

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

Aquarium

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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

- Joanna Drake Deputy Director General 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

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

Sub-session 1.1 – Biomass Transformation

BIO THEREP: Lamfeddal Kouisni, UM6P · **PyroBioFuel:** Fatma Ashour, Cairo University · **Vil2Bio:** Pascale Gillon, Université de Nantes · **SUNGARI:** Chikonkolo Mwewa.

☕ Coffee Break (15 min)

Sub-session 1.2 – Hydrogen & Battery Storage

D3T4H2S: Mourad Amine ABICHOUS (S-Vertical) · **RCLIB:** Mihaela Baibarac, National Institute of Materials Physics.
Moderator: M. Wassim Sebai (ANR) and Mrs. Tinyiko Ntshongwana (DSTI)

ATRIUM · SESSION 2

Solar energy & agriculture, electromobility

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

Sub-session 2.1 – Solar Energy & Agriculture

SHE: Robert Scharler, TU Graz · **Smart APV Fruit:** Karim Fahmy, Fraunhofer ISE · **OPTIMG:** Julian Fleishmann, Reiner Lemoine Institut · **SWITCH:** Jessica Forster, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt · **SOLAR INDUCE:** M. Gustavo Garcia, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), MC3

☕ Coffee Break (15 min)

Sub-session 2.2 – Electric Mobility

Solcharge: Korbinian Götz, Technical University of Munich
Moderator: M. François Moisan (ANR) - and M. Mokhtar Sellami (MESRS)

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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RESTRICTED TO CAPA CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

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

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- General discussion
- Workplan adjustment
- AOB

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AFTERNOON

Project Showcase and Lessons Learnt from the CCSE Partnership

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HYBRID EVENT

Afternoon – Science & Policy Dialogue

13:45 - 14:00

Introduction to Afternoon Session

• Speaker: Directorate C RTD

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ATRIUM · WORKSHOP 1

Clustering experiences on Biomass Transformation

14:00 - 16:00 Moderated by M. Kuda Ndhlukula (SACREEE)

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

BIOHEREP: Lamfeddal KOUISNI · **PyroBioFuel:** Fatma Ashour, Cairo University · **Vil2Bio:** Pascale Gillon, Université de Nantes · **SUNGARI:** Mwewa Mwape, University of Kassel · **BIOCOM (OACPS):** Abdou Soula · **CNRIT (OACPS):** Randrianirainy Huchard Paul.

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

moderated by Mrs. Tinyiko Ntshonwgana (DSTI) and M. Léonard Lévêque (LGI)

SDR · WORKSHOP 2

Clustering experiences on Solar & Agriculture

14:00 - 16:00

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

SWITCH: Jessica Forster, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt · **OPTIMG:** Julian Fleishmann · **Smart APV Fruit:** Karim Fahmy · **Fab Lab Polytech Yaoundé (OACPS):** Joseph Kenfack, CDTIE

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

SHE: Dave Lello · **SOLAR INDUCE:** M. Gustavo Garcia, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), MC3 · **PURAMS:** Anne Wacera, Strathmore University.

moderated by Yunus Alokore (EACREEE) and Mrs. Ellis Tzatzanis-Stepanovic (FFG)

16:00 - 16:15

Coffee Break

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16:15 - 17:30

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

Vincent Chauvet, LGI, Bachir Mahaman Saley, African Union, AUDA NEPAD, Beatrice CODA, Head of Unit RTD C.2, Annica FLOREN, Acting Head of UNIT INTPA G.3, Francois Moisan, CCSE Expert, ANR

Atrium

17:30 - 17:50

Building Momentum across Two Continents: Four Calls, Latest Results and the Road Ahead

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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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WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026

MORNING

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

- Martin Lange - Head of Unit CINEA C.2

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ATRIUM · MEETING 1

LEAP-SE Community

9:45 – 11:00 Moderation: Mrs. Marie-Laure Tarot (ANR)

Welcome from LEAP-SE coordination - Marie-Laure Tarot/ François Moisan (ANR) and M. Mokhtar SELLAMI (MESRS)

LEAP-SE Projects Kick-off Meetings - Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI) and M. Mohamed EL WAZNA (IRESEN)

Communication guidelines - Sarah JOHANSSON, Zahra KHARBOUCH and Nicola MANISI (LGI)

Results of the analysis of the LEAP-RE projects for the interviews : Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI)

Lessons learned from 2 LEAP-RE coordinators, moderated by Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI)

☕ Coffee Break — 11:00–11:10

11:10 – 12:30 Moderation: Justine PALLU (ANR) and M. Mohamed EL WAZNA (IRESEN).

Brief presentation of the results of the LEAP-SE call 2025

Mrs. Justine PALLU (ANR) + **LEAP-SE Projects presentations (16 projects)**

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

🍴 **Networking Lunch**

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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