



Attention: Science correspondents

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## **Universities sign Memorandum of Understanding with European Energy Research Alliance**

### **EUA and EERA to foster cooperation in European Energy**

Today, 29 April 2015, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) and the European University Association and its European Platform of Universities in Energy Research & Education (EUA-EPUE).

Through the MoU, the two leading public research stakeholders in the SET-Plan committed themselves to strengthen cooperation. They will:

- **Coordinate positions and develop joint statements** towards the European institutions and other international actors.
- **Identify synergies** concerning research and training of future professionals in the field of energy e.g. through the development of new Master and Doctorate and Research programmes.

Hervé Bernard, Chair of EERA said:

“Today, two important players in European energy R&D join forces to cooperate on research and education for the next generation of scientists and technologies that is absolutely necessary to make the Energy Union objectives a reality.”

Maria Helena Nazaré, President of EUA said:

“Europe has the duty to contribute to finding solutions to minimize, solve if possible, the problems caused by the ever increasing needs of energy: sustainable production, management and storage.

“EUA and EERA have therefore decided to strengthen the collaboration between universities and research and technology organisations to ensure a flow of information and identify synergies.”

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#### **Notes:**

Both EERA and EUA-EPUE are recognized stakeholders of the EU SET-Plan, with EERA leading efforts in coordinating research activities and EUA-EPUE fostering increased coordination of education and training activities. The MoU formalises a collaboration that started when EERA was established in 2008.

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