Webinar: Financing energy efficiency projects - comparing the perspectives of investors and project developersFebruary 26th 2020 15:00 - 16:00 CET

From 2020-02-26 **to** 2020-02-26, Cork, IE

WHY ATTEND?

• Understand the differences between the perspective of the project developer and the investor in the financial valuation of projects

• Learn how investors assess the bankability of energy efficiency and demand response projects

• Learn about energy performance contracting (EPC) and the financial implications of combining revenues from energy efficiency and demand response

OVERVIEW

The Clean Energy for all Europeans package and the Energy Efficiency Directive, together with the higher targets set by the European Union for 2030, require a faster implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects across all sectors. In particular, the building sector, which is responsible for 40% of the final energy consumption, requires a doubling of renovation rates and implementation of significant carbon emissions reduction measures.

Deployment of energy efficiency projects is still very slow and this is often due to inefficient communication between project developers and their potential investors. This creates unwanted delays in the sales process and could even prevent deal closure or lead to misuse of financial resources. Moreover, the low level of trust between the two parties, caused by their different priorities and skill-sets creates confusion and misinformation from the very outset of the project's evaluation.

This webinar will explain the differences between the financial calculations conducted by project developers and the return on investment calculations carried out by investors, and show how this can lead to the two parties putting widely different valuations on the same project. The webinar will also cover the benefits of enhanced energy performance contracting, which combines revenues from demand response with those of energy efficiency contracting, and the financial implications of this approach.

Hosted by NOVICE and supported by LAUNCH (both Horizon 2020 funded projects), this webinar will demonstrate how these two projects are working to decrease the gap between project developers and investors.

TOPICS COVERED

• Risk and return: key factors for a project evaluation - explanation of financial calculations made by project developers and investors and how they differ

• Is there a difference for investors if an energy efficiency project is combined with demand response?

AGENDA

15:00 - 15:05 - Welcome, introduction and context (Andreea Le Cam - IERC)

• Context: Clean Energy for all Europeans & Energy Efficiency Directive requires a transition in both public and private buildings. To do this, significant private investment is required

• Problem: From our experience, there is a mismatch between expectations of project developers vs. investors

• This webinar will explain the differences between how a project developer would typically calculate their margins on a project vs. how an investor calculates the ROI. Why are these different? What other factors influence the finance provider's decision to invest?

15:05 - 15:30 - Risk and return: key factors for a project evaluation (Michael Pachlatko - Joule Assets)

• Return calculations: mismatch between project developers and investors

• Understanding risks: risk assessment is essential for investors

• What makes a project bankable? Findings from the NOVICE project on the impact of combining revenue streams from energy efficiency and demand response on bankability.

15:30 - 15:45 - Enhanced Energy Performance Contracting - Lessons learned from the NOVICE project (Jo Southernwood - IERC)

• Overview: what is an Enhanced Energy Performance Contract and what are the benefits?

• Case studies and lessons learned: when does it make sense to consider combining energy efficiency with demand response? When is it not appropriate?

15:45 - 16:00 - Q&A (Andreea Le Cam - IERC)

Registration is now open! https://dtsagkrasoulis.clickmeeting.com/146347753/register

Related information

Projects	NOVICE - New Buildings Energy Renovation Business Models incorporating dual energy services
Programmes	H2020
Countries	Ireland

Keywords

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Salir airosos: energía eólica socialmente integradora en toda Europa

Desde 2020-02-27 **hasta** 2020-02-28, Berlín, DE

El proyecto financiado con fondos europeos WinWind organizará una conferencia en Berlín, Alemania, los días 27 y 28 de febrero de 2020.

La energía eólica asumirá un papel clave en la transición hacia una sociedad de bajas emisiones, pero su despliegue puede generar debates polarizados y tensiones locales. La conferencia WinWind hará un repaso de lo que influye en la aceptación social de la energía eólica. En base a las experiencias del proyecto en seis países europeos, también presentará medidas replicables y factores impulsores efectivos para superar los retos.

Además, el programa se basará en las experiencias adquiridas en la «Energiewende» (transición energética) en Alemania. Junto con los expertos del consorcio WinWind, los asistentes serán responsables políticos y personas de las comunidades de investigadores, empresas y la sociedad civil.

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Información relacionada

Proyectos	WinWind - Winning social acceptance for wind energy in wind energy scarce regions
Programas	H2020-EU.3.3. H2020-EU.3.3.2.1.
Países	Alemania

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15th International Joint Conference on Computer Vision, Imaging and Computer Graphics Theory and Applications - VISIGRAPP 2020

From 2020-02-27 **to** 2020-02-29, Valletta, MT

The purpose of VISIGRAPP is to bring together researchers and practitioners interested in both theoretical advances and applications of computer vision, computer graphics and information visualization. VISIGRAPP is composed of four co-located conferences, each specialized in at least one of the aforementioned main knowledge areas.

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Website: http://www.visigrapp.org/

February 27 - 29, 2020 Valletta, Malta

In Cooperation with: EUROGRAPHICS and GPCG.

Proceedings will be submitted for indexation by: DBLP, Thomson Reuters, EI, SCOPUS, Semantic Scholar, Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic.

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Conference Topics:
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Optics has a long and distinct tradition among physical sciences.

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Area 2: Optics
- Adaptive Optics
- Applied Industrial Optics
- Biomedical Optics
- Computational Optical Sensing and Imaging
- Fiber Optics Technology

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- Optical Instrumentation
- Optical Materials and Devices
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9th International Conference on Sensor Networks - SENSORNETS 2020

From 2020-02-28 **to** 2020-02-29, Valletta, MT

The use of sensors is familiar to citizens as they are incorporated in many devices including smartphones, vehicles, appliances, smartwatches, among others. The use of sensor networks is spreading faster everyday, and some examples are their application in agriculture, health, energy, environment, industry, smart cities, etc. These sensors are usually part of a set of sensors, which are interconnected with each other, and usually with a coordinating (sink) node.

9th International Conference on Sensor Networks SENSORNETS

Website: http://www.sensornets.org/

February 28 - 29, 2020 Valletta, Malta

In Cooperation with: IFSA and IET.

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- Geospatial Knowledge Management Systems
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- Multi-Sensor Data Processing
- Pattern Recognition
- Reasoning on Sensor Data
- Sensor Data Fusion & Deep Learning
- Statistical and Adaptive Signal Processing

Area 3: Security and Privacy in Sensor Networks
- Authentication
- Biometric Systems
- Cryptography
- Defense and Security
- Fault Tolerance and Diagnosis
- Infrastructure Reliability
- Security Threats
- Vulnerability and Privacy
- Wireless Surveillance

Area 4: Wireless Sensor Networks
- Ad Hoc Networks
- Connected Vehicles
- Cross-Layer Design
- Network Performance
- Network Topologies
- Power Management
- Routing Techniques

Area 5: Wireless Sensor Networks and Architectures
- Technologies and Standards: WiFi, Zigbee, LoRa, Bluetooth
- Wearable Computing and Body Area Networks
- Wired and Wireless Sensor Systems: Signals, Transceivers, and Interfaces
- Wireless Network Protocols
- Mobility Models
- Heterogeneous networks
- Energy Efficiency
- Energy Harvesting

Area 6: Sensors Networks Hardware
- Optical Sensors
- Physical Sensors: Temperature, Mechanical, Magnetic, and Other
- Biosensors
- Human-Computer Interfaces
- Embedded Systems
- Energy efficient protocols

Area 7: Sensor Networks Software

- Modeling, Simulation and Platforms
- Operating Systems
- Performance optimization
- Multi-Agent Systems
- Programming and Middleware
- Scheduling, Tasking and Control

Area 8: Sensor Networks Applications
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La ciencia de los neutrones (seminario mizrají)

Desde 2020-03-01 **hasta** 2020-03-04, Ein Gedi, IL

Los proyectos financiados con fondos europeos BrightnESS-2 y FILL2030 organizarán un seminario en Ein Gedi (Israel) del 1 al 4 de marzo de 2020.

Si bien los investigadores israelíes gozan de una excelente reputación por su uso de la dispersión de rayos X (una técnica en gran medida complementaria a la dispersión de neutrones) en instalaciones de sincrotrón de todo el mundo, el uso de neutrones por parte de la comunidad investigadora israelí es mucho más limitado. El principal objetivo de este seminario es mejorar el conocimiento, la visibilidad y las posibilidades de los neutrones entre la comunidad académica israelí, así como promover una investigación con neutrones multidisciplinaria e innovadora. En este sentido, la reunión estará abierta a todas las instituciones israelíes.

Se invita a participar a estudiantes de posgrado y a miembros posdoctorales y del profesorado de distintas disciplinas científicas (como magnetismo, física, biología, materia condensada blanda). El seminario ofrecerá a los jóvenes científicos y estudiantes la oportunidad de conocer cómo pueden utilizar los neutrones para investigar la estructura y dinámica de una amplia gama de materiales.

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Información relacionada

Proyectos	FILL2030 - The Future of ILL 2030 BrightnESS-2 - Bringing together a neutron ecosystem for sustainable science with ESS (BrightnESS-2)
Programas	H2020-EU.1.4.
Países	Israel

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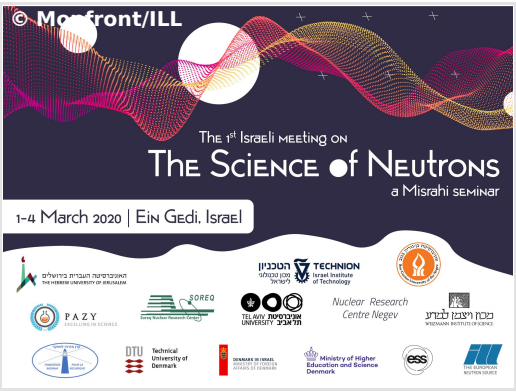
1st Israeli meeting on 'The Science of Neutrons'

From 2020-03-01 **to** 2020-03-04, Ein Gedi, IL

Neutron scattering, the irregular dispersal of free neutrons by matter, is a well-established analytical technique for investigating materials practiced at large scale research facilities such as reactors and spallation neutron sources. While Israeli researchers have an excellent reputation for their use of x-ray scattering (a technique highly complementary to neutron scattering) in synchrotron facilities worldwide, the use of neutrons by the Israeli research community is far more limited.



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The main goal of this seminar is to increase the knowledge, visibility and opportunities of neutrons to the Israeli academic community, and promote innovative multidisciplinary research with neutrons, hence the meeting will be open to all Israeli institutions. We focus on encouraging graduate students, postdoctoral and faculty members from diverse communities e.g. magnetism, physics, biology or soft condensed matter to participate. The seminar is an opportunity for younger scientists and students to learn how neutrons can be used to investigate the structure and dynamics of a broad range of materials

Various topics will be covered:

TECHNIQUES

× Introduction to neutron scattering, neutron sources and neutron instruments, optics
× Why deuteration? Making hydrogen visible
× Crystallography and diffraction
× Small-angle neutron scattering
× Neutron reflectrometry
× Magnetic diffraction and polarized neutrons
× Neutron spectroscopy
× Imaging, radiography, and tomography
× Residual stress diffraction and strain scanning

APPLICATIONS

× Neutrons for matter under high pressure
× Neutrons reflectometry for soft matter and biology
× Neutron imaging for energy materials
× Spectroscopy in solid state physics & chemistry
× Neutrons for quantum and advanced materials
× Diffractometer studies with thermal neutrons
× Neutron instrumentation and techniques for applied materials science

COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUES

× Super-resolution microscopy, SAXS and contrast variation SANS of field-directed self-assembly

× Monitoring nucleation and growth in-situ using synchrotron GIXD

NEUTRON SCATTERING AT THE ILL

× Grand picture, challenges and recent developments

THE EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE

× Status of the project and Future Science

NEUTRONS IN BIOLOGY

× Structure, interactions, dynamics in macromolecules and large cellular machines and complexes

SANS IN THE NANO WORLD

× Soft matter, colloids, interfaces, bioinspired materials

NEUTRONS AND LIFE-TIME (LIFE-CYCLE) OF MATERIALS

× Nanostuctured and advanced materials, nuclear astrophysics and nuclear nanomedicine

NEUTRONS FOR OPTIMIZED ENERGY USAGE

× Magnetism and superconductivity, fuel cells, lightweight materials

Related information

Projects	FILL2030 - The Future of ILL 2030
	BrightnESS-2 - Bringing together a neutron ecosystem for sustainable science with ESS (BrightnESS-2)
Programmes	H2020
Countries	Israel

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ISPIM Connects Bangkok: Partnering for an Innovation Community

From 2020-03-01 **to** 2020-03-04, Bangkok, TH

Join us at ISPIM Connects Bangkok 2020 to discover how the Innovation Community in this vibrant city and region is blossoming. This conference, ISPIM's first in Thailand, will bring together 250 innovation professionals from around 25 countries.

Thailand is on the road to becoming an innovation Hub in Southeast Asia. Government, private sector, universities and start-ups are working together to develop an innovation ecosystem to support the Thailand Government's economy 4.0 agenda. Thailand is eager to develop an inclusive, sustainable and technologically advanced economy, which is reflected, for example, in the emergence of digital parks, co-working spaces and in its vibrant community of entrepreneurs. A strong emphasis on social innovation is also an interesting characteristic of the Thai Innovation Landscape. Most large Thai organizations list innovation among their top strategic priorities and there is much to be learned from these companies innovating in constrained emerging markets.

Related information

Programmes	H2020
Countries	Thailand

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innovation, conference

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Conference in French: Active systems and materials in plants By: Olivier HAMANT

From 2020-03-02 **to** 2020-03-02, Paris, FR

Olivier HAMANT is Research director at INRA in the Plant Reproduction and Development laboratory (ENS Lyon, France), Research associate at the Sainsbury laboratory (Cambridge, UK) and Associate professor at Kumamoto University (Japan)
Date: March 2, 2020
Time: 17:00
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Abstract:
Living systems are physical objects. Unlike developing animals, that are made up of mechanically soft and contractile cells, growing plant tissues are very rigid and highly pressurized. The resulting immobility of plants could lead one to believe that they do not react to mechanical stresses. Results obtained in recent years demonstrate, on the contrary, the very reactive nature of plants, and of the materials constituting them, at all scales. In this seminar, we will focus on the dynamics of cellulose synthesis to highlight the role of forces in plant morphogenesis.

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Programmes	H2020
Countries	France

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LAUNCH Webinar: "The key role of off-balance sheet contracts in building a strong sales message"

From 2020-03-02 **to** 2020-03-02, Brussels, BE

This webinar will focus on the key role of off-balance sheet contracts in building a strong sales message towards end-clients, starting from the key differences between on and off-balance sheet transactions, the characteristics of an off-balance sheet transaction and what approach the LAUNCH consortium is adopting to draft the standardised EPC. The topic will cover both the financial (investor) and the commercial (contractor) perspectives.

OVERVIEW

One of the well-known burdens in implementing sustainable energy projects for both the public and the private sector is the fact that many implementers are limited from carrying out such measures due to their inability to add further debt on to their balance sheets. Reasons are multiple but generally fall into the following categories, banking covenants and negative impact on credit standing, while for municipalities such debt is restricted by the Maastricht rules.

For small and medium-sized companies with limited resources, off-balance sheet appears the best solution as it has no implication on their balance sheet and doesn't affect the liquidity position in a certain period. Thus, this liquidity may be used for other corporate purposes related to the sales and marketing growth of the company. Moreover, contracts that enable off-balance sheet financing for the client should also be seen as an important selling point for Energy Service Companies (ESCos) because they help accelerate deal closure.

Recognizing the importance of this point in the contractual agreements to finance sustainable energy projects, the LAUNCH partners are developing within the LAUNCH project a standardized Energy Performance Contract that can be accepted by auditors and Eurostat as being off-balance sheet. This would bring contractors one step closer to financing their project.

Off-balance sheet contracts should also be looked at as an important selling point for ESCOs: this type of contract, in fact, helps accelerate deal closure with end-clients who often do not want to have the assets and associated liabilities on their own balance sheet.

This webinar will focus on the key role of off-balance sheet contracts in building a strong sales message towards end-clients, starting from the key differences between on and off-balance sheet transactions, the characteristics of an off-balance sheet transaction and what approach the LAUNCH consortium is adopting to draft the standardised EPC. The topic will cover both the financial (investor) and the commercial (contractor) perspectives.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Energy service companies (ESCOs), engineers and consultants, development managers and sustainability professionals with

an ambition to learn more on key financial and commercial concepts and to improve the processes of project uptake in their own businesses or for their clients.

WHY ATTEND?

To be at the forefront of a fast-changing industry, gain financial and commercial insights and increase the opportunity to get your sustainable energy projects financed. This webinar will provide an ideal platform to share experiences and best practices with other professionals in the sector and to ask questions you've always wanted to ask on this topic.

This is the first of several educational resources that the LAUNCH consortium will share with a wider audience to allow a better understanding of how to use the tools developed within the LAUNCH H2020 project.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

What is the difference between on and off-balance sheet transactions;

What are the characteristics of off-balance sheet transactions;

How LAUNCH is developing a standardized off-balance sheet Energy Performance Contract;

Why this is important from a financial point of view;

Why this is important from a commercial point of view.

Visit www.launch2020.eu to read the full agenda

Related information

Projects	LAUNCH - LAUNCH: sustainable energy assets as tradable securities
Programmes	H2020
Countries	Belgium

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