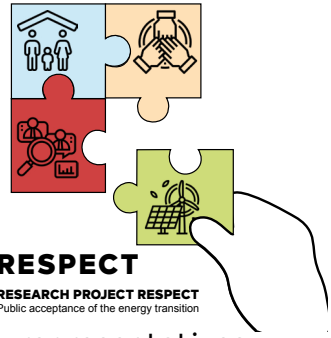


INVITATION

Symposium on public decision making on the energy transition



In this symposium, scholars, politicians, industry representatives, and the public will discuss how to effectively engage citizens in decision making on energy transition. Nowadays, public participation practices include interactive web tools, environmental scenario visualization, information and discussion meetings, citizen panels etc. These tools are widely implemented to engage the public when making policy visions on energy transition, energy strategies, and when implementing concrete energy projects. Yet, many questions about the effectiveness of such tools, and thus about when, where, and how to best engage the public, are still unanswered.

This symposium will unveil the merits and bottlenecks of public participation, with real-life illustrations from developing global energy visions to implementing concrete energy projects, at local level.

PROGRAMME

- 14.30h Reception
- 15.00h Opening by Wouter van Bolhuis
- 15.20h "Informed citizens' decision making on energy systems" by Evelina Trutnevyte
- 15.50h "What does the public want? Public preferences for public participation in decision making on energy transition" by Goda Perlaviciute & Lorenzo Squintani
- 16.20h "Participatory energy transition in the Wadden area" by Frans Sijtsma & Allix Brenninkmeijer
- 16.50h Plenary discussion and drinks
- 18.00h End

SPEAKERS



Wouter van Bolhuis is manager programme Energy at the Municipality of Groningen. Wouter is steering the municipality towards its ambitious goal to be energy neutral in 2035, with public acceptability and public participation at the heart of the sustainable transition.

Evelina TrutnevYTE is a tenure-track assistant professor and head of the Renewable Energy Systems group at the University of Geneva. She is an energy systems analyst and modeler, specializing in socio-technical approaches to energy transition, energy decision making under deep uncertainty, and science-society interface.



Goda Perlaviciute is associate professor in Environmental Psychology at the University of Groningen. Her research interests lie in public evaluations and acceptability of energy sources, systems and policies, and which factors influence these evaluations and acceptability judgements.

Lorenzo Squintani is senior lecturer in European and Economic Law at the University of Groningen. His research focuses on environmental democracy, with a particular focus on equal opportunities in public participation processes.



Frans Sijsma is associate professor at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen. His research focuses on subjects relating to economic geography, real estate and land use, and evaluation of spatial plans and projects.

Allix Brenninkmeijer is Wadden ecologist in the Province of Groningen. He is specialized in the ecology of birds, wetlands, and fish, as well as in ecological impact studies on windmills, power lines, dike fortification, and infrastructure.



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