPTIMG · SWITCH · SOLAR INDUCE

Coffee Break (15 min)

Sub-session 2.2 – Electric Mobility

SolchargE

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12:30 – 13:45

Networking Lunch

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Kick-off meeting of Climate Action within the AU-EU Partnership in Africa (CAPA)

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HYBRID EVENT

9:30-10:00

Registration & Networking coffee

10:00- 12:30

CAPA presentation + Kick-off meeting

Aquarium

- Presentation of Consortium
- Presentation by CINEA: Reporting and Management tools

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00- 16:00

CAPA Kick-off follow-up

Aquarium

- General discussion
- Workplan adjustment
- AOB

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Afternoon – Science & Policy Dialogue

13:45 - 14:00

Introduction to Afternoon Session

- Speaker: Directorate C RTD

Atrium

ATRIUM · WORKSHOP 1

Clustering experiences on Biomass Transformation

14:00 - 16:00

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

BIOOTHEREP · PyroBioFuel · Vil2Bio · SUNGARI · Fab Lab Polytech Yaoundé · BIOCUM

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

SDR · WORKSHOP 2

Clustering experiences on Solar & Agriculture

14:00 - 16:00

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

Smart APV · SHE · SWITCH · SOLAR INDUCE · CNRIT

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

16:00 - 16:15

Coffee Break

Atrium

16:15 - 17:30

Panel: Lessons Learnt from Horizon Europe & Global Gateway R&I Programmes

- Reflections on the way forward (Climate R&I & Energy R&I)

Atrium

16:15 - 17:30

Thematic Synthetic Presentation – 2025 LEAP-SE Call Projects

- Hydrogen · Productive uses · Housing · Adaptation · Recycling

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17:50 - 18:00

Closure of Day 2

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18:00 - 19:30

Cocktail Reception

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The Road ahead for the Climate Change Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership

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HYBRID

Morning – Parallel Kick-off Meetings

9:00 – 9:30

Registration & Coffee

Atrium

9:00 – 9:30

Introduction

- European Commission – CINEA

Atrium

ATRIUM · MEETING 1
LEAP-SE Community

9:40 – 11:00

LEAP-SE Projects Kick-off Meetings (8 projects)

Coffee Break — 11:00–11:15

11:30 – 12:30

LEAP-SE Projects Kick-off Meetings (8 projects, cont.)

AQUARIUM · MEETING 2

Creating bridges between LEAP Energy + and CAPA supporting CCSE

9:30 – 11:00

CAPA / LEAP ENERGY+ - WP Presentation

Coffee Break — 11:00–11:10

11:10 – 12:30

Identifying bridges for collaboration between LEAP ENERGY+ and CAPA

12:30 – 14:00

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Afternoon – CCSE Roadmap Working Session

RESTRICTED TO CCSE ROADMAP STAKEHOLDERS

14:00 - 15:30

CCSE Roadmap: Defining the Thematic Vision until 2034

- Participants: LEAP ENERGY+ & CAPA WP Leaders + EC + CCSE Experts

[Aquarium](#)

15:30 - 15:45

Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30

Operationalising the CCSE Work Programme

- Participants: LEAP ENERGY+ & CAPA WP Leaders + EC + CCSE Experts

[Aquarium](#)

17:30

Closure of Day 3



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LEAP-SE



LEAP-RE



CAPA

