

Agenda

Workshop: Participatory approaches for meaningful public engagement

6-7 October 2022 (in person)

SuedLink Projektbüro, Würzburg

Friedrichstraße 10a 97082 Würzburg

Day 1

10.00 **Participant registration and welcome coffee**

10.30 **Welcome and Setting the Scene**

Antonella Battaglini | CEO, RGI

Dr. Werner Götz | Chairman of the Board, TransnetBW

Dr. Stefan Mirschel | Project Director SuedLink, TenneT

Session 1: Stakeholder Engagement – Meaningful Communication and Participation

10.45 **Spotlight on SuedLink – Engaging with a major European PCI project**

- Introducing SuedLink & Examples and Learnings from a Comprehensive Engagement Process
Christopher Göpfert | Public Participation Manager, TransnetBW
Thomas Wagner | Public Participation Manager, TenneT
- The technical perspective: A 550 kV line – and other aspects that set SuedLink apart
Dierk Schönwald | Team Manager & Project Manager Cable & Civil SuedLink, TenneT

11.30 **What do stakeholders really want to talk about?
Presenting Germanwatch's Argumentation Map**

Kirsten Kleis | Policy Advisor - Power Grids and Renewable Energy, Germanwatch

12:00 **Panel discussion: Is more possible? – Towards more meaningful stakeholder engagement**

Panellists:

Francisco Parada | Head of Quality, Environment, Safety and Performance Department, REN

Jan Kostevc | Team leader - Energy Infrastructure, ACER

Dr. ir. Igor Nikolic | Associate Professor Systems Engineering and Simulation, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology
Kirsten Kleis | Policy Advisor - Power Grids and Renewable Energy, Germanwatch

Moderator: **Antonella Battaglini** | CEO, RGI

13.00 **LUNCH**

Session 2: A new engagement process? – Dealing with higher pressures and less time

14.00 **Responding to accelerated spatial planning: Do we need a new public participation timeline?**

Input presentations on:

- German Easter/Summer packages' opportunities for acceleration
Stephanie Bätjer | Programme Manager Communication, RGI
- Spatial allocation and go-to areas
Luisa Samarelli | Team Leader, DG ENV, European Commission
- Digital SuedLink innovations improving transparency, acceptance, and comfort for different groups of stakeholders
Christopher Göpfert | Public Participation Manager, TransnetBW
Thomas Wagner | Public Participation Manager, TenneT

World Café: Group work on how acceleration is going to change the engagement process

16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 3: Field trip

16:15 **Visit of the underground cable Field Study ground in Guentersleben**

- Live Presentation: The SuedLink “Field study on HVDC underground cable impact on soils and crop production” and its effects on acceptance
Christian Biddingmaier | Agricultural Stakeholder Manager, TransnetBW

- First results & future expectations of research programme
Jonas Trezn | Doctoral Student, U Hohenheim
Alexander Schade | Doctoral Student, U Hohenheim
- Impacts on SuedLink
Christian Bidlingmaier | Agricultural Stakeholder Manager,
TransnetBW

Evening Programme

19.30 **Dinner** - Wirtshaus am Dom, Paradeplatz 4, 97070 Würzburg

Day 2

09.30 **Welcome and Setting the Scene for Day 2**

Stephanie Bätjer | Programme Manager - Communication,
RGI

Michael Gutzeit | Managing Director SuedLink, TransnetBW

Session 4: Ensuring a fair energy transition by listening to local needs and creating community benefits

09.45 **Community Benefits – Best Practice Examples from across Europe**

Best practice pitches covering funding approaches, implementation
Dos and Don'ts and local benefit creation outcomes

Sinead Dooley | Head of Public Engagement, EirGrid

Jamie Moore | Senior Lead Engagement Specialist, EirGrid

Dominic Hereth | Head of Energy & Infrastructure Germany,
Triodos Bank

10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 **Simulation game: Developing an ideal community benefit plan**

12.00 **Reporting back**

12.30 **Wrap up**

Stephanie Bätjer | Programme Manager - Communication,
RGI

Thomas Wagner | Public Participation Manager, TenneT

Christopher Göpfert | Public Participation Manager,
TransnetBW

12.45 **END of Workshop**