

# UNI-SET - Mobilising the research, innovation and educational capacities of Europe's universities in the SET-Plan

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### The European University Association (EUA)

- EUA acts as an independent stakeholder for Europe's Universities
- Based in Brussels as a non-governmental membership organisation
- EUA membership represents 34 European Rectors' Conferences and over 850 individual research based higher education institutions across 46 countries
- Dual-fold role:
  - I. providing a forum for debate and mutual-learning though conferences and workshops, projects and specific services for the membership, and
  - II. bringing empirical evidence from universities' experiences and activities across their missions to inform the policy-making process in developing new instruments that help their strategic development and enhance their performance in addressing social, economic and civil society needs and goals.



#### The EUA-EPUE



Survey: universitybased energy research & education

2010

2012

- EUA-EPUE inaugural meeting: 171 member universities - Contribution to SET-Plan Education& Training Roadmap

2014

Start UNI-SET FP7 project together with KU Leuven, representing KIC InnoEnergy





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2009 Invitation to participate as observer

in EERA ExCo



#### The challenges to realise the EU energy objectives

- Research breakthroughs that can
  - I. improve the competitiveness of existing technologies
  - II. become the basis for innovations that offer new solutions
  - III. enable the required societal change
- Upgrade competencies in the existing work force to adopt new technologies for the overall benefit of society
- Develop new human talent that can strengthen the innovation processes
- Create scientific evidence-based policy-making
- Inform and engage civil society



#### The role of universities





### The UNI-SET project

- Duration: Sept. 2014 Aug. 2017
- Consortium:
  - ✓ European University Association, main beneficiary/coordinator (80 % share)
  - ✓ KU Leuven (project partner) representing the universities in KIC InnoEnergy (20 % share)











Funding: European Union, as an FP7
 Coordination and Support Action





Project Partner

Third Party Consortium

Grenoble Institute of Technology (INP)

Jagiellonian University (JU)

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC)





#### KIC InnoEnergy in UNI-SET





### **Objectives of UNI-SET**

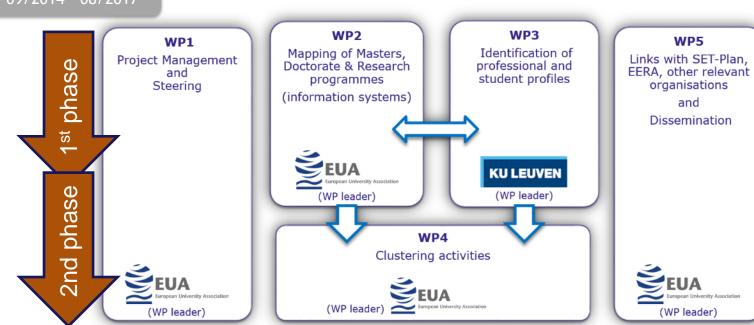
- Strengthen strategic basic research in Europe's universities – "use-inspired" basic research in energy
- Build bridges between basic research and innovation
- Enhance the contribution of universities in the SET-Plan at EU policy level
- Integrate education, research and innovation activities
- Stimulate cross-national Master,
   Doctorate and Research programmes
- Foster multidisciplinary research in areas such as system integration and socio-economic aspects





# **UNI-SET:** Work programme

Total of 36 months 09/2014 - 08/2017





#### **UNI-SET** building blocks

- The UNI-SET Universities Survey: gather data on Master, Doctorate and Research programmes (number of programmes, students, disciplines, SET-Plan areas, etc.)
- The European Atlas of Universities in Energy Research & Education: develop online maps of university Master and Doctorate programmes, and research activities in the energy field
- The UNI-SET Employers Survey: identify skills and professional profiles required in the energy sector
- The UNI-SET Energy Clustering Events to:
  - provide a basis for discussing further development of energy-related curricula and study programmes on the Master and Doctorate level
  - Convene a critical mass of research capacities for new collaborative and multidisciplinary research activities across Europe.



#### **UNI-SET Universities Survey**

- URL: http://universities.uni-set.eu
- Covering the entire spectrum of disciplines: from Mathematics, Engineering and Technology to Economy, Social Sciences and Humanities and Arts
- 1st phase: 7 April 2015 31 July 2015
   2nd phase: OPEN until 15 December 2015
- 192 university registrations by 18/11/2015





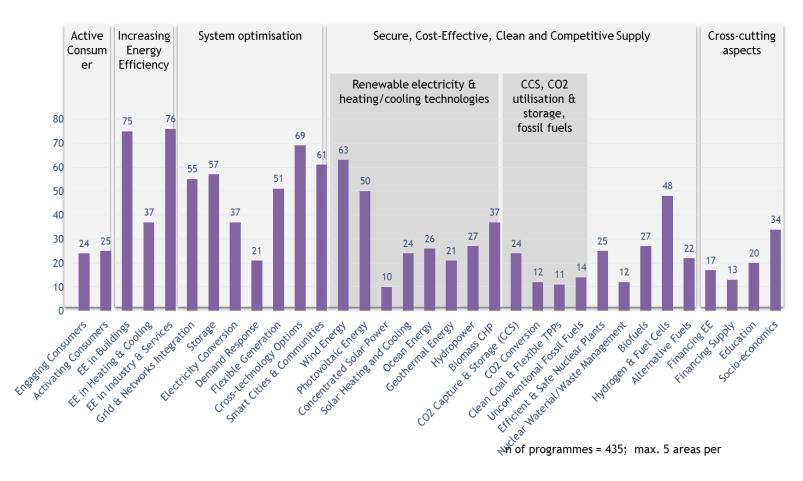
#### Why should your university participate?

Should your university offer Master and Doctorate Programmes and perform research in the energy field, or plan to develop such activities in the future, we strongly encourage you to participate, as this is a unique opportunity to:

- Have your energy-related Master, Doctorate and Research
   Programmes clearly displayed on up-to-date and interactive online maps;
- Attract potential students and researchers;
- Identify, and be identified by, other universities and stakeholders (business, research organisations, etc.) to find expertise and opportunities for research and education collaboration;
- Identify opportunities to create multidisciplinary teams;
- Have a central point of information on your institution's energy-related activities;
- Strengthen the voice of Europe's universities in the energy field to attract more funding opportunities and to advocate universities roles in tackling the energy challenge;
- Participate in the events, the 'UNI-SET Clustering Events', which will take place during 2016 and 2017 across Europe;
- Be part of an exceptional project of strategic relevance for the university sector

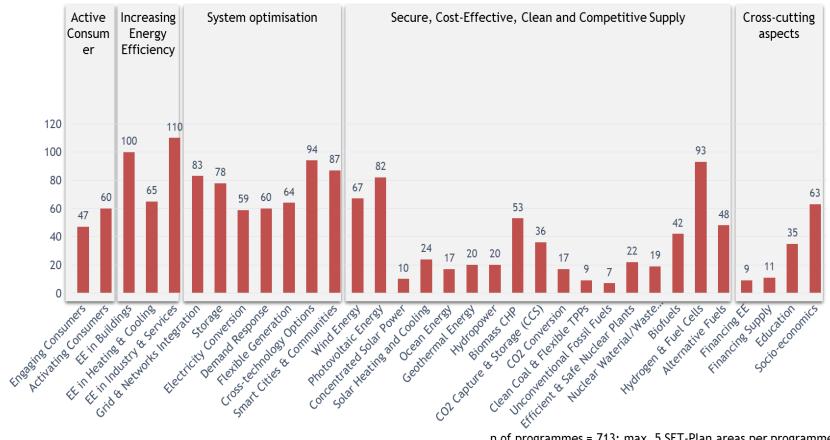


#### UNIVERSITIES - MASTER PROGRAMMES IN SET-PLAN





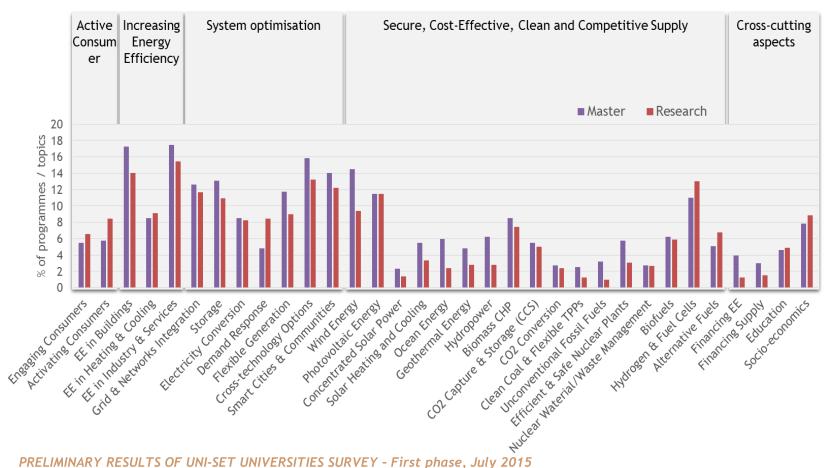
#### UNIVERSITIES - RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN SET-PLAN



n of programmes = 713; max. 5 SET-Plan areas per programme



#### UNIVERSITIES LINKING RESEARCH & EDUCATION IN SET-PLAN





# THE EUROPEAN ATLAS OF UNIVERSITIES IN ENERGY RESEARCH & EDUCATION

# Put your university on the map!



Go to http://universities.uni-set.eu and register your university.

The survey will be online until **15 December 2015**.



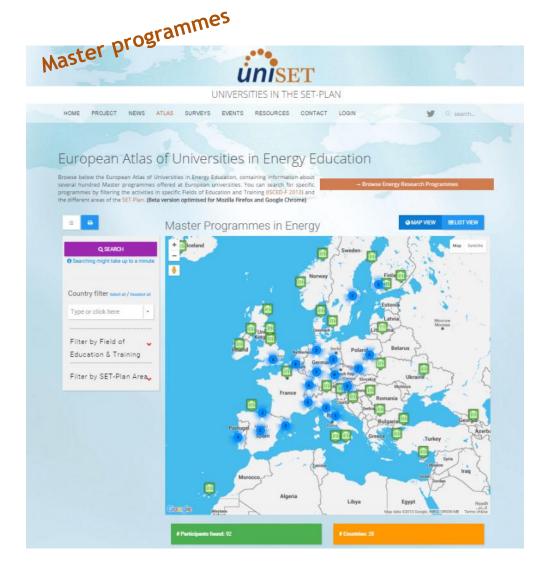
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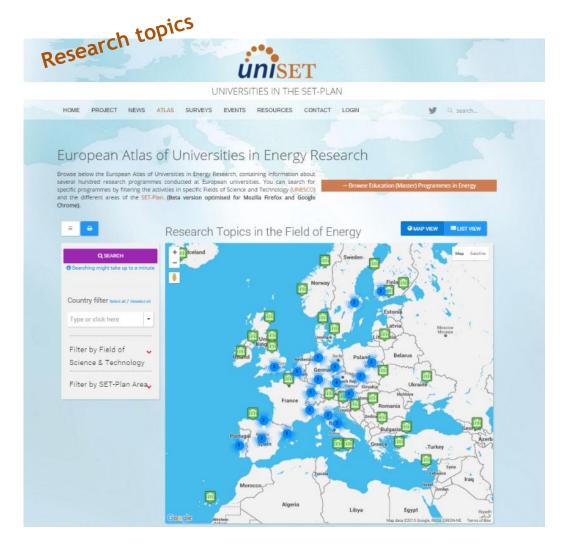
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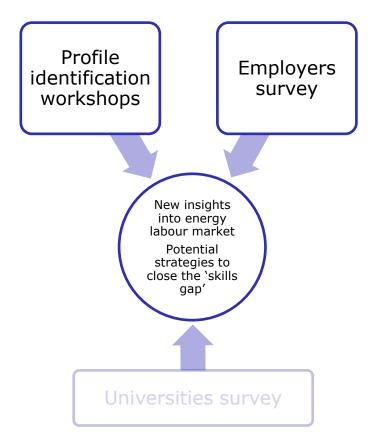
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# Bringing in the voice of energy sector employers

- Identify skills and professional profiles in the energy field
- Taken together with the Universities Survey, UNI-SET will provide unique insights into current labour market requirements and education offered at universities





# The UNI-SET Employers Survey

- URL: http://employers.uni-set.eu
- Web-based survey send to contacts of KIC InnoEnergy
- Duration: 7 August 2015 31 December 2015

#### 1. Respondent profile

Contact

Address

Background respondent (work and academic)

SET-Plan familiarity

#### 2. Company profile

Size

Activities

Annual turnover

Staff academic background

Staff multidisciplinarity

#### 3. SET-Plan activities

Activities and SET-Plan areas

Future SET-Plan areas

Recruitment and re-orientation

# 4. University education requirements

Type of degree requirements

Master's profile (now/future)

PhD profile

Universities relevance

Relevance academic performance

#### 5. Future profile requirements

Expertise skills

Soft skills

Language skills



# Why should your organisation or company participate?

Participation in the 'UNI-SET Employers Survey' is an opportunity for organisations dealing with energy challenges in Europe to:

- Get involved in defining the future professional profiles required to meet the 2030 goals of the SET-Plan;
- Contribute to improve the Master and Doctorate educational programmes to better meet the future profile requirements of the European energy labour market;
- Stimulate cross-national Master, Doctorate and Research programmes, and to foster multidisciplinary profiles;
- Identify required trainings for current staff to meet the future challenges in the energy sector;
- Foster the integration of education, research and business/ innovation activities.



# UNI-SET Professional Profile Identification Workshops

- A series of Professional Profile Identification Workshops held at different offices of KIC InnoEnergy
  - ✓ 19 May 2015, Leuven, Belgium Organiser: KU Leuven
  - ✓ 18 June 2015, Lyon, France Organiser: Grenoble Institute of Technology INP
  - ✓ 1 October 2015, Barcelona, Spain Organiser: Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya
  - ✓ 5 October 2015, Frankfurt, Germany Organiser: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
  - ✓ 20 November 2015, Krakow, Poland Organiser: Jagiellonian University
  - ✓ 26 November 2015, Stockholm, Sweden Organiser: KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- An additional workshop was organised on 5 November 2015, in Vienna, Austria, during the European Utility Week.













### **UNI-SET Energy Clustering Events**

#### Objectives

- ✓ Foster cooperation between European universities and between universities and other energy stakeholders
- Produce a Roadmap for universities to develop new and/or multidisciplinary approaches in Master, Doctorate and Research programmes
- Coordinate policy input to SET-Plan and Framework Programme

#### Targeted audiences:

- ✓ European university community;
- ✓ Other research and innovation actors in the European Research Area (ERA);
- ✓ KIC InnoEnergy partners;
- ✓ SET-Plan stakeholders, including the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA); the European Industrial Initiative (EII) partners; and major networks in the energy field;
- European Institutions: European Commission, European Parliament.

#	Date	Host University
1	24-26 February 2016	Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
2	September 2016	Politecnico di Torino
3	November 2016	Universitatea Politehnica din Bucuresti
4	March 2017	Imperial College
5	May 2017	KU Leuven



### 1st UNI-SET Energy Clustering Event

- Title: "Addressing the human resource challenge to build the future energy system"
- Date: 24-26 February 2016
- Location: Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway

#### Objectives:

- ✓ Set the stage on how universities can enhance their contribution towards the future low-carbon energy society
- Offer insights into innovative programmes and approaches from a multidisciplinary perspective
- ✓ Start developing a roadmap for universities in the future energy society
- ✓ Strengthen inter-university cooperation and thus the voice of universities in EU energy policy developments
- ✓ Make visible the substantial contribution of universities in implementing the European Energy Union





## Expected impact of UNI-SET (1/2)

- More universities to educate candidates for the industry and the public sector
  - ✓ programmes with curricula informed with recent research-based knowledge.
  - engaging with industry and research institutes
- Education programmes for new multidisciplinary competence profiles prepared to address
  - ✓ energy system integration
  - ✓ societal aspects related to the energy system transition
- University networks engaging in cooperation in long term 'use-inspired' basic research for energy



## Expected impact of UNI-SET (2/2)

- Strengthening cooperation with industrial partners
- Cooperation with the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA)
- Coordination of input for policy development and external dialogues
- Advocacy and dialogue with the European
   Commission and other European policy stakeholders
- Assisting development of international (outside-EU) cooperation



### Thank you for your attention!

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