Project name: Grow faster with energy clusters towards energy transition - SMARTENERGY

WP3 D3.2 – Information kit for visiting organisations applying for *virtual exchanges* (adapted COVID edition)

SMARTENERGY consortium info kit

ClusterXChange program virtual exchanges and SMARTENERGY project

ClusterXchange is a new pilot scheme to support short-term exchanges and facilitate transnational cooperation, peer learning, networking and innovation uptake between actors of different industrial clusters across Europe. It is implemented with support from cluster organisations that have teamed up in European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for Excellence (ESCP-4x).

An exchange constitutes a stay abroad performed by a visiting organisation from an eligible country at a host organisation in another eligible country. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, **virtual exchanges** are possible under certain conditions.

SMARTENERGY proposal for virtual exchanges – The six pack training series

How energising would it be to fully explore the ClusterXchange scheme set up in the fundamentals of our SMARTENERGY project?
How inspiring would it be to visit an R&D player in France, Hungary, Italy or Belgium?
How hospitable could it be to receive SME's and innovation stakeholder from all over the EU?

For now the COVID-19 pandemia restrictions don't let us meet each other in person. Then we try to make the best of it using the virtual spaces we have.

The SMARTENERGY project partners propose you **four "6 pack" series** dedicated to 4 of the most interesting sectors for energy transition and integration between energy and digital technologies:
- **H2 technologies**
- **Green Building**
- **Energy communities**
- **Smart energy production, storage and distribution, smart grids**

Who can participate?
- SMEs
- Cluster organisations
- Organisations engaged in research, innovation and technology transfer (R&D organisations, incubators, accelerators, innovation hubs, service providers, ...)

Places are limited and priority will be given to SMEs.

Where digital meets energy, with the aim to create relationships and opportunities for the exchange of experience, knowledge and business opportunities for european clusters and their members.

Each visit programme, hosted by one of the SMARTENERGY partners, is divided into 6 sessions, which will be in English and via **web platform connection**. In the second part of each morning, there will be the possibility

to **meet the speakers and participants**, therefore availability is requested for the whole morning and for all 6 sessions.

A **certificate** will be issued by the SMARTENERGY project consortium to the organisations that have actually participated in all 6 sessions of the individual programme.

To participate as a visiting organisation it is sufficient to register by filling in the form available at the following links:

1. Hydrogen technologies - starting on 17/02/2021 - More info and register

2. Energy Communities - starting on 23/02/2021 - More info @Flux50 & @TWEED and register

3. Smart Grids - starting on 04/03 - More info and register

4. Smart Buildings - starting on 12/03 - REGISTER

The SMARTENERGY project partners will contact you before the start of the visits to support you in completing the necessary activities to participate in the ClusterXChange programme and provide you with details of the programme and how to access the online connection.

Website: https://www.clustercollaboration.eu/escp-4x-profiles/smartenergy
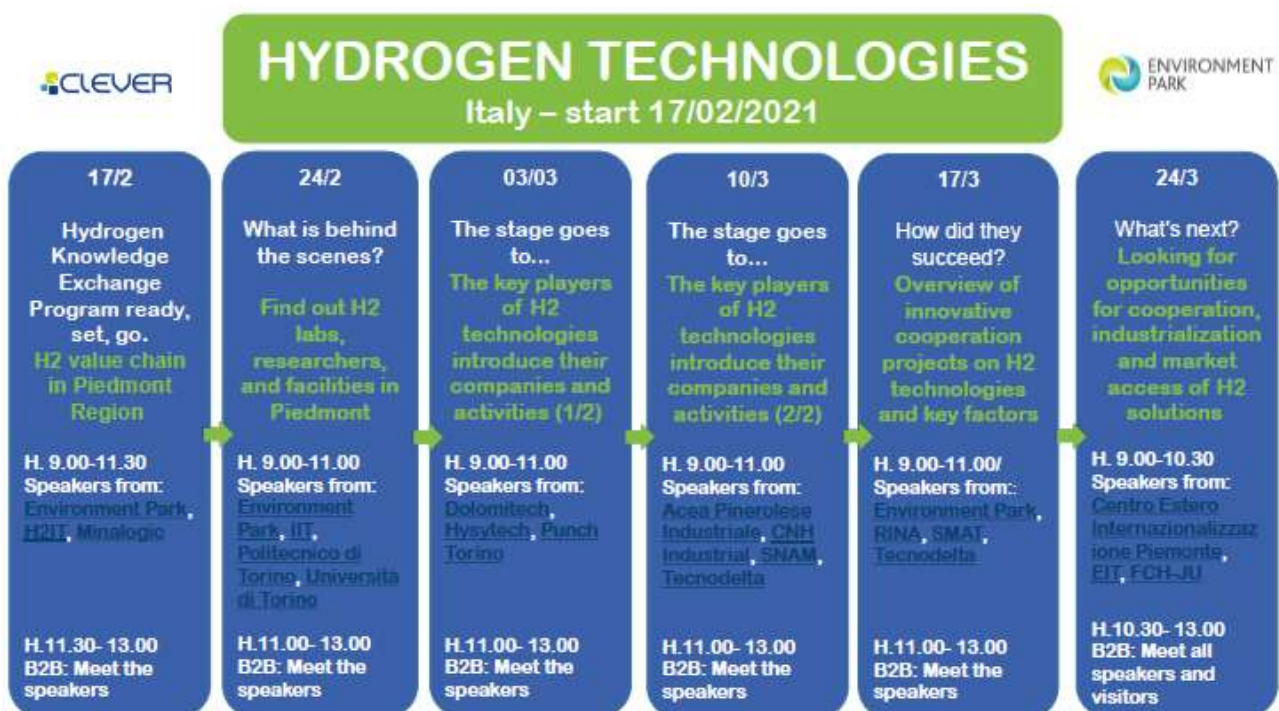
Topic 1 : Hydrogen Technologies

Hosting Organization: Environment Park (CLEVER cluster)

Start: 17 February 2021

Contact person: Giulia Razetti, giulia.razetti@envipark.com

The Piedmont region has placed hydrogen technologies at the heart of its policies for innovation towards energy transition, in particular for its applications in the transport sector.

Environment Park and the CLEVER cluster invite you to discover the actors, projects and opportunities for collaboration with companies in the sector.

Topic 2 : Energy Communities
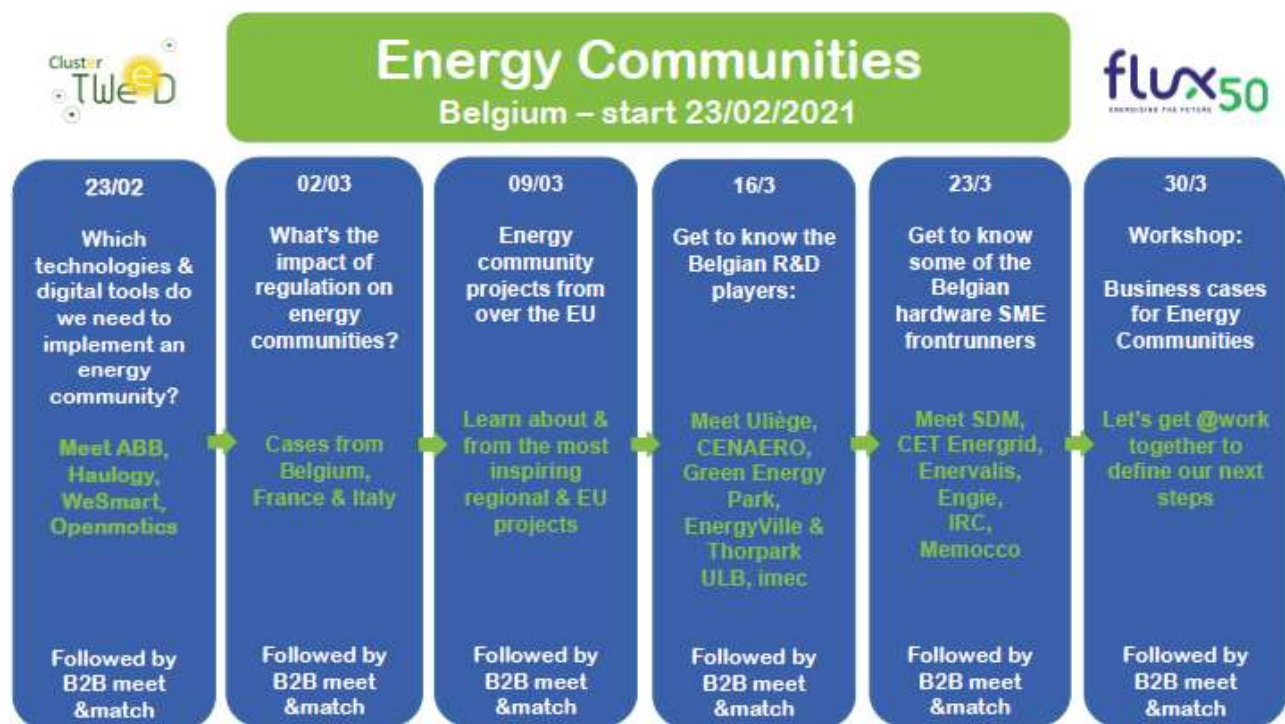
Hosting Organization: Tweed, in collaboration with Flux50

Start: 23 February 2021

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As part of the Clean Energy Package of the European Commission, energy communities are introduced as a way to grow the installation of renewable energy and to offer citizens the opportunity to participate in the energy market.

In these 6 online advanced trainings you get an overview of the concept of energy communities , what they can or can become, the Belgian value chain with topnotch R&D actors and SME frontrunners . And what about the regulation and business case?
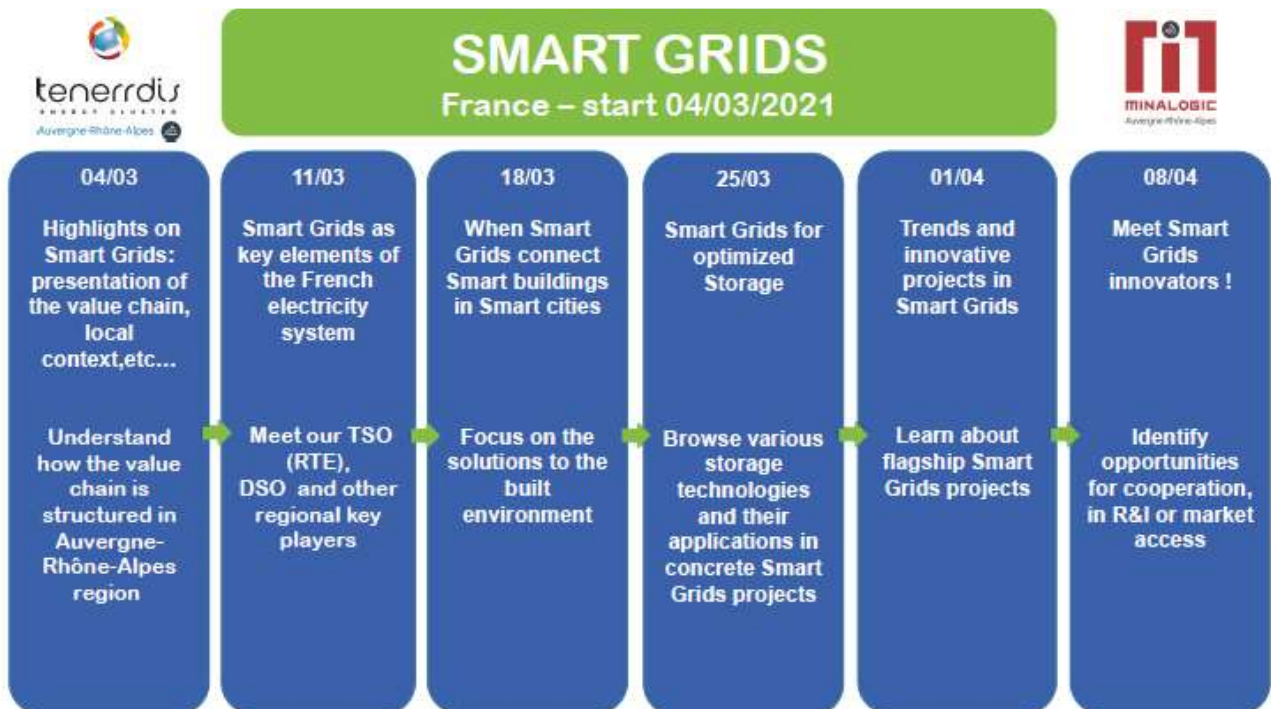
Topic 3 : Smart grids

Hosting Organization: Tenerrdis, in collaboration with Minalogic

Start: 4 March 2021

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France's Auvergne Rhône Alpes region is at the cutting edge of innovation and solutions for the Smart Grids sector. Tenerrdis (energy) and Minalogic (digital) clusters have merged their networks and expertise to offer you the best overview of regional Smart Grids players and flagship projects.

Join us and strengthen your vision on this strategic energy market, find your project partners and develop your business !

Topic 4 : Smart buildings

Hosting Organization: Archenerg

Start: 12 March 2021

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Hungary and Csongrad Region are thriving with an emerging industry of Smart buildings where many operators develop business opportunities on a daily basis .

Join us and enhance your knowledge and business capacity in Central and Eastern Europe. An extraordinary opportunity for boosting your business.