

Lunch Invitation

European Institute of
Innovation and Technology (EIT)

ENERGY KIC

Knowledge and Innovation Community
Climate Change and Renewable Energies
2010 - 2025

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Abstract



Excellence in climate
change mitigation and
renewable energies

Graz University of Technology, one of the leading Austrian institutions in engineering and the sciences, intends to build a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the field of renewable energies starting in 2010 for a period of 15 years. The vision of the EIT-ENERGY KIC is to develop a systemic, multi-regional approach for climate-friendly sustainable energy production and efficient, sustainable energy consumption. The EIT-ENERGY KIC is designed to represent an open, dynamic, international, inter- and trans-disciplinary space. The KIC will integrate excellence in research, industry, SMEs and public administration who engage in teaching, research and innovation in the field of renewable energies. Top researchers and teachers in European and international universities and non-university research organisations are invited to work together with successful companies and public services.

The central aim of the EIT-ENERGY KIC is the creation of a European Education and Training Platform for Renewable Energies setting the standards for European institutions that wish to award EIT Master's and PhD degrees in renewable energies. Existing curricula will potentially form a strong basis for further benchmarking and curriculum development exercises that will be closely linked to research results of the highest standards and the needs of European businesses. The challenge is to transform this high potential into concrete and marketable innovation.

About Graz University of Technology

At Graz University of Technology more than 2.000 staff and 11.000 students are engaged in teaching, research and innovation activities in the seven fields of expertise, one of which is sustainable energy systems. Key competencies in this field of expertise include energy efficient buildings and facades, biofuels and biomass, fuel cells and cleaner technologies, transport and vehicles, and sustainable construction. Graz University of Technology cooperates with enterprises in numerous competence centres, including in renewable energies. The university's geographic location makes it an important node at the cross-roads North-South East-West. Graz University of Technology maintains strong relationships to research partners worldwide, particularly in South Eastern Europe and Asia.

Programme

What?

EIT - ENERGY KIC: Knowledge and Innovation Community for Renewable Energies in the framework of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), 2010-2025

When?

Thursday, 27 November 2008, 12.45 p.m – 3 p.m.

Where?

Steiermark Office Brussels, Avenue de Tervuren 82, 1040 Brussels

For Whom?

Representatives from EU institutions, Representations of the EU Member States, International Organisations and International Clusters in Research, Teaching and Innovation

Begin: 12.45 p.m.

Landeshauptmann Franz Voves, Ministerpräsident of Steiermark

EIT - ENERGY KIC: Vision, Aims, Technological Challenges by Hans Sünkel, Rector Graz University of Technology

EIT - ENERGY KIC: International and Strategic Partnerships by Brigitte Hasewend, Graz University of Technology

EIT - ENERGY KIC: What is in it for European Business? by Heinz Panholzer, VA TECH Hydro GmbH

Discussion

The presentation will be followed by a lunch reception.

End: 3 p.m.

Please confirm your participation by return e-mail to isp@tugraz.at no later than 20 November 2008.

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