

India, EU decide to expand clean energy cooperation

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India and the EU have agreed on a detailed work programme until 2023 to implement the 2016 EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership with a focus on increasing technical cooperation in the area of energy efficiency, renewable energy, cooperation within the International Solar Alliance and green hydrogen.

This discussion took place during the EU-India Energy Panel meet on December 1, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

Key Highlights

- As part of this strengthened cooperation, India and the EU will undertake new studies, study visits and joint workshops, exchanging knowledge and best practices on these areas.
- In addition, the Energy Panel agreed to jointly host/organize the India-EU offshore wind business and investment summit in the first half of next year, with an exhibition of European and Indian companies, B2B facilitation and sessions on decreasing the cost of offshore wind and of financing offshore wind.
- Both sides decided to hold India-EU High-Level Platform on Smart Grid Replication, identifying possible opportunities and barriers for replicating and upscaling smart grid

projects in India.

- They also agreed on India-EU Hydrogen Forum with a focus on exchanging best practices/ policies on the role of hydrogen in energy systems with high share of renewable energy, discussing the state of play of clean hydrogen production and application technologies and sharing information on existing and upcoming hydrogen projects in India and the EU.

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