

## ASSET holds its final European Roadshow

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**The third and final round of the Roadshows organised by the ASSET project took place online, gathering European stakeholders coming from different Member States.**

ASSET has organised its third and last Roadshow aimed at collecting inputs from European stakeholders in what concerns the present ecosystem for energy transition. The online event had 65 participants coming from industry, research and policy and was organised by ASSET partner EASE - The European Association for Storage of Energy with participation from the Consortium.

The Roadshow started with a keynote speech by Mr Felix Rohn from the Directorate-General of Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission, who presented the European Skills Agenda developed in 2020. The speech was followed by an ASSET project presentation by our coordinator, Nadia Politou, from Atos. Immediately after, Karl Kull, from the Tallinn Technical University presented Smagrinet, a sister project of ASSET which was funded under the same call and has similar goals.

Participants were then sent into two breakout rooms to have parallel discussions. Parallel Session 1 was moderated by Axel Thielmann, Deputy Head Competence Center Emerging Technologies at Fraunhofer ISI with the reporting by Mashood Nasir, post-doc at Aalborg University and ASSET partner; in this Session, the main topic of focus were the synergies between industry and research - what works well in them, what does not, and what needs to be improved in the future.

On parallel Session 2, the focus was on Policy - at EU and national level. The Session was moderated by Margot Vingerhoedt from ECOPOWER, one of ASSET's partners and reported by Jacopo Tosoni, Policy Officer at EASE. Participants received inputs from Filippo Capizzi, consultant at Greenfish, to trigger the discussion on how EU policy can feed the demand for energy transition skills and where can Member States focus on singularly.

The outcomes of the parallel Sessions were shared in plenary with all participants, and the event was concluded by Nelly Leligou, Scientific Coordinator of ASSET from the University of West Attica. Nelly underlined the collaborative aspect of the Roadshows and the importance of this third edition to gather an international input that can contribute to policy recommendations at EU level.

The ASSET Consortium thanks all the participants for joining and contributing to the event. The proceedings of the Roadshow can be found in the ASSET website.