

TwInSolar workshops on Research & Innovation in Solar energy



25/03: Fostering a virtuous Research & Innovation dynamic through the energy transition in islands and Outermost regions

01/04: The clean energy transition: a driver for growth and a sustainable territorial development for islands and Outermost regions

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About TwInSolar

- Launched in September 2022, TwInSolar is a 3-year project funded by the Horizon Europe Programme and coordinated by the University of La Reunion. Gathering DTU, Fraunhofer ISE and the CPMR Islands Commission within its partnership, it aims at improving research and innovation to reach a massive integration of solar energy in La Reunion.
- To maximise TwInSolar's impact on the long term, the project aims at strengthening the local Research & Innovation quadruple helix and increase La Reunion's participation Horizon Europe.

Objectives of the workshops

As part of TwInSolar, and building on a series of seminars organized in La Reunion gathering R&I stakeholders, two online workshops will gather research & innovation policy makers from Outermost Regions and other islands and remote regions to discuss best practices and opportunities in the field of renewable energy, and in particular solar energy, in insular territories.

Each workshop will be conducted in English, with translation into French, for a duration of 1h30.

Provisional agenda

WORKSHOP 1 - Fostering a virtuous Research and innovation dynamic through the energy transition in islands and Outermost regions

25 of March 2025 – 14.00-15.30 REUNION TIME | 11.00-12.30 BRUSSELS TIME

Duration: 1h30

Moderation: **Claire Helly**, Project and Policy Officer, CPMR Islands Commission

Introduction (15')

- Opening by **Jean-Pierre Chabriat**, Regional Councilor in charge of Research and Energy Transition, Réunion Region (10')
- Introduction by **Mathieu David**, TwInSolar coordinator, Head of Laboratory PIMENT, University of La Reunion (5')

I. Presentation of best practices at regional level (25')

- Presentation by **Daniel Henríquez**, Head of Unit Renewable Energy, Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias (ITC) (10')
- Presentation by **Patrick Dahl**, Head of Operations, Energicentrum Gotland (10')

II. Opportunities and state of play at EU level (25')

- Presentation by **Marcel-Tobias Schreiber**, Policy Officer for Cohesion, CPMR : Competitiveness compass & Cohesion Policy (10')
- Presentation by **Bertrand Noharet**, NCP Horizon Europe, Widening Participation and ERA, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (10')

III. Debate and key take-aways (20')

Conclusion: Claire Helly (5'')

The outputs of this workshop will be summarized into the minutes and further used in workshop 2/, and as input for the policy brief.

WORKSHOP 2 – The clean energy transition: a driver for growth and a sustainable territorial development for islands and Outermost regions

1st of April 2025 – 14.00-15.30 REUNION TIME | 12.00-13.30 BRUSSELS TIME

Duration: 1h30

Moderation: **Claire Helly**, Project and Policy Officer, CPMR

Introduction (15')

- Opening by **Jean-Pierre Chabriat**, Councilor in charge of Research and Energy Transition, Réunion Region (10')
- Introduction by **Claire Helly** on the context of the workshop, including the presentation of first workshop conclusions (5')

I. Presentation of best practices & opportunities at EU level (25')

- **Omar Caboni**, Project Manager, Caloforte Municipality, San Pietro (Sardinia): structuring a territorial project around solar energy (10')
- **Joana Ferreira Rita**, Regional Director for Energy, Government of the Azores (10')

II. Opportunities and state of play at EU level (25')

- **Guglielmo Migliori**, Senior Policy Officer for Energy, CPMR (10')
- **Thorsten Kohlisch**, Project Manager and **Katharina Krell**, Thematic Expert – Greener Europe and Connected Europe, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform (10')

III. Debate and key-take aways (20')

The outputs of this workshop will be summarized into the minutes and further used as input for the policy brief.

Conclusion (5'): **Mathieu David**, TwInSolar coordinator, Head of Laboratory PIMENT, University of La Reunion