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Smart city development driven by technology innovation, - Practices and cases from both EU and China



**Coordinamento FREE: activities and possible types of cooperation** 

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**Coordinamento FREE Coordination** (Coordination of Renewable Sources and **Energy Efficiency**) is an Association that currently collects, in quality of Members, 27 Associations in whole or in part active in these sectors, in addition to a wide range of bodies and Associations that have requested to join as "aderenti" (without decision-making roles) and is therefore the largest Association of the sector in Italy. FREE aims to promote the development of renewables and energy efficiency within the framework of an environmentally sustainable social and economic model, the decarbonisation of the economy and the limitations of climatechanging emissions, starting from synergies and a more cohesive action between the Associations towards all the institutions and policy makers.









# Main sectors and expertise



## **Biogas**



Biomasses





**Sustainable mobility** 

# Hydroelectric



### Wind



Geothermal



# **Energy efficiency**





4 MAIN TOPICS	Proposed COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
Multiscale Energy planning (from district to region) for integrated energy systems: analysis, design and optimization of energy scenarios including RES (renewable energy systems) potential assessment, demand site management, heating & cooling, sustainable transport, waste	Training activities at vocational, master and PhD levels, bilateral researches and professional consulting, feasibility studies including technical and economic assessments
Energy technologies for local production, multi vector storage systems and energy management systems (ICT, smart grids)	Training activities at vocational, master and PhD levels, bilateral researches and professional consulting, research & development
Energy policies at municipality and regional level: decarbonisation strategies and best practices for reaching energy transition targets considering renewables, energy efficiency and transports.	Workshops with local institutions and stakeholders. Joint participation to Ecomondo Key Energy in Rimini (conference on Smart Cities: The Chinese and the Italian approach), training activities, researches, consultations and strategies for increasing RES penetration and the energy efficiency at different scale, considering both the technological and the regulatory, economic and non-economic barriers.
<b>Environmental protection strategies</b> : best practices for prevention and mitigation of <b>soil, water and air pollution</b> including <b>IAQ</b> (indoor environmental quality)	Training activities at vocational, master and PhD levels, bilateral researches and professional consulting on: i) quantification of anthropogenic stressors for pollution sources; ii) hazard, vulnerability and risk assessments and mapping for the identification and prioritization of areas with high environmental risk; iii) best practices for the mitigation of soil, water and air pollution





# A couple of examples: The italian wind farms – The risk of decomissioning

#### The Italian wind farm age

#### The Italian wind farm is gradually getting older

- Average age at 2018: 8 years
- Average age at 2030: 21 years

#### **Decomissioning**

Assuming the absence of repowering interventions, a wind farm will be disposed between the 20 and 25 years of age (depending on the characteristics of the project), because there are not conditions for operating in a market - grid parity. It is estimated that the decomissioning of Italian wind power could be equal to more than 3 GW at 2023 and 5 GW at 2030. Without new installations and considering the end of life of Italian Wind farms, the installed power would be equal to 7 GW, corresponding to the installed power at 2011.

A big step backwards for the Italian wind energy industry and for its contribution to achieve the EU and Italian targets as recently represented by the Italian Government in the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan (NECP).





#### **Reblading and repowering wind farms to get the 2030 targets!**





# A couple of examples: Guiding Principles: "Biogasdoneright"



- Grow regular crop for feed/food- no "food vs. fuel" conflict
- Grow a double crop to feed the anaerobic digesters (plus manure, other locally-available "wastes")
- Burn biogas on site to generate electricity for grid- use waste heat
- Fertilize fields with digestate liquid → reduce purchased fertilizers (and associated GHGs)→ reduce irrigation water
- Till in the residual digestate solids → rising soil carbon levels→ increased fertility and farm productivity→ low cost carbon capture & storage
- Pursue opportunities for increased resilience/value added:
  - Methane to biodegradable polymers for irrigation piping
  - Methane-powered tractors
- Improve profitability—increase income and resilience, reduce expenses
- We will be documenting/analyzing the Italian biogas experience in the journal *Biofuels*, *Bioproducts and Biorefining*







Stefano Bozzetto's farm: 2 biogas plants of 1 MW each. Daily feeding plan: 90 tons cow manure, 90 tons cow slurries, 38 tons eggs laying chicken manure, 10 tons rabbit manure, 5 tons spent mushrooms litter, 10 tons sugar beets, 30 tons corn silage, 5 tons rye grass (all wet weights)











You are all invited to Key Energy – Ecomondo Rimini, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019











# Many thanks for your attention!!!



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