

WHO WE ARE

Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Centre for Social Investment of Heidelberg University are merging their expertise in the realms of systemic-ecological and socio-cultural innovation to create the System Innovation Lab.

The Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy (WI) is a research institute with the mission of developing models, strategies and instruments for transitions to sustainable development at the local, national and international level. Research at WI champions transdisciplinarity and focuses on resource flows, climate and energy systems and sustainable prosperity solutions.

The Centre for Social Investment (CSI) is a central academic institute of Heidelberg University. Its mission is to improve the theoretical and practical understanding of social investment and social innovation through research, teaching, networking and consulting.



**System
Innovation
Lab**
SHAPING EUROPE'S ENERGY FUTURE

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EUROPE'S ENERGY FUTURE requires us to master a substantial transformation towards sustainability. We are caught in national ways of thinking, yet need a common European vision to design our future energy system. Europeans across all sectors – public policy, corporate, civil society and individual citizens – need to work together towards a sustainable energy system in order to secure prosperous living conditions for themselves and future generations.

HOW CAN WE...

...**negotiate** energy solutions to balance different political interests?

...**develop** sustainable business models in European energy markets?

...**live up to** citizen values and reflect different normative traditions?

In order to address these questions, we will have to bridge the gaps between different rationales and to find holistic answers. Systemic approaches to innovation put this challenge centre stage.

We would like to invite you to a journey to tackle this challenge together!

OUR MISSION IS TO...

...**understand** different paradigms in energy policy between EU member states.

...**design** a common vision for a sustainable European energy system.

...**implement & evaluate** concrete solutions that will shape Europe's energy future.

With a unique lab set-up combining scientific insights with a **collaborative design** and **hands-on coaching** we invite participants to become pioneers – not only in tackling their challenges but in making their strategies game-changing. We educate pioneers who will translate their abstract energy-related visions into **concrete action**.

THE LAB offers an extraordinary opportunity for participants to exchange, co-create and reflect in an international setting. Our goal is to bolster a network of inspired and inspiring system innovators with the objective of overcoming barriers towards a sustainable energy future across Europe.

TARGET GROUP & STRUCTURE

Are you entrusted with energy-related innovation and transformation strategies in your job? Do you wish for a new perspective on tricky problems you are dealing with? Would a group of peers help you try something unusual? Then we are looking for you. Or for someone you know in this situation.

The lab addresses 25 Young and Mid-career Professionals who work in staff positions across Europe preparing energy-related decision-making in politics, economy and civil society. It consists of three parts:

- A six-day **Kick-off** Seminar in Berlin;
- A three-month **Exploration** Phase in your professional environment;
- A five-day **Reflection** Seminar in another European capital city;

This journey will provide you with **the skills, the inspiration, and the network** to tackle energy challenges starting in your own professional environment.

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