UNAI SDG Hubs – Meeting in Athens
17th International Scientific Conference
Energy and Climate Change

11th Green Energy Investments Forum

3rd open call

9 -11 October 2024
Athens Greece

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UNAI hub for SDG7

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The Conference

The 17th International Conference on **_"Energy and Climate Change"_** will take place at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) on **9 - 11 October 2024**, in Athens-Greece. This year it will host the first meeting of all UNAI SDG Hubs in Athens with the aim to further promote the 2030 – Agenda for Sustainable Development. This will be an opportunity for meetings and exchange of views.

It is set under the auspices of the **_Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)_** and the **United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)**.

It started as an activity of a FP6 funded project. The 1st PROMITHEAS Conference titled "**_Energy Investments and Trade Opportunities_**" in 2008 was a two-day event focused on political and scientific topics.

Now, the Conference intends to include:

1. **OFFICIAL DINNER** to BSEC – PERMIS, PABSEC, BSTDB, BSEC – MS Ambassadors.
2. **FORUM:** The first day is devoted to the **11th "Green Energy Investments" Forum** aiming to bring together policy and decision makers with market players and explore opportunities for investments that promote the transition to a low carbon economy and the achievement of the 7th Sustainable Development Goal (Clean, Affordable and Modern Energy).
3. **SYMPOSIUM** for BSEC – GEN Members.
4. **SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS:** The second day **"Scientific Sessions"** is devoted to peer – viewed presentations and discussions on relevant to energy and climate change research topics, as in all previous years. Additionally, topics relevant to SDG7 are now also included.
5. **OFFICIAL DINNER** to participants of the "Scientific Sessions".
6. **BROKERAGE SESSIONS:** The third day is shaped as a **"Brokerage sessions"** that will bring together scientists, policy makers and market stakeholders and facilitate them to present their activities (projects and programs), discuss about funding opportunities, mainly in the context of Horizon Europe calls and finally to increase the cross-interaction on innovative ideas and cooperation on common importance topics.

Organization

The Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) is an academic research institute within the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In October 2018 it was appointed, out of 1300 universities and colleges members of the UNAI (at that time), as the **exclusive UNAI hub for the 7th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)**. Simultaneously, it is the coordinator of the "**_BSEC-Green Energy Network_**" and the "**_PROMITHEAS Network_**".

The activities of KEPA although cover a wide range of topics, starting from energy geopolitics, regional energy markets, the promotion of energy investments and trade, during the last years they are focused on **_Climate Change (CC) and Green Economy_**. Emphasis is placed on knowledge transfer and capacity building for Energy Efficiency (EE), Smart Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (NZEB), development of low carbon policy mixtures, incorporation of behavioral patterns in energy modelling and EE forward looking policies.

As a UNAI hub for SDG7, KEPA is promoting the following initiatives: Energy Poverty Initiative, Establishment of "Regional Center of Excellence" for Smart NZEB, the Switch to less GHG emitting fuels (EE, RES, Natural Gas) in municipalities, the engagement of youth in EE and CC innovative actions, regionally and the engagement of Academia, Municipalities and market forces into innovative Green Energy Cooperative Actions.

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Fees

Each participant fills in and sends by e-mail the Registration Form and the relevant documents to NKUA-KEPA (more details on the Registration Form). There are two options for participation: Physical (**on the spot)** or virtual presence (**on line** through zoom platform and by recording the presentation).

Category	Early registration (Before 20 May 2024)		Late registration (From 20 May 2024)	
	On the spot	On line	On the spot	On line
Participants (attendees/presenters)	250 €	150€	350 €	250 €
PhD students	150 €	100€	250 €	200 €
Accompanying persons (others than the co-authors)	150 €	-	150 €	-
Each additional contribution*	100 €	100 €	100 €	100 €
MSc or Bachelor students (only for attending)	50 €	30 €	50 €	30 €

*Each accepted abstract is presented by the registered author. In case of multiple presentations, the additional contribution fee (or fess) will be paid by the registered author.

The registration fee (**physical presence/on the spot**) for the participants includes: Conference material, coffee breaks during the event, lunch or dinner (depending), review of abstract and full paper, uploading abstract, preparation, presentation and publication of abstract and full paper in the Conference proceedings. The fee for **virtual presence/on line** is adjusted accordingly.

Payments and Cancellations

Payment can be made by direct payment of the whole amount to the NKUA – Special Account for Research Grants' account at Alpha Bank. The payment should be sent to:

Name: Special Account for Research Grants of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Bank: Alpha Bank

Branch: Korai 554

Address: Korai 1 & Stadiou str., 105 64 Athens Greece

Account No: 80 200 200 1000 227

IBAN: GR03 0140 8020 8020 0200 1000 227

BIC: CRBAGRAA

Beneficiary: NKUA/SARG

Payment through credit cards is not acceptable. Upon registration, the organizers will issue an official receipt or invoice to the participant. Cancellations are accepted up to, and no later than

1 September 2024, with a full refund of the payment made. In the case of cancellation after this date, after 1 September 2024 there will be no refund.

Participants should send the registration form along with the copy of the bank receipt for the payment otherwise their registration will not be considered as complete. The Conference material will be available only for those registered. The registration form can be downloaded from the web-site (available here). Participants are kindly requested to write on the bank receipt as payment explanation "PROMITHEAS- 17ᵗʰ International Conference".

For payment through the participant's institution, company or organization and the issuance of the relevant invoice, the participant should contact the organizers and settle this issue **before the event**. Participants will provide the necessary data so as the organizers issue the invoice before or during the Conference.

Visa

Participants that need the issuance of a visa to travel to Greece are kindly requested to contact the organizers in time (at least 1.5 months before the event) and settle this issue. The organizers will facilitate them by sending the relevant invitation to the pertinent Greek consulate **after the completion of the whole registration procedure**.

Abstracts and papers

The Conference Language is **English**. For the **Scientific and the Brokerage parts** intending contributors should submit **initially only abstracts**. Electronic submission (in MS Word format) through e-mail is strongly recommended. **PDF files are not accepted**.

Day 1: Green Energy Investments Forum

Intended speakers (market stakeholders activated in the relevant topics) need to provide their name, title, name of institution/ organization and the subject of the speech. Participation as a speaker at the Forum requires **submission of abstract.** The speaker should provide the presentation so as to be included in the proceedings. More details upon acceptance.

Submission of abstracts electronically at: promitheas@kepa.uoa.gr.

Day 2: Scientific Sessions

Abstracts (for the scientific part) should be approximately 250 words in length and should clearly quote the scientific contribution of the proposed presentation, the used methodology/approach and the expected outcomes. Authors should include at the end of the abstract five (5) scientific bibliographic references. Abstracts that do not fulfill the technical requirements will not be forwarded for review.

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee before acceptance for presentation (blind review). The authors are kindly requested *to indicate their affiliation, contact details and at which of the following themes and topics their work refers to*. A template for the abstracts is at the last page and attached. An author whose abstract is accepted and intends to present that work is kindly requested to **register the latest** before **September 1ˢᵗ, 2024**.

The book of abstracts (abstracts that are accepted and whose author has registered) will be published and distributed with the Conference Program. The Conference Proceedings (ISBN/ISSN numbers provided for hardcopy and electronic version) will include the material that was presented during the Conference. Upon registration authors agree that their presentation will be included in the Conference proceedings.

Authors should submit the full paper once informed that their abstract is accepted and are provided with the necessary guidelines. All presentations will be uploaded at the web-site of the Conference. The size of the presentation or of the full paper should not be more than 5MB.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically only at: promitheas@kepa.uoa.gr
(Contact person: Dr. Popi KONIDARI**)**

Day 3: Brokerage event

Abstracts (for the brokerage part) should be approximately 250 words in length and should concern presentation of:

    i)   already funded projects and their outcomes;
    ii)   projects that are still on-going or just completed;
    iii) proposals for research and innovation under Horizon 2020 or any other funding scheme. The topics need to fall within those of the presented themes. No bibliographic references are required.

After acceptance of the abstract authors will prepare a two-page informative document about their project/proposal. The template is available at the web-site of the event. Expression of interest for cooperation, after completion of the registration, can be disseminated through the PROMITHEAS newsletter, if received before the end of August 2024.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically only at: promitheas@kepa.uoa.gr -
(**Contact person:** Aliki-Nefeli MAVRAKI, M.Sc.)

Themes and topics

PROMITHEAS network invites scientists, researchers, PhD candidates and engineers from the academic, scientific, engineering and industrial sectors to participate and contribute in promoting and disseminating scientific knowledge.

Participants are welcomed to submit abstracts relevant to the following themes/ topics or to combinations of them.

All topics can be related either to policy, market or technological issues.

  A: Environment – Climate Change

- Environnemental Pollution
- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Sustainable Development (especially topics related to the 7th Goal for Affordable and Clean Energy)

  B: Energy

- Conventional fuels (oil, gas, coal, lignite)
- Electricity
- Renewable Energy Sources (solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biomass, waste, tidal wave, hydrogen)
- Biofuels and Bioenergy
- Energy efficiency and conservation

Scientific Committee

An International Scientific Committee will ensure the quality of the Scientific Sessions. The full synthesis of the Scientific Committee will be completed soon.

Important dates

<u>Deadlines for the 3rd open call</u>

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 1 August 2024

Notification of acceptance: 20 August 2024

Deadline for submission of full paper: 25 September 2024

(for all days, "Forum", "Scientific Papers" and "Brokerage event")

Web-site

For previous events and for the 17th International Scientific Conference "Energy and Climate Change" – https://promitheasconference.wordpress.com/ and http://www.promitheasnet.kepa.uoa.gr