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RTO Innovation Summit, November 6th-7th, 2018



Impact through research: applied research for Europe's future

How can application-oriented research and technology help solve global challenges? This question was explored by the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft and nine other leading European Research and Technology Organisations (RTO) at the "The RTO Innovation Summit" conference on 6–7 November 2018 in Brussels.

Under the motto "Impact through research", representatives from the RTOs discussed with delegates from European institutions, industrialists and politicians how the future of Europe can be made stronger and more competitive by investing in research, development and innovation. They also presented their vision and technology roadmap until 2030 and beyond for Europe to regain its leading position in the global market. A supporting exhibition presented selected results from applied research.

With its research framework programmes, the European Union is promoting EU-wide innovations for strengthening a competitive economy.

FRAUNHOFER ENERGY ALLIANCE

Ahead of the new research framework programme “Horizon Europe”, which is set to run from 2021, the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft will address together with its nine RTO partners the five core issues of Horizon Europe:

- Climate protection, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Digitalization and industry
- Foodstuffs and natural resources
- Inclusive and safe society
- Health

Alongside these issues, conference delegates from all over Europe explored in discussion rounds and workshops the importance of applied research to the competitiveness of industry and how society’s challenges can be met. The summit was opened by Prof Reimund Neugebauer, President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, as well as Peter Frans Pauwels, Co-Founder of TomTom.

The Fraunhofer Energy Alliance had the pleasure to organize the session on Renewable Energy & Storage, The session highlighted major segments of technological progress and innovation with respect to the energy transition.

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