

REScoop.eu conference: sessions

22 June 2018

During the REScoop.eu conference, we will organize several parallel sessions. You will have the possibility to attend 1 session in the morning and 1 session in the afternoon. The duration of each session is 2 hours. Please make your choice for the following workshops.

Morning Sessions

1. How to survive an Horizon 2020 audit? Lessons from REScoop.eu

An increasing number of REScoops are extending their scopes by participating to various European projects. These projects of course require a good financial management and project administration. In this session we will share our experiences with Horizon 2020 audits and make sure you go back home with a bunch of tips and tricks that will help you to make your organisation audit-proof.

Key note speaker & Facilitator: Daan Creupelandt, REScoop.eu

2. EU Clean Energy Package workshop

In this session, Leonardo Meeus and the folks from the Florence School of Regulation will walk us through the new EU rules on the Clean Energy Package. Through this highly interactive workshop, they will help us better understand how the new EU regulations will impact our existing activities in renewables, as well as potentially new activities that might be made possible in the near future.

Key note speaker: Leonardo Meeus, The Florence School of regulation

Facilitator: Josh Roberts, REScoop.eu

3. Blockchain technology: what it can bring to energy communities

In 2017, the explosion of Bitcoin value has made blockchain technology famous worldwide. As a peer-to-peer system to register and validate transactions, blockchain can bring a lot to energy communities. Professionals will de-mystify this concept and provide their insights into the future of cooperative energy by sharing the experience of existing European initiatives.

Key note speaker: TBC

Facilitator: Roland Tual, REScoop.eu

Afternoon Sessions

1. GDPR: new EU data protection regulation

The GDPR, short for General Data Privacy Regulation, is coming into effect in May 2018. This new regulation will bring new challenges, obligations and opportunities. This session will be dedicated to give an overview of the major novelties of this regulation and the impact they have on the various activities of REScoops. We will discuss the regulation with some of our members who already implemented the rules into their organization.

Key note speaker: TBC

Facilitator: Stanislas d'Herbement, REScoop.eu

2. Virtual Power Plants

With an increasingly intermittent energy supply and demand, Europe's power grids are coming under pressure. Grid operators are counting on balancing power to safeguard system operation, yet conventional suppliers are running on fossil fuels and are uneconomical. Meanwhile, a large potential of flexible consumption and production units is waiting to be unlocked. One of the evolving Smart Developments called Virtual Power Plants (VPP), can provide this flexibility and furthermore increase income, shrink grid costs, eliminate balancing energy costs and increase customer satisfaction.

The aim of this workshop is to give an overview of the structure and opportunities to implement virtual power plants (VPP) and to explain the importance and added value of virtual power plants in the energy sector.

Key note Speaker: Elias De Keyser, Next Kraftwerke

Facilitator: Sara Tachelet, REScoop.eu

3. Best practices on how to engage with your members and strengthen the REScoop movement

Whether through general assemblies, public events, communication and participation tools or specific projects, all REScoops engage with their members and partners in different ways depending on their activities, size, reach and goals. The first part of this session will present different practices and tools used by REScoops to interact with their members and allow the participants to exchange ideas on how to better involve citizens in the democratic life of REScoops.

The second part will be divided into 2 focus groups:

1. The first focus group will look at different interactive meeting methods and case studies to help plan for and navigate the challenges of collaborating with different stakeholders
2. The second focus group will brainstorm on common actions that could be taken to reinforce the ties between REScoop members across countries and increase the potential impact they can represent together for the citizen energy transition in Europe.

Key note speaker: Maëlle Guillou, Enercoop

Facilitator: Vaiva Indilaite, REScoop.eu