



European technology providers will play a key role in shaping the future of the EU-India business cooperation. With the objective to increase business involvement in strategic areas of bilateral cooperation between the EU and India and further catalyse socio-economic development in rural India, the Business Support to the EU-India Policy Dialogues Project is organising a webinar in order to mobilise key stakeholders, such as private sector project developers and investors, state nodal agencies and public officials for piloting and investing into innovative and productive Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) projects in the region of Uttar Pradesh, that will be realized as a result of a second deep-dive workshop end of May 2021.

AGENDA

Building EU-India Technology Partnerships to promote Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) as source of reliable energy access to power rural India
Tuesday, 11th May 2021
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm CET / 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm IST

TIME (CET)	TIME (IST)	
Opening Remarks & Context Setting		
12:00 – 12:05	15:30 – 15:35	Mr. Edwin Koekkoek, Counsellor – Energy & Climate Action, EU Delegation to India
12:05 – 12:10	15:35 – 15:40	Mr. Poul V. Jensen, Managing Director, European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC)
Keynote Speech on the status of decentralised renewable energy sector in India		
12:10 – 12:20	15:40 – 15:50	Mr. Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) (TBC)
Powering opportunities with decentralised renewable energies in Uttar Pradesh: Status quo and future opportunities for EU-India partnerships		
12:20 – 13:20	15:50 – 16:50	<p>Objective: Discussing ongoing initiatives in Uttar Pradesh using decentralised renewable energy (DRE) technologies, impacts of COVID-19, as well as sharing common visions for establishing partnerships between the EU and Indian stakeholders.</p> <p>Speakers: Status quo of DRE in UP from a public sector perspective (10-min) Bhawani Singh Khangarot, Director, UPNEDA (TBC)</p> <p>Presentation based on latest survey done by SPI on the impact of COVID-19 lockdown and how mini-grid companies are coping with it in UP (10-min) Umang Maheshwari, Associate Director, Smart Power India</p> <p>Fast-Tracking Rural Electrification through accelerated and precise mini-grid policy formulation (10 mins) Mr. David Lecoque, CEO, Alliance for Rural Electrification (TBC)</p>



		<p>Experiences from the ground in UP, opportunities for EU-India partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donal Cannon, Head of Regional Representation for South Asia · European Investment Bank (TBC) • Anil Chaudhry, Country President and Managing Director Schneider Electric, Greater India (TBC) <p>Moderated panel discussion on how increased strategic partnerships can help mitigate the risks created by COVID-19 in the Indian DRE sector, as well as how the EU and Indian stakeholders can join forces to (a) support the DRE sector flourish after COVID-19 (b) combine efforts on the ground towards providing energy access in UP. – (20-min)</p> <p>Panelists proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashok Chaudhari, Joint Director, OREDA (TBC) • Yasho Joshi, COO, OMC Power • Manoj Sinha, Founder & CEO, Husk Power Systems • Upendra Bhatt, Co-founder and MD, cKinetics • Ayush Mishra, Co-founder & CEO - Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd • Vijay Bhaskar, Managing Director, Hamara Grid <p>Moderated by: Marcus Wiemann, Director Energy, EU Tech Chamber</p>
Introduction of the Financing Investment in Clean Energy Platform (FICEP)		
13:20 – 13:25	16:50 – 16:55	Sandeep Mohanty , Director, PwC India
13:25 – 13:30	16:55 – 17:00	Consolidation of thoughts and vote of thanks: Mr. Matthieu Craye, International Relations Officer at the European Commission, Directorate General for Energy

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About the Business Support to the EU-India Policy Dialogues Project: The Business Support to the EU-India Policy Dialogues supports the implementation of the new EU strategy on India, which was adopted in December 2018. The project strives to increase business involvement in strategic areas of bilateral cooperation in order to reinforce the already strong partnership between the European Union and India. These key areas are derived from on-going policy dialogues between the EU and India, such as Environment, Energy, Climate, ICT and Urbanisation and hold relevant/ real-time opportunities for EU businesses interested in entering the Indian market.

Launched in February 2019, the project is led by GFA Consulting Group GmbH (Hamburg, Germany) in consortium with EBTC – European Business and Technology Centre (New Delhi, India), implementation partner India and EUROCHAMBRES (Brussels, Belgium), implementation partner Europe. www.euindiabusinesssupport.eu