

Energy Efficiency: A Key Driver for Clean Energy Transition

Efficient Cooling Technologies Workshop & Training

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GCC and EU experts sharing policies and practices for energy efficiency and cooling

The Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) and the EU-GCC Clean Energy Technology Network organise a two-day high level workshop and training on energy efficiency and cooling technologies, held at the KSE premises. The event is under the Patronage of the Minister of the Oil and the Minister of the Electricity and Water, Mr. Essam Al Marzooq, and is organised in association with the College of Technological Studies - PAAET.

The aim of the event is to foster partnerships by bringing together high-level stakeholders from the EU (European Union) and the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) to discuss Energy Efficiency and Cooling Technologies suitable for the region, exchange best practices and lesson learned and advance collaboration between EU and GCC actors.

During the opening ceremony, addresses were made by HE Minister of the Oil and Minister of the Electricity and Water, Mr. Essam Al Marzooq, by Mr. Faisal Alajmi the Chairman of Kuwait Society of Engineers, by Ms Lucie Berger Head of Trade Section at the EU Delegation to KSA and the Gulf as well as by Dr. Hilal M. Almukhaini, Director, Energy Department, GCC Secretariat General and Mr. Frank Wouters, Director, EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network.

The meeting gathered more than 120 distinguished experts from the EU and the GCC, representing at a high level the European Commission, the KSE, the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network, the GCC Secretariat General, the Ministry of Electricity and Water of Kuwait, PAAET, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Public Authority of Housing Welfare, Eurovent ME, EuroHeat and Power, Clean Energy Business Council, as well as other leading public and private sector representatives and experts.

See the opening ceremony (in Arabic) and the high level addresses of HE Minister of the Oil and Minister of the Electricity and Water, Mr. Essam Al Marzooq, by Mr. Faisal Alajmi the Chairman of Kuwait Society of Engineers and by Dr. Hilal M. Almukhaini, Director, Energy Department, GCC Secretariat General, here: <https://youtu.be/HjPPQak0ACU> (on TV)

“Energy efficiency is the source of energy that everybody has, and I would like to think that all of us would employ this resource whenever we can.” said Lucie Berger representing the EU Delegation. “On energy efficiency European Union is keen to share with Kuwait and the GCC region the lessons learnt and best practices, to cooperation on energy efficiency standards, and on promoting research cooperation. The EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network is a mechanism that can facilitate this interaction and exchange among the two regions”.

“The financial support of the European Commission enables the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network to organise events like this. Our aim is to bring people together, so real cooperation takes place between European and Kuwaiti companies and institutions in the field of energy efficiency. The Network invites and can support the Kuwaiti stakeholders to engage in H2020, the Research and Innovation programme of the EU on clean energy topics, including energy efficiency. ” notes Mr Frank Wouters, Director of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network.

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