



ENERGY TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP FINANCE WORKSHOP

Location: Rue Philippe Le Bon 3,
Room 4.56 - Brussels

Date: 28 November 2023

Time: 09.30 – 16.00 CET

Background

Following on from the launch event on the Energy Transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture on 16 June 2023, the Energy Transition Partnership will be hosting its first workshop for stakeholders on the topic of finance. This workshop will build on the panel discussions dedicated to finance during the launch event.

Workshop Objective and Deliverables

The workshop will aim to:

1. map the current challenges in terms of financing, from funding research to the final adoption of technologies by fisheries and aquaculture operators.
2. explore the currently available opportunities and tools for the transition, such as public funding opportunities in the EU and Member States and the role of private financing.
3. identify solutions and how we can collaborate and make use of synergies between programmes to effectively finance the energy transition in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

The discussions between stakeholders will then be the basis for a summary paper, which will draw up the most important issues, challenges, opportunities and findings of the discussions during the workshop. The summary paper will be used as input for the design of the roadmap for the energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture.

Target Audience and Expected Inputs

The workshop is open to all stakeholders that expressed their interest in the Energy Transition Partnership coming from across fisheries and aquaculture, as well as other-related sectors, that have a genuine interest and role to play in enhancing the financing environment to accelerate the energy transition in the sector. Such sectors may notably be stakeholders from the fishers and aquaculture producers, financial sector, fishing port authorities, insurers, NGOs, Advisory Councils, researchers and academia, shipbuilders, Member States and regional authorities dealing with relevant public (EU and National) funding tools plus EMFAF correspondents.

Stakeholders joining the Energy Transition Partnership in Fisheries and Aquaculture must be willing to work together in an interdisciplinary manner to participate and have their say in how the energy transition

in the sector can be taking place. We warmly invite participants from all regions, levels of governance, representing different kinds of organisation, and sectors linked to the energy transition in fisheries and aquaculture to attend this event, which we strongly encourage to be in-person to benefit from the in person discussions as well as from networking possibilities. There will be an opportunity as well to hold individual discussions about the funds with experts for those attending in person.

Representatives from the Commission, executive agency CINEA and other relevant organisations involved in EU funding and financing schemes will be present on site to discuss on some of the different funding opportunities and financial instruments for the energy transition.

The workshop will consist of a plenary introduction, followed by a session with short presentations on different financing opportunities and examples. Most of the programme will focus on two interactive breakout sessions (physical and hybrid) where stakeholders from different backgrounds will work together on identifying the challenges and solutions for financing the energy transition. The main takeaways from the breakout sessions will be presented in a plenary closing. We ask that participants come prepared to the workshop, having reviewed this briefing paper, the preparatory questions and the agenda. This paper sets out some initial ideas gathered from the event last June and the other discussions with stakeholders.

Logistics

The workshop will take place on 28 November in PLB Room 4.56 from 9h30 to 16h00. The workshop will also have a hybrid format, so that a limited number of stakeholders could participate online. A maximum of 50 participants may attend on site, and a max of 20 online and thus an application form will need to be completed choosing the preferred format for participating. Participants are requested to participate actively throughout and maintain a collaborative and constructive attitude during the workshop. Those wishing to attend can find more information, as well as the sign-up on our page at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SurveyWorkshopFETFA2023>. Participants will have to indicate in the registration form whether they will participate in presence or on line.

The workshop will be held in English. There will be no interpretation available.

Light lunch and coffee will be offered to the participants in the room.

Feedback

Participating stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide feedback one week after the workshop. This feedback will inform future workshops and will help us facilitate engaging and constructive sessions for all. They will also be invited to provide feedback on the draft summary paper before finalisation by the Commission.

Finally, participant stakeholders' feedback will be inspiring the content of the roadmap to be prepared in 2024.

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Agenda

9h30 – 10h00	<i>Registration & Welcome coffee</i>
10h00 – 10h30	Welcome and introduction to the day (Moderated by Stephen DAVIES(MARE)) Icebreaker Introduction to the challenge of financing Round table
10h30 – 11h30	Presentations of finance tools and funding examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentations on EU funding opportunities○ Example of an energy transition investment in a vessel
11h30 – 11h50	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h50 – 13h00	Breakout session I: Identification of challenges in different types of funding: public, EU, private
13h00 – 14h00	<i>Lunch break & networking</i>
14h00 – 15h10	Breakout session II: Identification of solutions & possible actions: how each stakeholder can contribute to a solution and where synergies and opportunities for collaboration can be found
15h10 – 15h40	Presentation of Conclusions and Recommendations
15h40 – 16h00	<i>Closing and networking</i>

Guiding questions for the Workshop and to prepare up front

General reflection questions:

- What is the role of public funding and where does private funding come into play?
- How do they complement each other?
- Where may there be possible conflict?

1. Breakout session I: Problem definition & Challenges:

- How do you judge the **availability** of funding opportunities for the energy transition in your sector?
- From your experience, what are the **main challenges** (e.g. information, conditions, eligibility criteria, amount, etc) you encounter in **accessing** funding and financing opportunities?
- In your experience, how does the financial position of the sector affect the possibility to **attract private investments**?
- What criteria do private investors look for in a project? How do projects in the energy transition of the sector adhere to these criteria?

2. Breakout session II: Possible actions and solutions

- For the current state of the transition in your sector, where do you believe is the most **potential for allocating funding** for accelerating the energy transition in the sector (e.g. research, development, testing, infrastructure, supporting uptake of innovation, training)?
- What are the **most important actions in the short term to be taken by the different group of actors in the energy transition**, to overcome the current challenges in the availability and accessibility of public funding? And what are the **actions on the medium to long term**?
- How can the **information** and support about accessing public funding be improved? Which actors or organisations would be the important in this?
- What do you think are the most important **actions to be taken by the different group of actors in the energy transition**, to make projects in the energy transition in the sector more “investable”?