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ENERGY4SUPPLY

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WELCOME

to issue No.1 of the Energy4Supply newsletter!

In this issue, we're excited to bring you the latest updates on our project's progress and share some key milestones we've achieved.

This issue opens with updates on the launch of our project website and social media, as well as highlights from our kick-off meeting in Sweden. This is followed by an introduction of the project team and we conclude with an outlook on upcoming international industry events.

The Energy4Supply project, funded under the EU LIFE Programme, aims to accelerate the clean energy transition by enhancing energy efficiency among manufacturing SMEs within the upstream value chains of focal companies. A central objective is to collaborate with four focal companies to understand, demonstrate, and drive decarbonization across their manufacturing value chains. This includes introducing a novel, lightweight certification scheme tailored for SMEs, offering a more accessible alternative to traditional standards such as ISO 50001. The project will implement four energy efficiency network programmes, each associated with a focal company group,

facilitating peer learning and sharing of best practices. Upon completion, a centralized resource hub will be developed to support European SMEs in adopting sustainable energy solutions.

In brief, E4S serves as a demonstration project, illustrating how focal companies can proactively plan to decarbonize their supply chains by engaging SME suppliers who are not subject to mandatory reporting. The approach aims to evaluate whether fostering voluntary improvements and creating business models can enhance resilience against energy price volatility in the short, medium, and long term in the upstream value chain.

We encourage you to share this newsletter with colleagues who might be interested!

To keep up with the project, follow us on our social media channel on [LinkedIn](#) and our [website](#).

Kind regards,
The E4S Team

PROJECT NEWS

Website & social media launch

We're excited to announce that the Energy4Supply project is now live online! You can explore our dedicated [project website](#) hosted by the University of Gävle, where you'll find detailed information about the project's objectives, structure, and partners. The site will also feature regular updates on

our progress, publications, and upcoming events.

For more dynamic updates, key insights, and a behind-the-scenes look at the project, follow us on our official [LinkedIn account](#). There, we'll be sharing highlights from project activities, partner contributions, and visual snapshots of our work in action.

Whether you're part of the energy efficiency community, working in manufacturing, or simply curious about how SMEs can drive the clean energy transition—our digital channels are the best way to stay informed.

Make sure to visit, follow, and share!



The E4S Consortium in Linköping, Nov 2024

Kick-off Meeting in Sweden

The E4S project officially launched in November 2024 with a two-day kick-off meeting hosted by Linköping University in Sweden. This first in-person gathering brought together all project partners to lay the groundwork for a successful and well-coordinated collaboration.

During the meeting, the consortium aligned on the overall project strategy, clarified roles and responsibilities, and fine-tuned the timeline for key deliverables. Each work package leader presented their planned activities, followed by engaging discussions

on expected outcomes, methodologies, and interdependencies between tasks. A particular focus was placed on the development of the SME-focused certification scheme, the structure of the supplier networks, and communication strategies for stakeholder engagement.

In addition to the formal sessions, the meeting offered valuable opportunities for networking and building strong working relationships—an essential foundation for a project of this scale.

A big thank you goes to our hosts at Linköping University and to all partners for their active contributions and collaborative spirit. With the kick-off complete, the E4S journey is officially underway.

Vienna calling!

Our next Consortium Meeting, hosted by e7, will take place in Vienna, Austria in May 2025. Project partners will come together in person to share first insights, discuss the latest actions, and shape the next milestones of the project.

As part of the meeting, we're also hosting a public stakeholder session to explore activities and challenges in regard to Scope 3 reporting. We are looking forward to welcoming key voices from Austria's sustainability landscape to provide them with an understanding of the project idea, discuss relevant legislation and create an opportunity for networking. You can join the stakeholder event online. More information coming soon.

Introducing the Team

University of Gävle

The Department of Energy Systems at the University of Gävle (HiG) is coordinating the Energy4Supply project. HiG started Sweden's first science-based energy efficiency network to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) save energy and has more than ten years of practical experience in industrial energy savings. In the E4S project, the HiG team is using its strong technical and organisational skills to help large companies reduce energy consumption in their supply chains.



Politecnico di Milano

Politecnico di Milano strengthens the E4S project with leading academic expertise sustainable supply chain management and in SMEs energy efficiency. Known for its work on the Supply Chain Finance Observatory and innovative financial models for logistics, PoliMi connects advanced research with real-world application. In addition, its experience in the energy sector, ranging from industrial energy efficiency to building energy efficiency and renewable energy, adds depth to the project's approach. By contributing insights into energy optimization and sustainable finance, PoliMi plays a vital role in aligning energy efficiency with economic viability for SMEs.



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Linköping University

With world-class expertise in energy management and a strong focus on SMEs, Linköping University brings both academic depth and practical insight to the E4S project. Led by renowned researchers like Prof. Thollander and Associate Prof. Maria Johansson, LiU is at the forefront of energy efficiency research—evidenced by achievements such as the first PhD on SME energy networks. The consortium also benefits from Prof. Kindström's internationally recognized work on business models and marketing. LiU's unique mix of research excellence and applied know-how makes it a cornerstone in advancing the project's mission.



Nordic Energy Audit

Nordic Energy Audit brings a powerful digital edge to the E4S project with its NEAD® cloud platform, which seamlessly connects strategic and operational aspects of energy management. With a strong foundation in the technical, financial, and legal dimensions of climate and energy, NEA supports businesses in making informed, impactful decisions. Their deep practical experience and innovative IT solutions play a key role in equipping industries with the tools needed to boost energy efficiency and embrace sustainable practices.



e7 GmbH

With its extensive expertise in energy efficient buildings and energy audits, e7 is the project partner in Austria and thus responsible for anchoring the E4S idea, as well as taking the lead in setting up energy efficiency networks between SMEs in their country. The aim of these networks is to promote awareness and commitment in the local manufacturing sector. Through practical measures on site and continuous stakeholder involvement, e7 contributes to the visibility of the E4S certification system and energy saving measures among SMEs.



LIFE CET Business & Industry Contractors Meeting



E4S poster presentation in Brussels, Apr 2025

This month, the Energy4Supply project was presented at the **LIFE Clean Energy Transition Business & Industry Contractors Meeting** in Brussels. This annual gathering brought together representatives from 23 LIFE CET projects to share insights, exchange ideas, and explore common ground in accelerating the clean energy transition across European industries.

E4S was featured during the poster exhibition, where our project team had the opportunity to showcase our goals and early activities to fellow projects and stakeholders. It was a great opportunity to present our approach to engage in meaningful discussions around

project synergies. The event featured sessions on energy audits, funding instruments, and energy cooperation—key areas also addressed by the E4S project. We appreciated the opportunity to contribute our perspective and to see that the event underscored how projects like E4S are helping shape the direction of EU policies.

Participating in this meeting was a great opportunity to position E4S within a broader European context and build relationships that will support the project's impact and outreach moving forward.

[Click here to get access to the poster!](#)

INDUSTRY EVENTS

Powering a fair and competitive green transition

The [European Sustainable Energy Week \(EUSEW\)](#) is the biggest event dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe, organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy and the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA).

In 2025, EUSEW will be held in a hybrid format, with **onsite events in Brussels and online, on 10-12 June**. Discussions this year will focus on the Clean Industrial Deal and the role of EU energy policy in advancing a clean, competitive, and just transition.

[Find out more...](#)

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY EVENT

European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2025

10–12 June 2025
Brussels, Belgium



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NATIONAL POLITICAL FESTIVAL

Almedal's Week, Almedalsveckan 2025

23–27 June 2025

Visby, Sweden



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The Almedal's Week, Almedalsveckan, is a democratic meeting place for everyone. An unusual combination of political summit and openness, a magical place for dialogue, exchange and unexpected meetings that help to develop our society.

Almedalsveckan (Almedalen Week) is an open and democratic meeting place where everyone is welcome to participate and contribute. The event fosters an informal and relaxed atmosphere, giving the sense that all key voices are present. Spontaneous encounters often lead to unexpected outcomes. Admission is free.

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