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**Representatives of energy authorities from the Gulf region visit
clean energy sites in Germany**

an initiative of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network and of
the Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat General (GCC SG)

Experts of energy authorities from the Gulf region visit clean energy sites in Germany in the framework of the **clean energy study tour** organised by the **EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network**. The initiative is coordinated with the **Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat General (GCC SC)** and it aims to promote the exchange of experiences and know-how between the EU and the GCC on clean energy technologies and applications, mainly on renewables and electricity interconnections.

“The EU GCC energy cooperation has been strong and long standing. The clean energy transition is a common challenge for both regions and we consider it is an opportunity to enhance collaboration at a concrete level to meet our energy goals. We welcome the distinguished delegation of GCC energy experts in Europe for the technical study tour. It is a great initiative of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network and of the GCC Secretariat General, that further highlights the great potential for EU-GCC partnerships, in the clean energy arena.” said **Marco Berti Palazzi, representative of the Directorate General for Energy, European Commission** in his address during the welcome introductory workshop, on Monday, 23 April in Stuttgart.

The GCC region is experiencing recently rapid changes towards the energy transition path. Policy makers and utilities are increasingly aware of this potential, and high-profile renewable power initiatives have been launched along with ambitious plans.

“Our countries have enormous potential to deploy clean energy and their policies recently reflect this. In this challenging process, we welcome exchange of information and partnerships with the EU on clean energy best practices and technologies that can be appropriate for our region. We are pleased to partner with the Network and the European Commission for this study tour and we look forward to a fruitful week.” said **Mr Bader M. Al Otaibi, Head of Renewable Energy Section-Electricity and Water Dept., representative of the GCC Secretariat General**.

The clean energy study tour addresses various energy technologies such as Photovoltaics, Concentrated Solar Power, Hydrogen and Fuel Cells technologies, Storage, Power-to-Gas, Electricity Grids and more.

“The Network is delighted to partner with the GCC Secretariat General for the organisation of this study tour. It is a unique opportunity to show what is happening in the European Union and exchange know-how and views at a practical level on clean energy technologies, policies and applications. We are confident that it will be an interesting five days programme where we can learn from each other and discuss on future activities as well.” noted **Dr. Mustapha Taoumi, Clean Energy Technology Expert of the Network**.

The agenda includes training workshops as well as visits to state of the art industrial and research clean energy sites, including **TransnetBW GmbH, Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Wuerttemberg (ZSW) in Stuttgart and Ulm, Siemens AG at the “Energiepark**

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(photo from the visit to **TransnetBW GmbH**, the electricity transmission grid in the German state of Baden-Württemberg, visited on first day of the study tour)

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(photo from the study tour Introduction Workshop)

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Notes to Editors

The EU– GCC Clean Energy Technology Network, funded by the European Commission, was established as a response to the common EU and GCC interest for strategic clean energy cooperation. The Network aims to act as catalyst and facilitate the development of clean energy partnerships including the related policy and technology aspects among various stakeholders in the EU and GCC countries. The Network is structured around collaboration in five working areas, with Climate Change as a cross-cutting topic: Renewable Energy Sources; Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management; Clean Natural Gas & related Technologies; Electricity Interconnections & Market Integration; Carbon Capture & Storage. The Network is funded by the European Commission. Its head office is in Abu Dhabi/ UAE.

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