

## 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter "Fridays for Research"

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the 1<sup>st</sup> "Friday for Research" joint online meeting was successfully conducted within the EULiST consortium partners. More than **80 participants** from the EULiST academic institutions attended the event in order to meet and generate ideas, promote scientific excellence and innovation capacity building.

The debut theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> "Friday for Research " joint meeting focused on Energy Storage and Renewables, with a specific emphasis on Hydrogen Production and Utilization in Energy Systems. This focal area encompassed discussions on:

- New solutions for the Hydrogen economy
- Hydrogen storage materials
- Fuel cells materials
- Electrolyser materials
- Electricity market and hydrogen storage
- Hydrogen underground storage
- Social impact of Hydrogen economy
- Hydrogen carriers
- LCA
- Any other relevant topics

The above objectives can be reflected in the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for Research, presented below

Time	Speaker / Topic
12:00 to 12:30 (CET)	1 <sup>st</sup> Keynote Prof. Sotirios Karellas (NTUA): The "Philosophy of Fridays for Research in EULiST"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Keynote Marc Delage (IMT): Setting a Marie Curie proposal
12:30 to 14:15 (CET)	Presentations by the member universities (5 min presentation + 10 min discussion)
	Focus on research ideas and know-how the participating university can bring to the TOPIC:
	New solutions for the hydrogen economy
14:15-14:30 (CET)	Coffee Break
14:30 to 15:00 (CET)	Summary of the outcomes of the sessions and future steps (30 min) (Rapporteur + Chair)

The session opened with a presentation by Prof. Dr-Ing. Sotirios Karellas from NTUA, introducing the EULIST framework and its objectives. EULIST strives to establish a cohesive platform for collaborative research and innovation initiatives, facilitating knowledge exchange and best practice sharing through joint participation in relevant EU R&D calls to secure public funding. The consortium has identified potential calls, including HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks, HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Industrial Doctorates, and HORIZON TMA MSCA Doctoral Networks - Joint Doctorates, focusing on the research area of the Hydrogen Economy. Subsequently, Mr. Marc Delage from IMT provided a brief presentation outlining the requirements and regulations of these calls.

Every academic institution showcased their research activities and accomplishments related to Hydrogen Production and Utilization in Energy Systems via dedicated presentations, ultimately aiming to establish common ground for synergistic collaboration. The consortium partners demonstrated robust expertise and impactful research and innovation initiatives spanning the entire H<sub>2</sub> value chain. This ranged from production and materials engineering to end-use applications and sophisticated high-level energy system modelling. Leveraging their strong expertise in the emerging field of hydrogen economy, the consortium partners pledged to pursue additional collaborations and joint funding applications.

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