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EASE–EERA Energy Storage Technology Development Roadmap presented to European Commission

On 18 October 2017, the European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) and the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) presented the updated EASE–EERA Energy Storage Technology Development Roadmap to the European Commission at a launch event attended by key stakeholders from across the energy sector.

Patrick Clerens, EASE Secretary General, and Mathias Noe, Coordinator at the EERA Joint Programme Energy Storage, officially presented the document to Mr Jose Cotta, Head of Unit for Advanced Energy production at the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, and Mr Dimitrios Sofianopoulos from the New Energy Technologies, Innovation and Clean Coal Unit at the Directorate for Energy.

Mr Sofianopoulos underlined that R&I policy and legislation must go hand-in-hand to support the roll-out of storage technologies in support of the energy transition. He added that the roadmap is a useful tool to help coordinate efforts across Europe to strengthen the storage sector. Noting that the recommendations would be considered by the European Commission for future research and innovation policy on energy storage, Mr Cotta thanked EASE and EERA for their efforts in preparing the roadmap with inputs from both leading industry players and researchers.

The roadmap is a joint effort of EASE and the Joint Programme on Energy Storage under EERA. Its aim is to further strengthen Europe's research and industrial competitiveness in the energy storage industry and to ensure the availability of cost-effective storage technologies for the energy transition. With contributions from over 80 experts, the roadmap includes a comprehensive overview of the energy storage technologies being developed in Europe today and pinpoints the RD&D needs for the coming decades.

The roadmap also includes recommendations for R&D policies and regulatory developments to support the development and large-scale deployment of cost-effective energy storage technologies. Key research priorities include developing a strategic energy storage plan for Europe, setting up demonstration and pilot programmes focused on grid integration of relatively mature technologies, demonstrating the ways in which storage can provide energy services and monetise the added value to the system, and investigating new designs for hybrid energy storage systems.

The EASE/EERA Energy Storage Technology Development Roadmap can be downloaded at the following link: <http://ease-storage.eu/ease-eera-storage-technology-development-roadmap-2017-hr/>

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About EASE:

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the voice of the energy storage community, actively promoting the use of energy storage in Europe and worldwide. It actively supports the deployment of energy storage as an indispensable instrument within the framework of the European energy and climate policy to deliver services to, and improve the flexibility of, the European energy system. EASE seeks to build a European platform for sharing and disseminating energy storage-related information and supports the transition towards a sustainable, flexible and stable energy system in Europe.

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