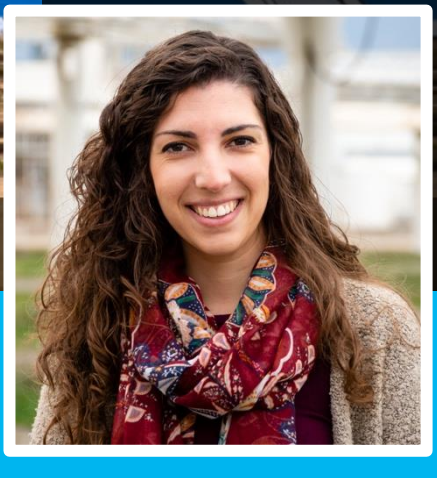
From Research to European Strategy and Policy: EERA JP CSP and its Institutional Partnerships in Advancing CST



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ABSTRACT
This seminar will introduce the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) Joint Programme on Concentrated Solar Power (JP CSP), highlighting its objectives, activities, and role in fostering European research collaboration. Particular attention will be given to its connections with the European Commission and key European initiatives, including the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan, its Implementation Working Group (IWG) on Solar Thermal Technologies, and EU-SOLARIS ERIC. The presentation will also address joint efforts to define European research and innovation priorities, including the development of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), and the importance of European funding in advancing solar thermal technologies.

BIO
Dr. Marina Casanova specializes in concentrating solar technologies, with expertise in solar tower systems, high-irradiance measurement, and thermal energy storage. She holds a Master's degree in energy and fuels for the future and a Ph.D. focused on high-irradiance measurement methods for solar towers, developed and validated at the Plataforma Solar de Almería (PSA). Her professional experience combines research and industry, having worked at CIEMAT-PSA (Spain), PROMES-CNRS (France), and ACCIONA (Spain) on solar tower plant operation and CST research and development. She currently works in the Materials for Concentrating Solar Thermal Technologies and Thermal Energy Storage Unit at CIEMAT-PSA. She is the coordinator of the EERA Joint Programme on Concentrated Solar Power (JP CSP) and co-founder of Women+ in Concentrated Solar (W+CS).

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