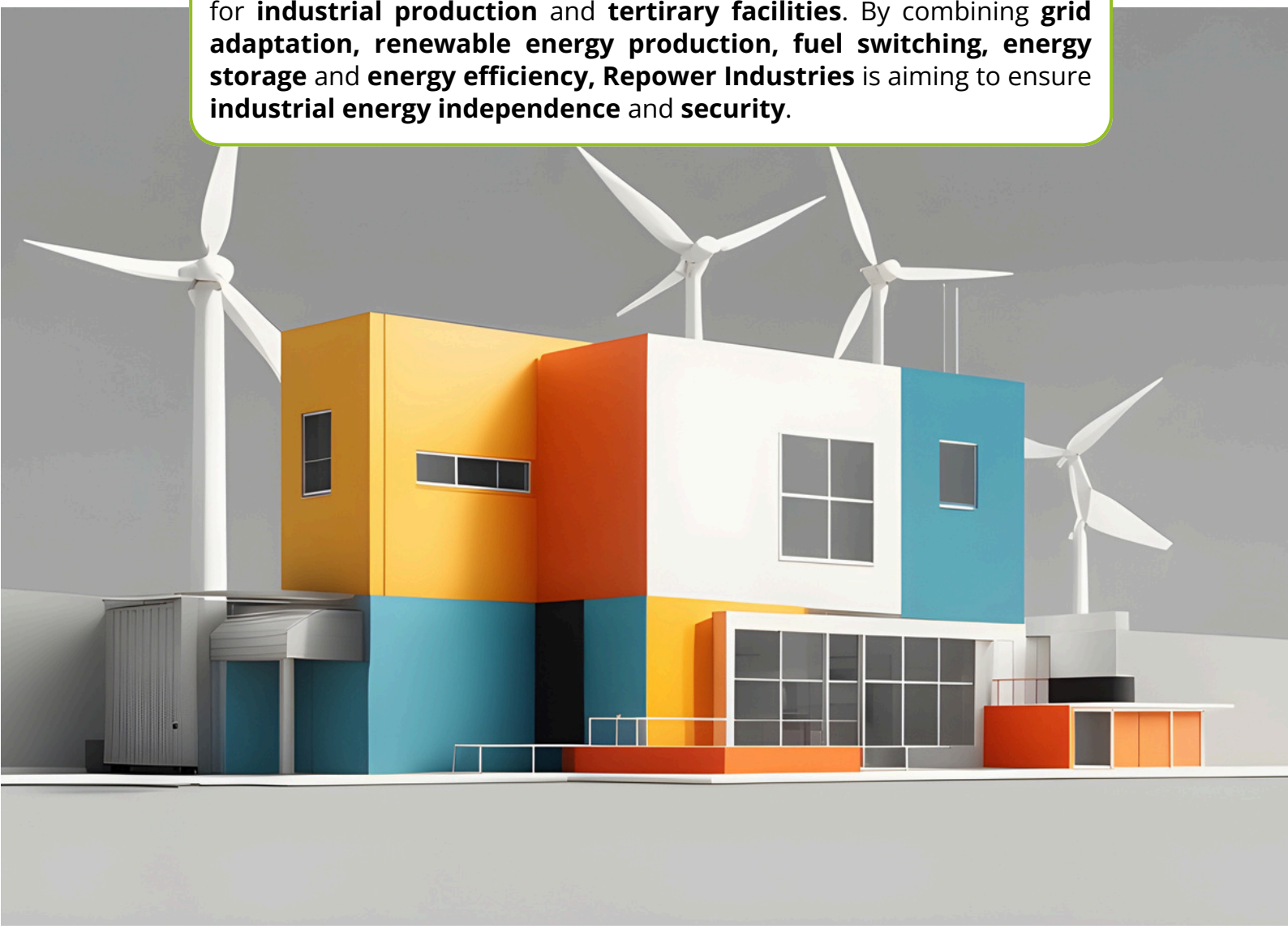
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Promoting better policies for Industrial Energy independence and security

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What happened in Semester 4

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5th Interregional Event in Greece

Ioannina

On **October 7–8th 2025**, the Repower Industries project held its **5th Interregional Event** in the scenic city of **Ioannina, Greece**, bringing partners and stakeholders together for two days of collaboration, learning, and inspiration.

Hosted at **Frontzu Politia**, the event featured a rich program of presentations, discussions, and interactive workshops. Participants explored regional market insights, shared good practices, and examined the challenges and opportunities shaping the energy transition, turning ideas into actionable strategies for their own regions.

A key highlight was a series of site visits across the Epirus region—including **Demati, Zagori, Metsovo, and Ioannina**—where participants saw firsthand how local communities and businesses are adopting renewable energy, sustainable production methods, and circular economy solutions. These practical examples offered valuable inspiration and concrete models that could be replicated elsewhere.

The event reinforced the shared commitment of all partners to building cleaner, smarter, and more energy-efficient industrial systems, while fostering stronger regional connections and cooperation to accelerate Europe's transition toward a sustainable, low-carbon future.





Insights from the 5th Interregional Event in Ioannina, Greece

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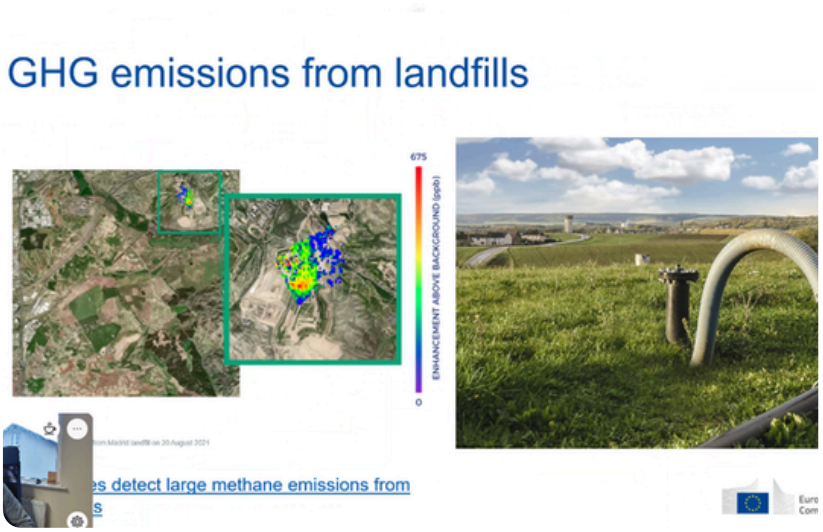
Tripartite Agreement Meeting

Ireland

On **October 17th 2025**, **Paddy Phelan of the South East Energy Agency (SEEA)** participated in an online **Tripartite Agreement Meeting with DG Energy representatives** to explore **policy opportunities for scaling up biogas production across Europe.**

The discussion focused on a collaborative framework bringing together Member States, clean energy producers, and energy-intensive industries to accelerate the development of the biogas sector. Participants highlighted several key action areas, including strengthening cooperation, retrofitting existing facilities, developing viable business models, engaging stakeholders, streamlining permitting processes, and improving overall coordination.

The meeting underscored the importance of joint action and integrated approaches in unlocking the full potential of biogas as a sustainable energy source, supporting Europe's transition toward a more resilient and low-carbon energy system.



Insights from the Tripartite Agreement Meeting

Repower Industries Events

Local Stakeholder Seminars

Lithuania

On **November 17th 2025**, the **Biržai District Municipality Administration** hosted a **Local Stakeholder Meeting**, bringing together partners involved in three international projects—Repower Industries, Easy Energy, and FLIP-EC—to exchange knowledge and explore joint solutions for advancing energy efficiency and independence.

The meeting gathered representatives from **Biržai District Municipality, Panevėžys Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts**, and **Panevėžys District Municipality**. Presentations showcased the focus of each initiative: Repower Industries on improving energy performance in industrial and tertiary buildings, FLIP-EC on local actions addressing climate change, and Easy Energy on simple, low-investment solutions for public and business sectors. The session also introduced the **Renewable Resources Energy Partnership**, aimed at strengthening energy independence in public buildings.

Discussions focused on shared challenges, including how to encourage more sustainable consumer behavior beyond financial incentives and how to combine technical solutions with awareness-raising efforts. Participants identified strong synergies between the projects and outlined concrete steps for future collaboration, such as joint communication activities, knowledge exchange, and connecting with innovative companies.

The meeting concluded with a clear message: achieving lasting impact requires both technological innovation and continuous engagement through education and awareness. This event marked an important step forward in building stronger regional cooperation for a more energy-efficient and sustainable future.





Insights from the Local Stakeholder Meeting in Biržai, Lithuania

Repower Industries Events

Event: ‘Energy for Businesses and Sustainability for Cities: Building the Collaboration of the Future Together’

Italy

On **November 20th 2025**, **Carmen Disanto**, **Cluster Manager of the Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster (LE2C)**, took part as a speaker in the event **“Energy for Businesses and Sustainability for Cities: Building the Collaboration of the Future Together”** in Legnano, Italy.

Bringing together representatives from businesses, institutions, and the research community, the event focused on advancing the energy transition through stronger collaboration. During her presentation, **Carmen Disanto** introduced the **Repower Industries project**, highlighting its key objectives and sharing selected best practices identified across partner regions.

Her contribution emphasized the importance of cooperation between industry, policy, and research in driving sustainable change, while showcasing how Repower Industries supports the shift toward more energy-efficient and resilient industrial systems.



Insights from the ‘Energy for Businesses and Sustainability for Cities: Building the Collaboration of the Future Together’ event in Legnano, Italy

Repower Industries Events

Local Stakeholder Seminars

Slovenia

On **November 25th 2025**, the **Environmental Research Institute (ORZ)** hosted a **Local Stakeholder Meeting** at the **Learning Center in Dolgi Vrh**. The meeting was organized with the aim of strengthening cooperation with local representatives, companies, and organizations that play an important role in the implementation of project activities and the transfer of results into the local environment.

Participants were introduced to the key objectives of the Repower Industries project, with a particular focus on the **transition of industrial processes toward more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly solutions**, as well as the **promotion of renewable energy use in industry**. The main project phases, planned activities, and opportunities for active stakeholder involvement in the implementation and upgrading of project results were presented.

The meeting served as an important platform for the **exchange of knowledge, experience, and initiatives**, while also contributing to better alignment of project activities with actual needs on the ground. Special emphasis was placed on identifying opportunities for cooperation and strengthening synergies between the project and the local economy.

The event was attended by 19 participants, of which **17** were **representatives** of the **BOLTA organization**, confirming strong interest from the industrial sector in engaging in energy transition and sustainable development processes.

The meeting made a significant contribution to strengthening the local stakeholder network, improving understanding of project objectives, and supporting policy implementation, which represents a key element for achieving long-term impacts of the project at the regional level.



Attendees of the Local Stakeholder Meeting at the Learning Center in Dolgi Vrh

Repower Industries Events

Local Stakeholder Seminars

Italy

On **December 2nd 2025**, the **Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster (LE2C)** hosted its **5th Local Stakeholder Meeting** within the Repower Industries project, bringing together **over 30 participants** from companies, research centres, and technical organisations across the region.

The discussion centred on **strategies to strengthen industrial energy independence**, with a particular **focus on emerging nuclear technologies** such as **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)** and **Advanced Modular Reactors (AMRs)**. Alongside updates on project activities, LE2C presented a market analysis highlighting the challenges faced by energy-intensive regions like Lombardy.

Participants emphasized that while renewables and energy efficiency remain essential, they may not fully ensure a stable energy supply in highly industrialised areas. In this context, new-generation nuclear energy was discussed as a complementary, low-emission solution capable of providing reliable and continuous power, supporting renewables when they are not available. The meeting also highlighted key enabling factors for this transition, including skills development, strengthening the nuclear supply chain, and improving communication to engage the public and younger generations. Lombardy's industrial base was recognised as both a key beneficiary and an active contributor to future energy solutions.

The session concluded with a round table confirming the importance of combining diverse energy sources to ensure competitiveness and resilience. Stakeholders were also introduced to the Repower Industries Call for Good Practices and encouraged to stay actively involved in upcoming project activities.



5th Local Stakeholder Meeting of the Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster (LE2C)

6th Interregional Event in Czech Republic

Ostrava

On **March 3–4th 2026**, the Repower Industries project held its 6**th Interregional Event in Ostrava**, **Czech Republic**, bringing together partners and stakeholders to exchange ideas and advance sustainable energy use in industry.

The event opened with a welcome from the **Lead Partner, the University Centre for Energy Efficient Buildings**, followed by presentations of good practices from across Europe. Highlights included contributions from **CEMEX Prachovice**, **IEG Foundry Jihlava**, **Nitsiakos S.A.**, **Epirotic Bottling Industry S.A.**, **BBV Group**, **Klaipėda Free Economic Zone**, and **Flahavan's**. Slovenia also showcased an **innovative approach using waste heat from a computational cluster** to support the **TRIGA nuclear reactor**, alongside insights from the **Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia.**

An interactive workshop encouraged participants to explore how these solutions can support more energy-efficient and sustainable industries. The first day concluded with a **Study Visit to Malfini, a.s.**

On Day 2, participants visited **TŘINECKÉ ŽELEZÁRNY a.s.** in Třinec, gaining valuable insights into large-scale steel production and ongoing efforts to improve energy efficiency and sustainability.

The event reinforced the value of interregional cooperation in accelerating the transition toward smarter, greener, and more resilient industries across Europe.



Partners and stakeholders at the Clarion Congress Hotel



Study Visit at Malfini a.s.



Study Visit at TŘINECKÉ ŽELEZÁRNY a.s. in Třinec

Repower Industries Events

Local Stakeholder Seminars

Czech Republic

On **March 30th 2026**, an online **Local Stakeholder Meeting (LSM)** took place within the framework of the **Repower Industries project, supported by Interreg Europe**. The event brought together key stakeholders from across the Czech Republic to exchange views on policy developments, funding opportunities, and practical pathways towards industrial decarbonisation.

The meeting was opened by **Iva Janečková**, who introduced the project, its main objectivesm and shared the latest updates and relevant statistics. The Repower Industries project aims to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy by improving policy instruments and fostering innovative solutions within the industrial sector.

A key input was provided by **Miroslav Honzík** from the **Ministry of Industry and Trade**, who presented upcoming funding calls planned for 2025 under the **OP TAK 2021-2027 programme**. These calls are designed to support energy efficiency measures, the utilisation of waste heat, and the modernisation of industrial processes. Particular attention is also being given to renewable energy sources, such as wind energy and biomethane, with approximately 17 biomethane projects currently under implementation.

The discussion also covered the **National Recovery Plan**, especially its strong focus on photovoltaic installations without energy storage. Around 44% of EU funding is allocated through this instrument, underlining its significant role in the Czech Republic's energy transition.

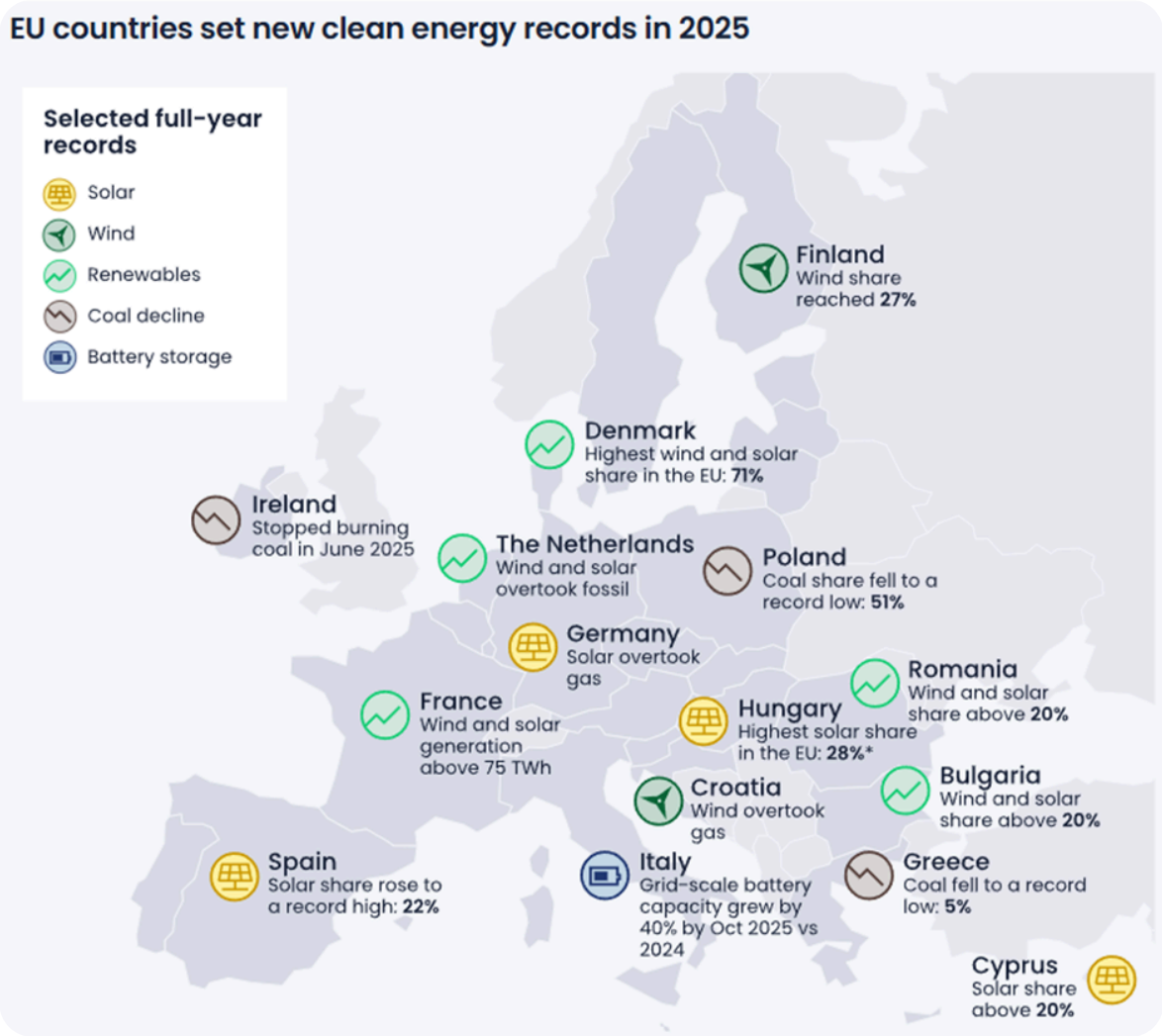
An important part of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation of good practices from both the Czech Republic and international project partners. These examples provided valuable inspiration and demonstrated practical approaches that can be replicated or adapted in different regional contexts.

The stakeholder debate highlighted several key challenges and opportunities. **Jan Špale** stressed the need to strengthen the use of tax incentives and to better target support towards clearly defined objective, particularly in the heating sector. At the same time, representatives of the Ministry pointed out that financial resources available in the current programming period are more limited compared to the previous one.

Participants agreed on the importance of well-functioning financial instruments in the upcoming cohesion policy. Investment support schemes were identified as particularly effective, while caution was expressed regarding the introduction of new, untested tools. **Jakub Maščuch** highlighted that some financial instruments may be less practical in the Czech context and recommended focusing on proven solutions that are already familiar to beneficiaries.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the potential use of the de minimis scheme, which could provided flexible support for smaller and fast-track projects.

Overall, the Local Stakeholder Meeting confirmed strong interest in continued cooperation among stakeholders, including representatives from CTU, ERÚ, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, HRG, and EDC. The exchange of experiences and policy insights will contribute to improving both regional and national approaches to industrial decarbonisation.



EU countries new clean energy records in 2025 (Source: Yearly electricity data, Ember)

Upcoming in Semester 5



7th Interregional Event

OBČINA MEDVODE

Country: Slovenia

Hosting partner: Municipality of Medvode

Dates: May 27-28th 2026



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