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**ETIP SNET lands in Croatia to foster a common Vision
for a European Energy Transition**

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ETIP SNET which prioritizes research and innovation in smart networks and sector coupling, has just launched its second full tour of Europe with regional workshops taking place in 4 different European cities. Top European energy transition actors have gathered in Zagreb for the first of these meetings.

Zagreb, 19-20 September 2018, experts from across Europe met at ETIP SNET's first of four regional workshops taking place in 2018. They discussed about on-going local and national projects in smart energy networks. **The regional workshops help to raise international awareness of national energy transition projects within the EU** and build on each other's successes across borders.

ETIP SNET guides European R&I activities in the area of Smart Energy Networks. This covers areas such as power system management, storage and interface to other networks as heating, gas or transport networks, flexible generation, digitalisation of the power system, and customer involvement. **Each ETIP SNET workshop covers a different set of countries, aiming to build a complete picture about ongoing research and innovation in Europe.**

Hosted by the [Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing of the University of Zagreb](#), the workshop gathered representatives from outstanding national projects from ETIP SNET's south-eastern region, including: the **Electric Vehicle Battery Swapping Station Project** (from Croatia), the **SMART GEO Project** (from Italy), the **LiveGrid Project** (from Italy) and **Projects for Smartening the Greek Islands** (from Greece) among others.

ETIP SNET Chairman **Nikos Hatziargyriou** was a keynote speaker at the event and took the opportunity to present the platform's recently launched special report "[Vision 2050](#)" which aims for:

A low-carbon, secure, reliable, resilient, accessible, cost-efficient, and market-based pan-European integrated energy system supplying the entire society and paving the way for a fully carbon-neutral circular economy by the year 2050, while maintaining and extending global industrial leadership in energy systems during the energy transition.

"The Vision offers a comprehensive overview of Europe's future energy system and invites stakeholders to take the necessary R&I steps to ensure that Europe can achieve



a successful energy transition and reach a near zero-carbon footprint.” said Nikos Hatziaargyriou, ETIP SNET Chairman.

Also present at the Zagreb workshop was **Feilim O’Connor** from the Directorate General for Energy at the European Commission who said:

“The two-day event of the ETIP SNET was a fascinating melting pot of visionary thinking. The combination of aspirational long-term thinking for the #Vison2050, and the near-term practical thinking, allowed participants to get an inside-view and share first-hand solutions for how to make the EU Energy Union a reality for its citizens.”

ETIP SNET will continue its 2018 workshop tour at the following dates and places:

- **3-4 October, Helsinki:** Northern Region (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia), with a keynote from ETIP SNET Vice-Chair Guido Guida.
- **11-12 October, Brussels:** Central Region (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia) with a keynote from ETIP SNET Vice-Chair Guido Guida.
- **22-23 November, Madrid:** Western Region (France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the UK), with a keynote from ETIP SNET Vice-Chair Maher Chebbo.

More information about the workshops: <http://www.etip-snet.eu/regional-workshops/>

About the ETIP SNET

Since 2016, the key energy system players in Europe, represented through their EU associations, platforms and national stakeholders, started a strong and unique cooperation under the umbrella of ETIP SNET - The European Technology and Innovation Platform Smart Networks for Energy Transition. Its role is to guide research, development and innovation to support Europe's energy transition with innovation for the transmission and distribution systems. These systems form the technical and market platforms where clean electricity generation, empowered customers, storage technologies, smarter grids and interfaces to gas, heat and transport networks make the energy transition happen in secure and affordable ways.

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