

Call for interest

Pitch your energy project to become the next cross-border hero

Event: Energy without Borders – The Role of Border Regions in the completion of the Energy Union 📅 24 September 2025 | 📍 Berlin

Are you a local authority, a municipal utility or another organisation operating in a border region involving Germany and its neighbours? Do you have bold ideas for energy solutions that cross borders and benefit communities on both sides?

We are calling on **innovative pioneers** like you to pitch **project ideas** that promote **cross-border cooperation in renewable energy**—from joint district heating systems to smart grid solutions, shared energy infrastructure, local power generation, storage and more.

The pitch session will take place during an event co-organised with the Representation of the EU Commission in Berlin ([agenda](#)). You will present in front of other project developers as well as representatives from local, regional, national and European administrations and funding authorities, as well as organisations specialised in cross-border cooperation.

Why Participate?

🔑 **Turn your idea into action:** Gain access to expertise, practical insights, potential funding pathways, and policy support to move your idea forward

💡 **Find your community:** Connect with like-minded organisations in other border regions with whom you can exchange experiences and scale your vision.

⚡ **Be a leader in the energy transition:** Help shape a sustainable, secure, and inclusive energy future for Europe's border regions.

🚧 **Raise awareness on cross-border obstacles:** Highlight the challenges you are facing to get feedback on available solutions – or draw attention to where policy action is needed

💡 What We're Looking For:

- Early-stage or developed project ideas focused on **renewable energy in the power or heating and cooling sector** (e.g. solar, wind, biomass, storage, demand-side flexibility, green hydrogen, district heating, sector coupling, etc.).
- Initiatives with a **clear cross-border dimension**, involving a German border region and a neighbouring country
- Projects led or co-led by **local authorities, municipal utilities** or by other actors with local /regional public backing.


How to Apply:


Please send a project description (1–2 pages, PPT or PDF) to

 d-p-plattform@dena.de


The project description should address the following aspects (as far as applicable to your project's maturity):

- The core idea and cross-border relevance (which energy sector, which RES technology, what is the motivation for cross-border cooperation)
- Main partners (existing or potential)
- Expected cost and impact (key figures, if available)
- Any political support already secured
- Status / Development stage (e.g. idea, feasibility study, funding acquisition)
- Challenges or obstacles already encountered
- Innovative aspects of the project

 Be a cross-border energy hero. Apply now!

 **Deadline: 22/08/2025**

Submit to: d-p-plattform@dena.de

 Shortlisted proposals will be contacted by August 29th at the latest. Depending on the response rate, we will plan around 5 project pitches during the event. Please note that we are not able to cover your travel expenses.

Missed the deadline or can't attend?

We'd still love to hear from you and learn about your project. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime under the same email address (d-p-plattform@dena.de).

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