

Croatia: energy and R&I landscape

*Analysis, facts and figures from the energy and R&I contexts
highlighting possible collaboration opportunities*

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National Energy and Climate Plan

Indicator	2030 target	
	Croatian	Overall EU – pre “fit for 55”
Reduction in GHG (ETS sector, compared to 2005)	At least 43%*	43%
Reduction in GHG (non-ETS sectors, compared to 2005)	At least 7%*	30% overall EU (ESR)
Share of RES in gross final energy consumption	36.4%*	32% (RED II)
Share of RES in final energy consumption in transport	13.2%*	14% (RED II)

* Source: Croatia NECP 2021-2030, December 2019

The “**Fit for 55**” new legislative package introduced the **target of 55 %** net emission reductions by 2030 compared to 1990. Former target was -40%.

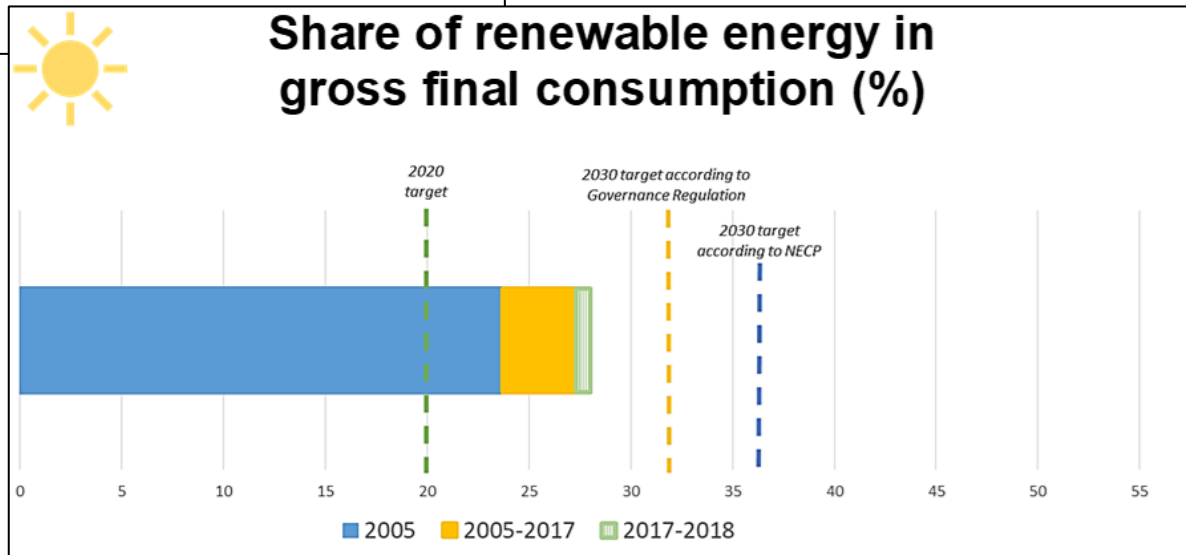
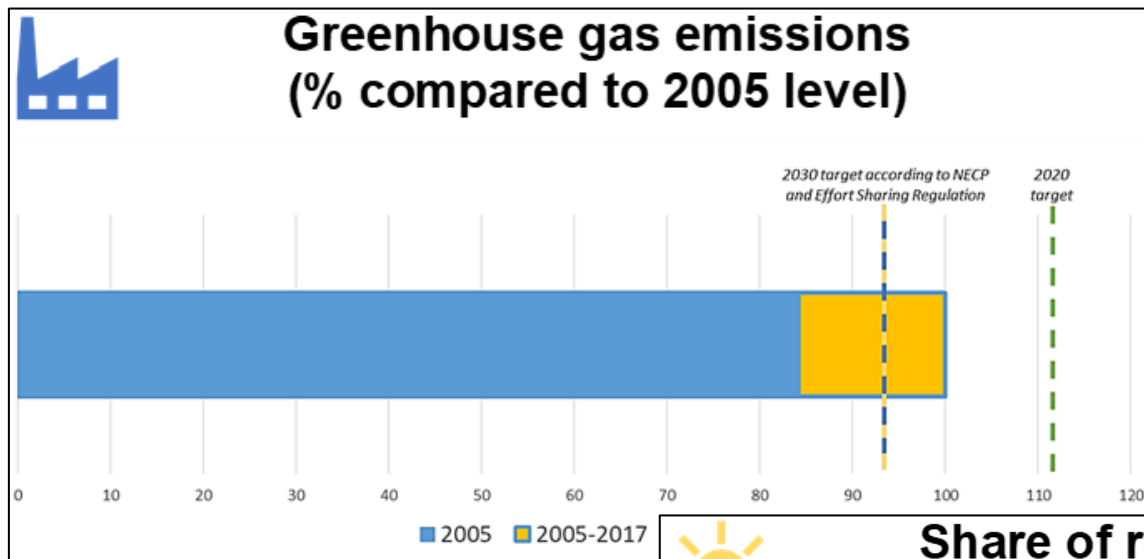
61 % is the new target for emission reduction from ETS sector (compared to 2005)

ETS (Emissions Trading System) covers:

- ❖ CO₂ from electricity and heat generation, energy-intensive industry, commercial aviation within the EU
- ❖ Other gasses (N₂O and PFCs)

Participation ETS is mandatory, but some plants could be excluded (low size or because of other national incentives).

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Current measures within the dimension of "decarbonization"

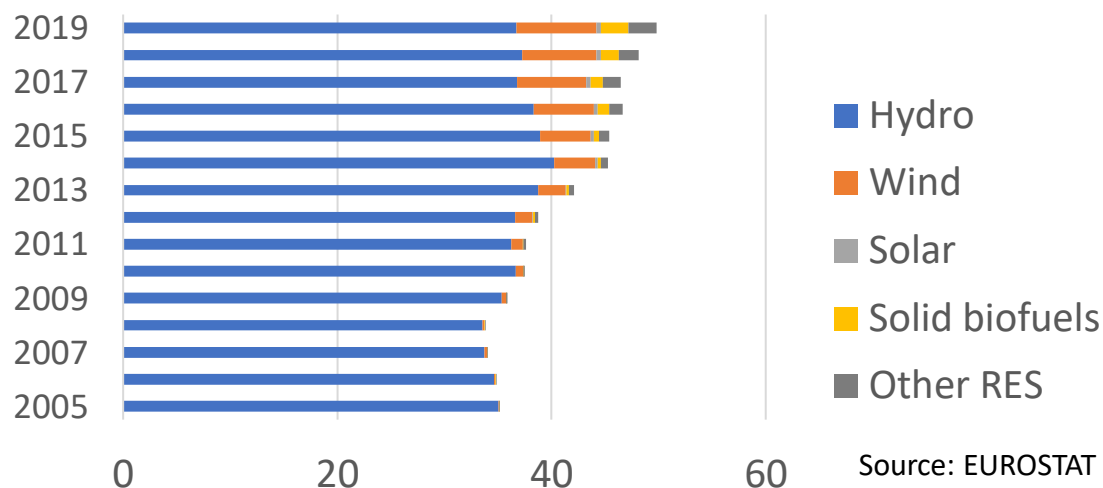
- ❖ **Feed-in tariffs and a system of premiums to support for RES and highly efficient cogeneration.** The main mechanism for the development of RES has so far been stimulating pricing (feed-in tariffs). It is expected that this system of stimulation will continue in the forthcoming period for 500 kW plants. The Act on Renewable Energy Sources and Highly Efficient Cogeneration introduced an incentive scheme through premiums.
- ❖ Increased use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in the industrial sector (leveraging European Structural and Investment Funds - and funds available from the EU ETS)
- ❖ Promoting the use of RES and energy efficiency through the funds of the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund
- ❖ Implementation at the local level (National RES Action Plan)

Source: Croatia NECP 2021-2030, December 2019



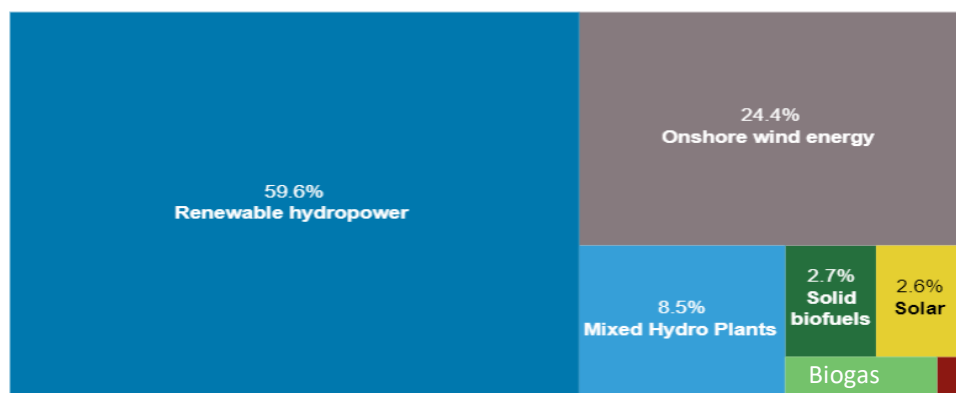
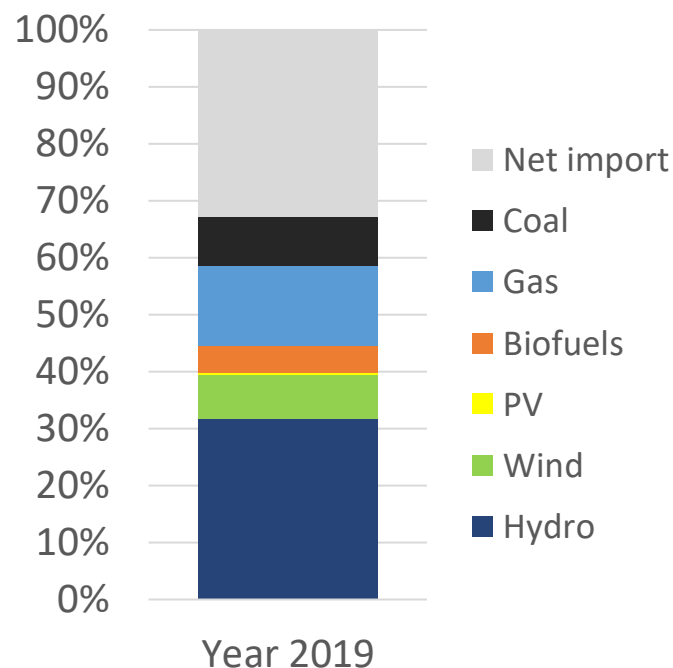
Renewable Energy Sources

RES electric energy [%]



Total electricity consumption
2019: 18,8 TWh

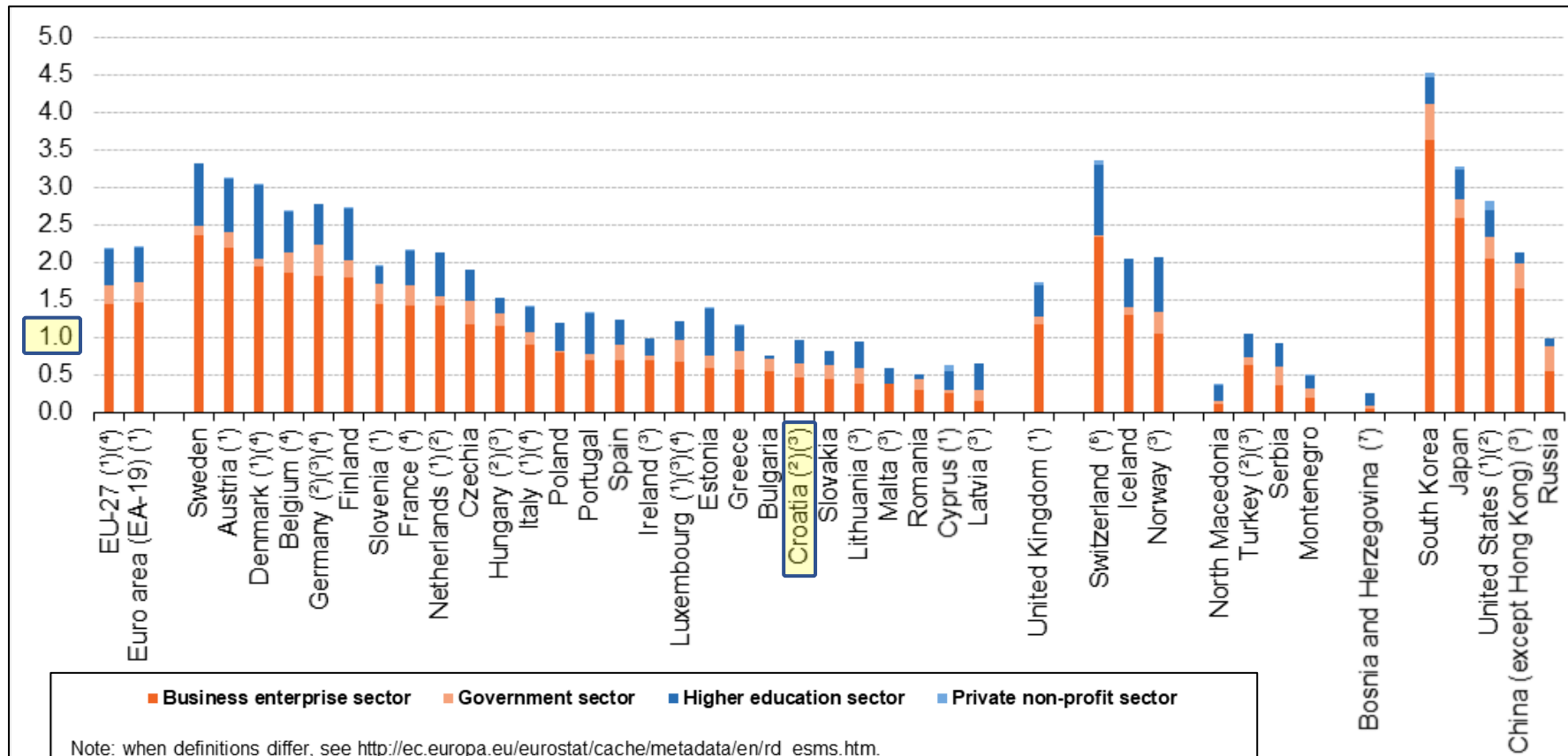
Croatia electricity mix



IRENA – RES installed capacity 2020

Gross R&D expenditure 2018

% on GDP, 2018



Note: when definitions differ, see http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/rd_esms.htm.

(1) Provisional.

(2) Definition differs.

(3) Private non-profit sector: not available.

(4) Estimates.

(5) 2016.

(6) 2017.

(7) 2014

Source: Eurostat (online data code: rd_e_gertot)

H2020 projects in Croatia

H2020 Thematic priority

Secure, clean and efficient energy

Projects with at least one Croatian partner

Reference city	#	Total EU funding (k€)
Zagreb	122	18.229
Rijeka	9	1.526
Koprivnica	3	386
Split	2	191
Krk	2	111
Topusko	1	1.204
Cres	1	188
Labin	1	139
Pula	1	128
Cakovec	1	123
Osijek	1	74
Solin	1	50
Velika Gorica	1	40
Porec Parenzo	1	37
Pazin	1	20
Krizevci	1	18

Source: EC Funding & tender opportunities portal



- ❖ Croatia received ~ 0,19 % of H2020 UE contribution
- ❖ Croatia has the ~ 0,90 % of EU-27 population (2019)
- ❖ Croatia accounts for ~ 0,39 % of EU-27 GDP (2019)

H2020 projects in Croatia



PANTERA project has analyzed some projects involving Croatia trying to understand which area are the most tackled considering the ETIP SNET / PANTERA technologies classification

More details during the panel discussion

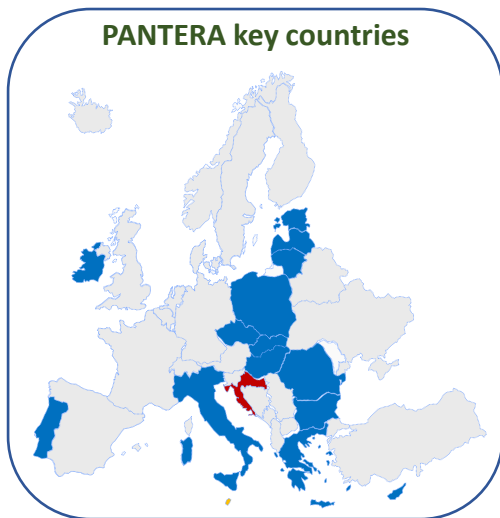
Technologies and solutions

Integrated grid
Customers and market
Storage
Generation
Digitalization, Communication and Data



Feedbacks from the survey

PANTERA key countries



What are the **main** barriers, gaps which limit the funding and development of R&I in the energy field?

Lack of responsive networking facilities



Limited monetary resources



Limited human resources



Limited national policy in support of R&I activity



What kind of benefits and/or support do you expect from PANTERA?

- ❖ **Firsthand insight** into interesting smart grid projects, results, ideas and initiatives
- ❖ **Networking** and potential partnerships
- ❖ **Learning from others experience** (especially in practice-oriented projects)
- ❖ Cross-cutting information about different project initiatives
- ❖ Policy recommendations

We are still collecting feedbacks at the following [link](#)!

Test facilities: collaboration opportunities

Test facilities:

- ❖ Are needed to test innovative solutions and results from low TRL projects
- ❖ Are costly both in set up and maintenance
- ❖ Require skilled personnel

→ **Not easy to built test infrastructures**

Collaboration initiatives can support the development of local facilities and help projects in testing their results

Initiatives implementing a network of collaborative smart grid testing facilities

DERlab

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DERLab is an association of over thirty institutes from Europe and U.S. performing testing and research related to Smart Grids and grid integration of DER

<https://der-lab.net>



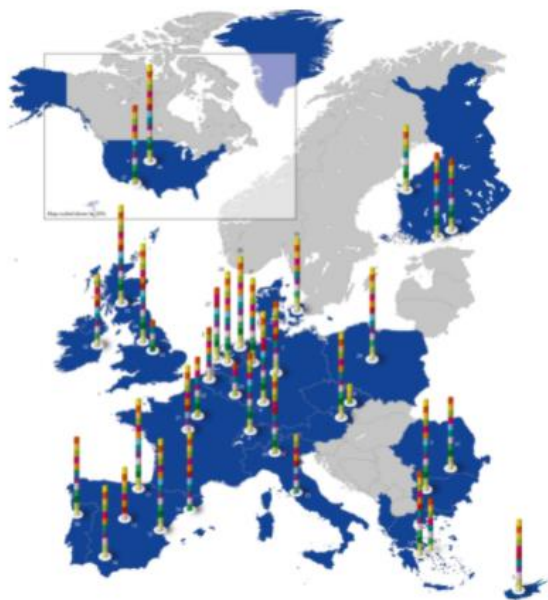
- ❖ Accredited **testing of DER-units and SG-equipment**
- ❖ **Support of SG development** and integration of Renewable Energies
- ❖ Information and **knowledge exchange**
- ❖ Contribution to **standardisation** activities



DERLab - database



The Database of DER and Smart Grid Research Infrastructure **contains systematic information on research infrastructure and related assets, testing capabilities** and services of research institutes and organisations worldwide focusing on DER and Smart Grids.



	High Voltage & High Power	Microgrids & Distribution Network	Power Electronics	Power Quality & EMC	PV Systems	Wind Systems	Biomass / CHP Systems	Fuel Cell Systems	Storage Systems	E-Mobility	Smart Buildings	ICT	Cybersecurity	HE / Co-simulation	Education & Training
1 Austrian Institute of Technology (AT)															
2 Lemicko of Ghent University (BE)															
3 Technical University of Sofia R&DS (BG)															
4 HES-50 Valais (CH)															
5 FOSS of the University of Cyprus (CY)															
6 Brno University of Technology (CZ)															
7 Fraunhofer IEE (DE)															
8 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (DE)															
9 RWTH Aachen (DE)															
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20 University of Vaasa (FI)															
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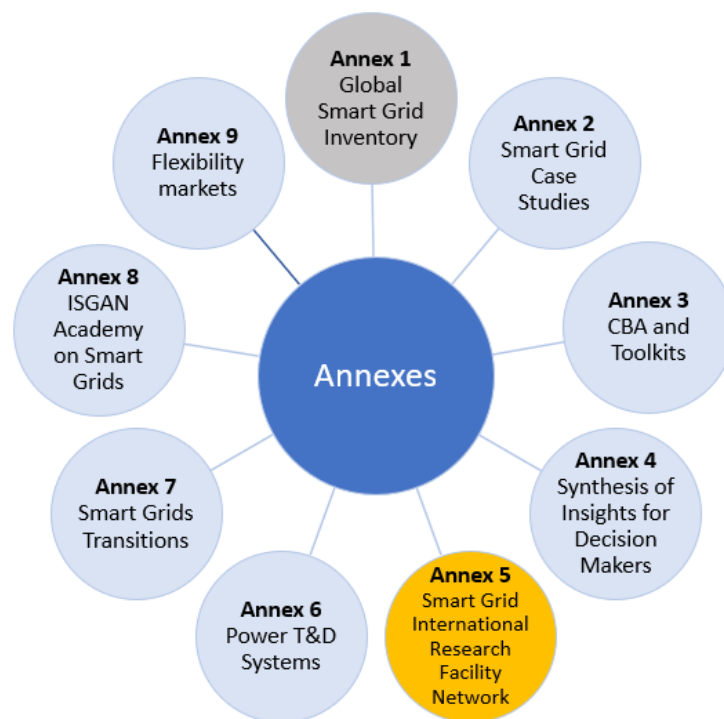
ISGAN



The **International Smart Grid Action Network** is a strategic platform to support high-level government attention and action for the accelerated deployment of smarter, cleaner electricity grids around the world.

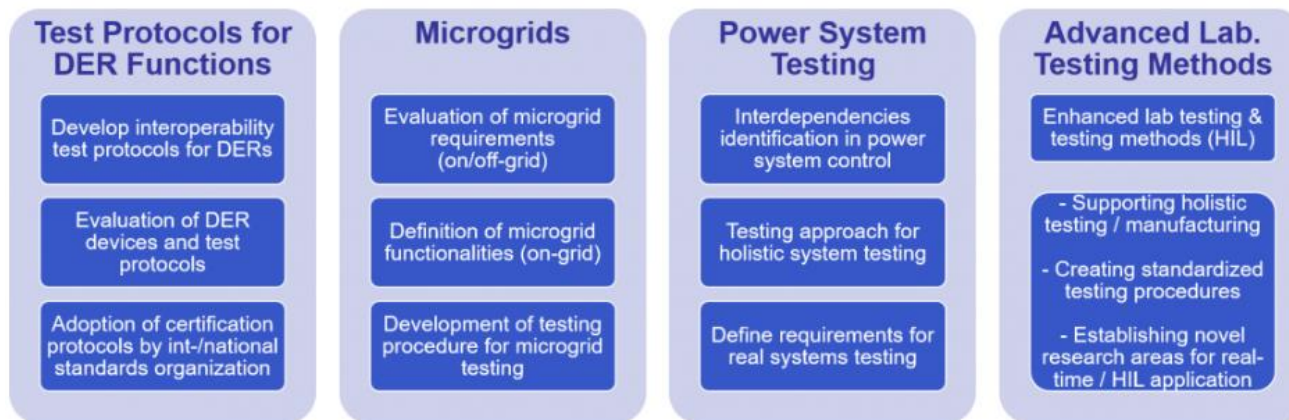
www.iea-isgan.org

- ❖ ISGAN is a Technology Collaboration Programme of the International Energy Agency for the cooperation on Smart Grids
- ❖ ISGAN is also an initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial established as an Implementing Agreement under a framework of the IEA.
- ❖ ISGAN is organized in working groups called Annexes



ISGAN Annex 5: SIRFN

Smart Grid International Research Facility Network (SIRFN) builds a framework for proposing, selecting and implementing projects that matches evaluation needs with testing capabilities and shares non-proprietary results for the improvement of smart grid technologies, protocols, and standards.



Four focus areas

ERIGrid 2.0 EU project



ERIGrid 2.0 is an EU project that, based on the results of ERIGrid-1, will expand the research services and tools of European research infrastructures for validating smart energy networks with the electric power grid as the main backbone.

The ERIGrid project is providing transnational laboratory access and education to engineers working in the domain of smart grids and DER in 9 most advanced first-class European Laboratories in 11 EU countries.



PANTERA and ERIGrid 2.0 projects started a collaboration with, among other, the objective of fostering the interaction with local stakeholders

Feedbacks from the survey and potential opportunities

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- ❖ Networking for EU projects
- ❖ Sharing policies with other countries could support and facilitate national policies shaping
- ❖ Outcomes from international initiatives can support voice of local stakeholders towards policy makers
- ❖ Skills through collaboration



PANTERA project



- ❖ Identify R&I stakeholders active in the fields of smart grids, storage and local energy systems and **establish effective communication links and potential collaboration.**
- ❖ **Organise dedicated workshops to facilitate exchanges of experience and best practices** among members of R&I community in collaboration with already on-going activities.
- ❖ **Develop an enhanced knowledge-sharing mechanisms** that will help to identify, discuss and address the key R&I challenges in the field of smart grids.
- ❖ **Develop a pan-European multi-functional collaborative platform** through which ready-made tools will facilitate the collection of data and results from on-going projects and initiatives.

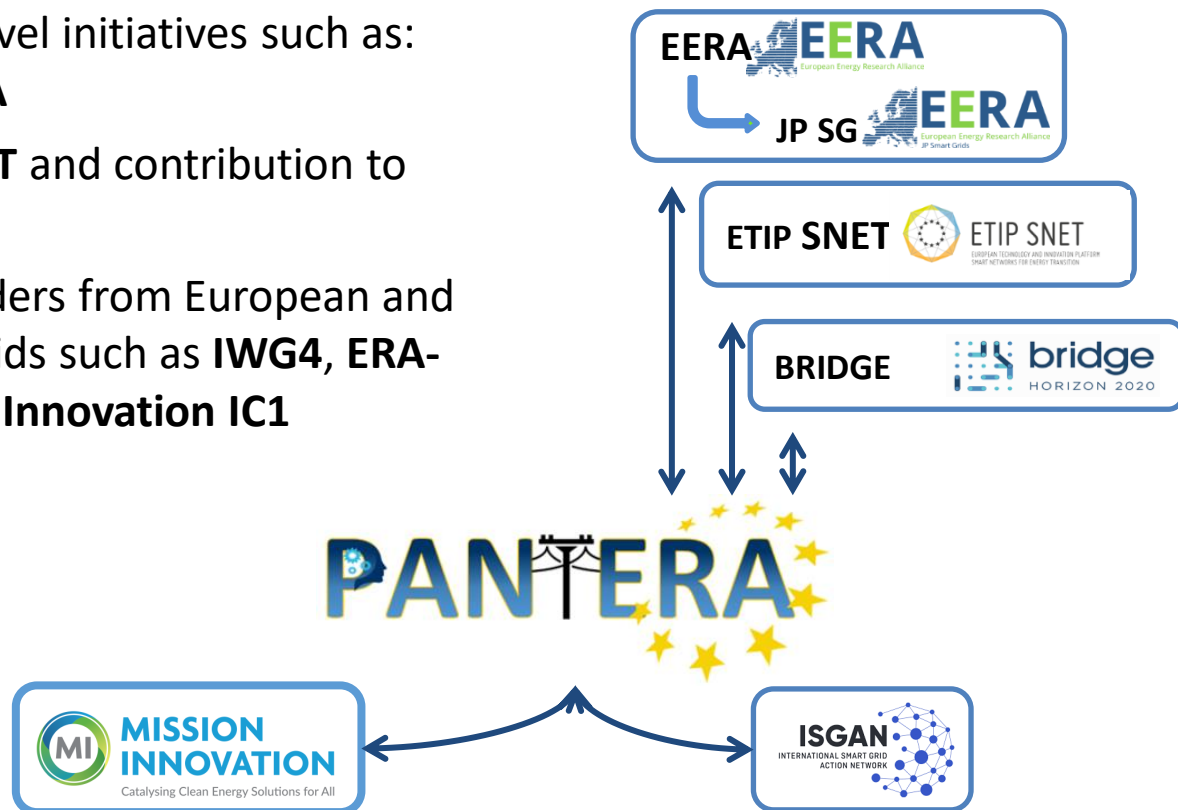
PANTERA Regional Desks approach



PANTERA project



- ❖ Interaction with European level initiatives such as **ETIP SNET, BRIDGE and EERA**
- ❖ **Collaboration with ETIP SNET** and contribution to the Regional Workshops
- ❖ Involvement of key stakeholders from European and global initiatives on smart grids such as **IWG4, ERA-Net SES, ISGAN** and **Mission Innovation IC1**



PANTERA: EIRIE platform



EIRIE's vision is to become a **reference operational point** to unify European activity, **incentivize further investments in smart grids** and support access to key exploitable results. We believe **pan-European cooperation, enabled by the right tools**, will help bridging the existing gaps.



[Link to the EIRIE platform](#)



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