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### **The European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration (EPoSS) and the Smart Electricity Cluster (S2E2) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a strategic partnership.**

Berlin, May 4, 2020 – The European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration (EPoSS) and the Smart Electricity Cluster (S2E2) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a strategic partnership between both platforms to establish their cooperation in the field of Smart Systems Integration in Energy Applications.

EPoSS is an industry-driven policy initiative, defining R&D and innovation needs as well as policy requirements related to Smart Systems development and integrated micro- and nanosystems. It brings together European private and public stakeholders in order to coordinate and to bundle efforts and to set-up sustainable structures for improving the competitiveness of European R&D on Smart Systems Technologies and their integration.

S2E2 is an Energy Innovation cluster which aims to favour competitiveness and stimulates collaboration between companies and laboratories in the form of R&D projects, whose spin-offs are growth drivers for these companies on the market. S2E2 gathers over a hundred members: companies, SMEs and groups, research and training organisations, all of them invested in the fields of intelligent electricity technologies.

Both platforms see a huge added value in a closer cooperation, most specifically in the domains of energy infrastructures, smart grids and the integration of renewable energies as well as electronic components, embedded systems and micro- and nanoelectronics.

The initial joint activity to bring together technical experts from both communities is a common workshop on SSI in Energy Applications titled “*Power of Smart Systems*”. The aim of this event is to exchange knowledge between experts from both platforms and to spark ideas for innovations and new European R&D projects. Further organisational details will be announced later this year, depending on the development of the Covid-19 outbreak.

“Joined efforts like common events or establishment of common projects, sharing know-how and information on respective Strategic Research Agendas will strengthen Europe’s Smart Systems Community in the fields of sustainable energy and infrastructure” stated the Chairman of EPoSS, Dr. Stefan Finkbeiner.

“There is a real desire for the energy and Smart Systems communities to be more joined up when driving forward the innovation. This agreement will help to achieve that on an European scale by strengthening and formalising the cooperation through concerted actions such as

common R&D projects between EPoSS and S2E2 members” , said Eric Beaujean, the Chairman of S2E2.

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## ABOUT THE PLATFORMS

**EPoSS**, the European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration, is an industry-driven policy initiative, defining R&D and innovation needs as well as policy requirements related to Smart Systems and integrated Micro- and Nanosystems.

See <https://www.smart-systems-integration.org/>

**S2E2**, the Smart Electricity Cluster, is a French cluster aiming to favour competitiveness and stimulates collaboration between companies and laboratories in the field of intelligent electricity technologies.

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