

Full house to see 70 energy specialists at APREN's conference

Portugal Renewable Energy Summit 2022 takes place next November 16 and 17 at Culturgest, in Lisbon.



APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy Association will bring together around 70 national and international experts at the annual conference - Portugal Renewable Energy Summit 2022 – which this year is dedicated to the “Energy Transition: from plans to action”. The event takes place on the 16th and 17th of November, in the large auditorium of Culturgest, in Lisbon, with interventions by the Secretary of State for the Sea, José Maria Costa, and the Secretary of State for the Environment and Energy, João Galamba.

The Portugal Renewable Energy Summit, which has already established itself as the great forum for analysis in renewable energy, will once again bring to debate the truly relevant topics. For two days some of the main specialists in the field, at national and international level, will analyse, panel by panel, the key themes of the sector.

“REPowerEU – the new European ambition” will be one of the big topics on the table. The geopolitical situation generated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine brought to the agenda the urgency of Europe's autonomy and security of supply in terms of energy and, consequently, the need to accelerate the energy transition and diversify sources of supply.

The initial presentation will be made by the Director General of Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs – GROW, of the European Commission, Kerstin Jorna. Nicolás González Casares (MEP and member of the ITRE-Committee on Industry, Research and Energy), Giles Dickson (WindEurope), Walburga Hemetsberger (SolarPower Europe), Dörte Fouquet (EREF – European Renewable Energy Federation) and a representative of Hydrogen Europe with moderation by Pedro Amaral Jorge (APREN).

“The design of the European electricity market” will also be analysed with contributions from Pedro Amaral Jorge (APREN), Eduardo Teixeira (ERSE), Rafael Gómez-Elvira (NEMO Committee) and Tom Howes (DGEnergy – European Commission).

The “European model for containing electricity prices” will be dissected by Anje Stiers (EEX European Energy Exchange), Juan Virgílio Márquez (AEE), Martim Vasconcellos e Sá (OMIP) and Pedro Amaral Jorge (APREN).

The theme of “Iberian Green Hydrogen - opportunities and threats” will also be highlighted. The initial presentations will be made by Christian Pho Duc (Smartenergy), Anna Momotova (Renewable Hydrogen Coalition) and the Secretary of State for the Environment and Energy. The debate on the topic will feature the participation of Nuno Ribeiro da Silva, Ana Quelhas (EDP Renewables), Sérgio Goulart Machado (Galp), João Cunha (Smartenergy), Rogaciano Rebelo (Madoqua Renewables) and Ângelo Ramalho (Efacec) .

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The government's intervention will be the motto to launch the discussion on “Ocean Renewables”. Presentations on the subject will be provided by Lizet Ramirez (WindEurope), José Carlos Simão (DGRM – Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Security and Maritime Services) and Ana Andrade (DGEG). The debate will feature José Pinheiro (Ocean Winds), Marianne Beck Hassl (Ørsted), Pierre Warlop (WPD), Alexandra de Marichalar (Total Energies), Benoît Gilbert (Vestas) and Pedro Amaral Jorge (APREN).

“Capacity and access to the network and interconnections” will also be discussed in depth on the second day of the conference. The presentations will be ensured by Vincent Thouvenin (RTE - Réseau de Transport d'Electricité de France) and Ana Barillas (Aurora Energy Research). The debate will gather, around the table, João Conceição (REN), José Ferrari Careto (E-Redes) and João Bernardo (DGEG) with moderation by Bruno Azevedo.

The “Licensing of renewable projects” will be another central theme at the conference that will have two moments. The first part will be dedicated to the review of the “environmental simplex”. The debate will bring together Nuno Banza (ICNF - Institute for the Conservation of Nature and Forests), Nuno Lacasta (APA - Portuguese Environment Agency) and Pedro Amaral Jorge (APREN).

In the second part, the “Licensing guide for onshore renewable projects” will be discussed. This panel will have the participation of Susana Serôdio (APREN), Maria do Carmo Figueira (APA), Filipe Pinto DGEG), Ana Guerreiro (Generg), Timóteo Monteiro (EDP) and Miguel Mascarenhas (Bioinsight).

Issues related to “Communities of energy and individual and collective self-consumption” will also be under analysis this year. A presentation is planned by Jan Osenberg (SolarPower Europe), followed by a debate with the participation of Carlos Sampaio (Elergone), Ricardo Meireles (Rewatt), Carlos Jordão Coelho (Greenvolt), Secretary of State for the Environment and Energia and Filipe Pinto (DGEG).

After a presentation by Jinko Solar, “the core technologies for meeting the decarbonization targets” will be analyzed. The debate will feature Alexandre Kisslinger (Acciona Energia), Carlos Relancio (Galp), João Amaral (Voltalia), Miguel Lobo (Lightsource BP), Pedro Almeida Fernandes (Endesa).

“The Portuguese energy matrix in the next decade” will be the focus of the last panel of the conference with contributions from Álvaro Brandão Pinto (Generg), Bertrand Fauchet (Movhera), Pedro Norton (Finerge) and Rui Maia (Ventient Energy).

The closing ceremony will have an intervention by the Secretary of State for the Environment and Energy, João Galamba.

“The APREN conference has conquered its space as the great national forum for discussing the development and growth of the sector. Given the exceptional period we are currently experiencing, this edition will be a unique moment to discuss many of the issues that arise regarding this great global challenge that is the energy transition towards decarbonization and national and European energy independence”, anticipates the CEO of APREN. , Pedro Amaral Jorge.

On the first day of the conference, the awarding ceremony of the APREN 2022 Prize will also take place - an initiative that aims to disseminate academic master's dissertations related to electricity from renewable sources.

The APREN conference is sponsored by Smartenergy, Galp, Jinko Solar, Lightsource BP, Acciona Energia, EDP, Efacec, Endesa, Enercon, Finerge, Generg, Huawei, Movhera, Trustwind, Ørsted, Repsol, Ventient Energy, Vestas, Abreu Advogados , DNV, Eurowind Energy, Gerbasto, Hidroerg, Mainstream Renewable Power, Neoen, Tecneira, Voltalia, Anywind, Bureau Veritas, Cambenerg, CMS, CorPower Ocean, Dos Grados Capital, Energetus, Enerparc, ESDEC, Greenvolt, Helukabel, MCA, Morais Leitão , Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados, Nordex, Acciona Windpower, PLMJ and Statkraft.

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