

INFORSE-Europe - Annual Report - 2021-2022

Report of activities in International Network for Sustainable Energy-Europe (INFORSE-Europe)

Period: 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

European Seminar & General Meeting

INFORSE-Europe organized a one-week European NGO Seminar at the Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy in Denmark on August 17-20, 2021. The Seminar focused on transition to sustainable energy, community power and development of ideas for how we can push forward with new initiatives and projects. The seminar was part of the POWER and SELNEE Project and more than 30 people participated in the seminar and following study tour.

After the Seminar, INFORSE-Europe has its General Meeting on August 21, 2021.

https://inforse.org/europe/seminar_2021_INFORSE-Europe_DK.htm



European Sustainable Energy Seminar
August 17-20/21, 2021, Denmark
Venue: Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy

ORGANISERS:







The Seminar is Part of Projects Supported by:










INFORSE-EUROPE SEMINAR – DENMARK STUDY TOUR – AUGUST 2021
inforse.org/europe/seminar_2021_INFORSE-Europe_DK.htm

EU POLICY



On October 11th-14th 2021, we met in Karlsruhe with project partners coming from France, Italy and Germany to kick-off FULFILL. FULFILL is the first project that is fully dedicated to studying lifestyle change towards sufficiency with a systemic approach across micro-, meso- and macro-level. FULFILL is a EU Horizon Project and runs to 2024. Project partners are Wuppertal-Institut (coordinator) in Germany, EURAC and POLIMI in Italy, negaWATT and Jacques Delors Institute in France, Green Libert in Latvia, and INFORSE-Europe in Denmark.



<https://www.inforse.org/europe/FULFILL.htm> and <https://fulfill-sufficiency.eu/>



European Heat Pump User Survey in 2021

INFORSE-Europe made an online survey on the satisfaction of heat pumps. They are an important heating source in a 100% renewable heating system, so it is important that users are happy with them. Therefore, we made this survey together with European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and the Coolproducts Campaign for EU+ Norway and UK.

https://www.inforse.org/europe/heatpump_survey.htm

<https://www.coolproducts.eu/heating-and-cooling/heat-pumps-perform-successfully-across-europe-new-consumer-analysis/>

INFORSE-Europe developed positions on **EU Ecodesign and Energy Labelling together with ECOS as part of Coolproducts Coalition**, including a proposal for decarbonising heating, and has followed standardization of woodstoves, range hoods, and others with ECOS.



Policy Positions

May 20, 2021, INFORSE-Europe joined the letter to EC, European Parliament, European Council signed by 50 NGOs of Coalition for **Higher Ambition on the EU's Fitfor55 Package**.



September 23, 2021 INFORSE-Europe joined the letter signed by 30 NGOs **urging the EU to start phasing out fossil fuel heating** with EU regulation, including ecodesign and energy labelling regulations as well as a revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)



October 20, 2021 INFORSE-Europe joined the CAN-Europe Campaign Statement: **NGOs demand a fully renewable energy system by 2040 in Europe**.



November 2, 2021 INFORSE joined **Global 100 % Renewables Platform Declaration to UNFCCC COP26**.



November, 2021, INFORSE joined 460+ NGOs on a **statement for UNFCCC COP26 "Don't Nuke the Climate"**



November 15, 2021, INFORSE joined Letter to EU **No Green Washing of Nuclear Energy and Fossil Gas** - Letter to Olaf Scholz Federal Minister of Finance and Vice Chancellor by 129 NGOs Please Save the Green Deal: Take action to prevent nuclear energy and fossil gas from being labelled as green!



Read the Statements:

https://www.inforse.org/europe/eu_policy_press.htm

Projects in Ukraine and Belarus

The Sustainable Energy – Local to National in Eastern Europe

SELNEE Project

Together with project partners INFORSE-Europe launched **Catalogue of Local Solutions**. It gives users advice in how one can save electricity and heat and how to use renewable energy. In October the results of the SELNEE project was presented at AgroEnergyDay 2021.



Project Partners are Center for Environmental Solutions (CES) in Belarus, NGO Renewable Energy Agency (REA) in Ukraine, Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy (NFRE) in Denmark (INFORSE-Europe members) in cooperation with INFORSE-Europe in Denmark. The project is supported by CISU Denmark.

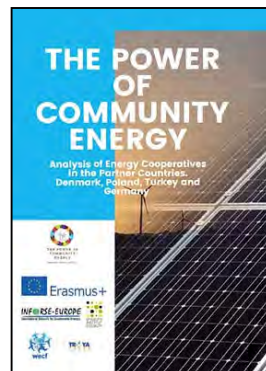
Further there was launch of the report "Review of Climate Action and Transition to Sustainable Energy in Korosten Town, Ukraine"

<https://www.inforse.org/europe/SELNEE.htm>

Promotion of Local Energy Communities and Energy Citizens

INFORSE-Europe promoted citizen's participation in renewable energy generation and transition of the energy system in EU, which included:

INFORSE-Europe continued the **"The Power of the Community Energy Turning Rights into Reality Across Europe!" project**, which was led by Social Ecological Institute (Poland) and is in cooperation with WECF (Germany) and Troya (Turkey). The project was supported by EU Erasmus+. This included two newsletters, one webinar and two publications; Analysis of Energy Cooperatives in the Partner Countries and Collection of Cases of Renewable Energy Cooperatives. POWER Project's web site: inforse.org/europe/POWER_CE.htm



100% Renewable Energy / Sustainable Energy

INFORSE-Europe participated in development and promotion of strategies and scenarios for the roads to low-carbon economies with 100% renewable energy, considering sufficiency of energy use.

INFORSE-Europe finished the project **“Integrating Energy Sufficiency into Modelling of Sustainable Energy Scenarios” on scenarios for Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania**, coordinated by Aalborg University with NGO partners of Lithuanian Energy Institute (Lithuania), and Green Liberty (Latvia).

The project was supported by NordForsk in the period of January 2020 – March 2022.

Project Link:

inforse.org/europe/Energy-Sufficiency-Project.htm



INFORSE-Europe continued the **cooperation with negaWatt in France** and others on national and the European CLEVER scenario for transition to sustainable energy with focus on sufficiency.

<https://inforse.org/europe/clever-scenario.html>



INFORSE is partner to the **100% Renewable Energy Platform** (global100re.org),

INFORSE-Europe also cooperated with other INFORSE regions on developing 100 % Renewable Energy scenarios, e.g. the **Kenya and Uganda 100 Renewable Energy Scenario** together with SusWatch Kenya and UCSD in the framework of the EASE-CA Project.

<https://www.inforse.org/europe/Vision2050.htm>



UN Climate Policies

INFORSE-Europe follows climate policies at the international level with other INFORSE regions, mainly in UNFCCC. We participated in climate negotiations at COP26 in October-November 2021 in Glasgow, Scotland. INFORSE led the organization of a side event on November 5 2021, and made an exhibition.

The successful participation was a result of cooperation among INFORSE members worldwide. The side events were organized by INFORSE, and Suswatch Kenya, INSEDA, SE and CCDB in cooperation with UCSD, TaTEDO, CRT Nepal, IDEA, Grameen Shakti, DIB, NFRE, and CAT in UK.

Link: <https://inforse.org/cop26.php3>

Funding was mainly from cooperation projects with Southern INFORSE networks (see below).

<https://www.inforse.org/cop26.php3>



UN Sustainable development Policies

INFORSE participated in 2 UN virtual conferences

UN High Level Dialogue on Energy 2021 in June where we held a virtual side event on June 22

https://www.inforse.org/INFORSE_at_UN_ENERGY2021_HLDE.php

UN High-Level Political Forum 2021 in July where we held a virtual side event on July 13.

https://www.inforse.org/INFORSE_at_HLPF2021.php

Cooperation with other INFORSE-regions

The INFORSE-Europe's Secretariat cooperated with INFORSE regions in South Asia and East Africa on promotion of low-carbon developments and on local eco-village developments as climate solutions. The planned project meetings were held online or postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

INFORSE-Europe continued its 3-year NGO cooperation project "**East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy & Climate Action (EASE-CA)**", which is coordinated by Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy and INFORSE-Europe with support by CISU, Denmark. The East African partners are INFORSE-East Africa members and national and regional coordinators JEEP, UCSD (Uganda), Suswatch (Kenya), TaTEDO (Tanzania).

EASE-CA Projects web site: inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm

INFORSE-Europe continued the 4th phase of the NGO cooperation project on **Eco-Village Development (EVD) with INFORSE South Asia**. The projects is coordinated by by DIB (Denmark), and INFORSE. The South Asian partners are: INFORSE South Asia members, and national focal points: INSEDA (India), IDEA (Sri Lanka), CRT (Nepal), Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh and CANSA.

The EVD Projects web site: inforse.org/asia/EVD.htm

Danish Network Activities

INFORSE-Europe made a number of debates and information activities on EU and sustainable energy together with the Danish INFORSE members.

The main activities were debates seeking citizens opinion on what EU should do for the transition to sustainable energy. The activities were funded by a 3-year grant from Europa-Nævnet, which is a fund for information and debate on EU in Denmark in **2021-2023**.

We held two events in April and November about the EU Green Deal and circular economy.

Link to events:

inforse.org/europe/europa-naevnet.htm



Outreach: Sustainable Energy News

Newsletter:

With support from the projects one issue of Sustainable Energy News was published in 2021. It includes news from the network, and projects of the members. It was printed in 1500 copies and mailed to 900 organisational receivers.

Links:

inforse.org/se_news.php3 and
inforse.org/doc/SEN85.pdf



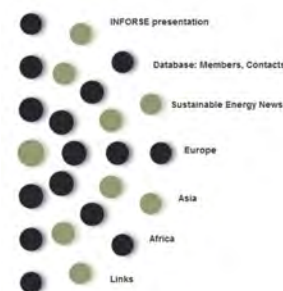
Outreach: Home page and Social Media

Web site

The website was updated with new events, activities, and projects as well as the online contact database.

Links:

www.inforse.org/europe
www.inforse.org
www.inforse.org/asia
www.inforse.org/africa



Social Media:

The Facebook and twitter accounts were updated regularly.

twitter.com/INFORSE_EU
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twitter.com/INFORSE_org



Organisational Development

INFORSE-Europe maintained the office and coordinator leading the Secretariat in Denmark and Eastern European coordinator in Ukraine.