



Parallel session 5: Energy

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Session 5: presentations

We heard from:

- EUROfusion EJP: a flagship for European joint programming
- ACT ERA-NET: too early to assess impact, but already considering longer-term collaboration
- EURAMET: think from the beginning about 'the route to impact'
- JAWG: 'from defending the interests of my country in such and such committee, to working for the greater good'

- The importance of national political cycles on the strength of networks. Supranational support needed to counteract that.
- Budget execution: no co-fund has yet been able to use all its budget.



Session 5: panel discussion

- Energy peculiarity: much closer to innovation, high TRLs. Collaborative and competitive elements both play a part.
- The need for a common vision, roadmaps, programme and project management structures and concepts.
- Impact and quality evaluation of projects funded through joint calls: compare with projects funded through H2020 and national only. Evidence suggests that no difference.
- Consistent evaluation of impact across instruments, so that projects can be compared on a like-with-like basis.



Session 5: open discussion

- For the future: start with instrument design, then make decisions on budget.
- Energy ERA-NETs mostly country- and demand-driven so far. Need for a different strategic approach?
- With co-funding, the logic for participation changes: no longer only about collaboration but also about funding opportunities.