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Fostering Clean Energy Partnerships

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BACKGROUND

The **EU-GCC Clean Energy Technology Network** was created in 2010 between the EU and the GCC, to foster **cooperation in the field of clean energy technology and policy**. The Network started operations with initial funding from the European Commission. After the initial funding phase ended in 2013, the European Commission launched the **“EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network” project** in 2015, supporting the Network’s administration and management for another three years. The Network is governed by the European Commission and the GCC Secretariat General. The Network is structured around collaboration in **five working areas, with Climate Change as a cross-cutting topic: 1) Renewable Energy Sources 2) Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management 3) Clean Natural Gas & related Technologies 4) Electricity Interconnections & Market Integration 5) Carbon Capture & Storage**.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Network facilitates EU GCC cooperation on clean energy through:

- ▶ **Exchange of experiences and know-how** as well as **sharing of best practices**;
- ▶ Coordination and **promotion of joint actions** between the EU and GCC stakeholders;
- ▶ Facilitation of **joint research, demonstration and development**, including through joint projects, of **clean energy technologies** in the GCC countries;
- ▶ Provision of **targeted inputs** to the existing and possible **future policy dialogues** between the EU-GCC in the relevant sectors, and in particular on **energy, climate change and environment**;
- ▶ The **website** which promotes discussion, dialogue and collaboration among EU and GCC stakeholders on technology, research and policy aspects of clean energy, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction.

STAKEHOLDERS

The **stakeholders from both regions** participating in the Network include, inter alia, *energy-related administrations, utilities, industry, policy makers as well as research entities, universities and other stakeholders from the energy and climate change sectors*. The **dialogue** is primarily **established at a regional level**, but the Network **includes exchanges at bilateral level** to share best practices more efficiently and identify new fields of cooperation.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- A **strengthened Network of GCC and EU entities** practically promoting cooperation between the two regions in the area of clean energy and the related technologies and supporting ongoing policy dialogues on energy and climate change issues.
- **Increased cooperation** and working contacts between EU and GCC entities active in clean energy and climate change.
- Successful development of **joint research activities**.
- **Increased knowledge and information exchange** between the EU and GCC participants on possibilities for cooperation and joint projects in energy, including through the European Framework for Research and Innovation: Horizon 2020.
- **Dissemination** of information about the Network’s activities and achievements in the field of clean energy, including in the context of climate change policies and efforts.