

Press Release

Project extension granted to EASY-RES! January 25, 2021, Munich/ Germany

The Horizon 2020 project EASY-RES (Enable Ancillary Services by Renewable Energy Sources) started in March 2018 with an ambitious mission: a common European energy grid powered by up to 100% renewable energy sources (RES). Therefore, the EASY-RES team has been developing ancillary services and novel control algorithms to open up the traditional power grid for renewables. The project intends to set sail for a smart, reliable, and sustainable power grid while enabling more and more individual producers to inject their share of renewables.

After two and a half years of sound research, advancing technologies for the prototype, and reflecting on energy security the team had to apply for an extension of the project for another six months until the end of 2021. Due to strict limitations during the corona virus related lockdown in early 2020, the project team was not able to run the crucial tests of EASY-RES research findings in the laboratories of TU Delft and the University of Sevilla as scheduled. The labs had been closed in March, opened with limited access in June, and were fully reopened in August 2020. The lab tests of EASY-RES findings are inevitable to proof their technical feasibility and to further evolve the technical readiness of project results.

The request of project extension implied a formal amendment process which was approved by the European Commission on January 22, 2021. So, it is now official. The EASY-RES project will be extended until December 31, 2021.

The EASY-RES project team also welcomes the new project partner <u>Bayern Innovative</u> (BI)! BI formally took over EASY-RES work package (WP) 7 beneficiary ZD.B in April 2020. The request for an institutional takeover concerning WP7 was simultaneously submitted to the EU with the request of project extension. As this second request was also approved, EASY-RES warmly welcomes Bayern Innovative on board! Luckily, the change of beneficiaries entails no staff turnovers and the WP7 crew stays the same.

Find more details and news about EASY-RES on the project website at <u>http://www.easyres-project.eu/</u>.

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