

## EDDIE PROJECT PARTICIPATED AT ENLIT EUROPE 2022

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The representatives of the EDDIE project participated and contributed in the last part of the year 2022 at ENLIT Europe Event, which was held between 29<sup>th</sup> of November and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December in Frankfurt, Germany. Enlit is a constantly growing, inclusive and end-to-end forum that addresses every aspect of the energy agenda. Throughout the year, Enlit Europe tries to ensure collaborations and innovative discussions to solve the most pressing issues in energy. The role of Education in the Digital Era for Digitalization will create the framework for EDDIE Project to take part in the decision-making process of Digitalization of the European Energy Sector (DEES). CRE Association expanded its Research and Innovation portfolio, in 2020, through the European Project [EDDIE](#), funded by the European Commission (EC) under the ERASMUS+ Program.

Enlit Europe brings one face-to-face with the best thought-leaders, innovators and disruptors in the energy sector and beyond. The various exhibitors present, represent power generators, IPPs, utilities, grid operators, energy companies, retailers, energy markets, energy traders and exchanges, plus commercial and industrial energy users. Apart from the latter, the Exhibition Floor doesn't only offer leading organisations showcasing their latest tech, solutions and strategic insights, but different Zones, Country Pavilions and Hub Sessions. EDDIE was present in two locations which were the “EU Project Zone” and the “Global Smart Grids Innovation Hub” powered by Iberdrola, partner of EDDIE.

[Enlit Europe](#), in collaboration with the European Commission (EC) for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, offered a live platform where projects could introduce themselves to the public. The EU Projects Zone in Frankfurt was where the projects and their representatives came together for the 3 days and presented their projects, either through the project stands, participation in the different sessions or both. This year, the programme of the EU Projects Zone focused on key topics and themes guiding the energy transition. Smart Grid, Energy Storage, Islands, Digitalisation, and Renewable Energy Sources (RES) - especially Wind and Solar were the focus points of our programme. The project leaders and coordinators, representing the majority of EU countries, met in Frankfurt and discussed successes and lessons learnt. Representatives from the EU Commission and associations also joined the various panel discussions.

The Romanian Energy Center Association being part of the EDDIE consortium and leading the dissemination activities for the project, prepared EDDIE roll-ups and EDDIE brochures which were sent to Frankfurt prior to the event. These were then on full display for all 3 days, both in the “EU Project Zone” and also in the “Global Smart Grids Innovation Hub”. The roll-up and the brochures appeared the EDDIE project in a simplified manner whilst also attracting interested parties. Throughout the three days interested stakeholders approached the European Distribution System Operators ([E.DSO](#)) representatives, who were there representing the EDDIE consortium, enquiring about the project whilst also offering ideas and inputs. Stakeholders visiting the stand were also walked through the idea of the [EDDIE Database](#) and highly encouraged to [Sign Up](#). In addition to the latter, interested parties were also invited to get in touch with the consortium, after Enlit for the possibility of further discussions. In this context, we invite you to Sign Up to the database [HERE](#), if you are interested to become part of the EDDIE project.

In this framework, it was a fruitful three days during Enlit in Frankfurt, especially considering that some members of the consortium had the opportunity to meet and share ideas in person following the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, it was the perfect opportunity and environment to disseminate the EDDIE project further within the Energy sector, and also for the EDDIE consortium to meet up with various individuals, share ideas and try to come up with innovative ideas as to how to develop the project further.

The [EDDIE](#) Project is funded by the EC under the ERASMUS+ Program and aims at creating a Sector Skills Alliance (SSA) by bringing together all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain such as industry, education and training providers, European organizations, recruiters, social partners, and public authorities. The main objective of this SSA is to develop a long-driven strategy to enable the matching between the current and future demand of skills necessary and the supply of improved Vocational Education and Training systems and beyond.

