

## ERA Chair Project – Creating a Centre of EXCELLENce on sustainable Energy at NCSR Demokritos (**EXCELLEND**)

Sustainable energy systems and processes

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On February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 the Horizon Europe project EXCELLEND officially started and the kick-off meeting between the work-package leaders took place at the National Center for Scientific Research “Demokritos” (NSCRD) on March 14 2025.



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The main aim of the new ERA Chair is to create a new Team and bring all the scattered energy-related activities of NSCRD under the same umbrella, with a primary focus on sustainable energy solutions towards climate neutrality, perfectly aligned with relevant EU policy priorities, such as the European Green Deal. The ERA Chair will be established and hosted under a unique Centre of Excellence (CoE), with synergies and links with a variety of internal and external actors.

### ERA Chair holder

The ERA Chair holder, Prof. George Tsatsaronis, will establish this CoE and coordinate the joint activities with the NSCRD labs and greatly expand the research topics. Due to his diverse skills and longstanding experience in the energy field, Prof. Tsatsaronis will increase the research potential by: (1) setting up and managing the CoE, and (2) supervising and training its Team members.

Prof. Tsatsaronis will not only bring research excellence in the CoE, but also create synergies with a large range of stakeholders (e.g. research institutions, industry), and increase entrepreneurship by enhancing knowledge transfer and better use of results, aiming to upgrade the relevant services of the Innovation Office that are available to all NSCRD researchers.

### Key message

To create a permanent Centre of Excellence bringing together all key actors related to sustainable energy at NSCRD in a collaborative way under the leadership of Prof. Tsatsaronis. He will bring his expertise and contribute to building a Team for interacting, networking and creating synergies with: (1) NSCRD labs, (2) national & international research institutions, and (3) the industry. The focus will be on the Team’s excellence and action’s sustainability, to ensure the future expansion of the Team under a permanent leader.

### Vision

The vision is to become one of the top groups for sustainable energy research in the EU and deepen the ERA, and replicate the CoE lighthouse example in other Greek research actors to improve the local research Ecosystem.

For more information on the project, please visit the newly launched project website [www.excellend-era-chair.eu](http://www.excellend-era-chair.eu) and follow our page on [LinkedIn](#).

### **Project Factsheet**

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