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*Brussels, Belgium:* — **eseia, the European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance** is proud to announce that the European Commission funds the BioEnergyTrain (BET) project to create more jobs in Europe which is part of the strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; the kick-off meeting will convene in Brussels on the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

The BET project brings together 15 partners from six EU countries to create new jobs and improve Europe's position on the world market by developing **two new industrial job profiles**, the Bio Refinery Engineer and the Bio-Resource Value Chain Manager.

This event aims at rising awareness among European key players about the BioEnergyTrain project in order to increase the impact of the project. The project aims to create a network of tertiary education institutions, research centres, professional associations, and industry stakeholders encompassing the whole value chain of bioenergy from field/forest to integration into the sustainable energy systems of buildings, settlements and regions. The project will foster European cooperation to provide a highly skilled and innovative workforce across the whole bioenergy value chain, closely following the recommendations of the SET-Plan Education Roadmap.

Speakers include Josef Furlinger, CEO RIC, BRP Powertrain and Brigitte Hasewend, eseia Director and BET Project Coordinator as well as representatives of Graz University of Technology and the University of Twente.

The members of the press are invited to take part in the press conference, which will take place on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 11 a.m. at the eseia office, Avenue de Tervuren 82 in Brussels. A networking lunch will be held on the patio at the conclusion of the discussions.

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**About eseia, European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance – [www.eseia.eu](http://www.eseia.eu)**

eseia is a European association of leading research and innovation organisations in the field of sustainable energy systems. eseia is a non-profit association established under Austrian law in 2009, with its Secretariat located in Graz, Austria, and an office in Brussels, Belgium, and its cross-sector membership (research, business, government) includes 28 members from 13 different European countries. The eseia umbrella covers all relevant fields in sustainable energy from energy provision to new technologies across research, academia, industry, and government and includes a network of 22 higher education institutions and research organisations and 6 companies of which one is an umbrella of 150 companies. eseia is a cooperation organisation, managing sustainable energy innovation programmes, organising expert panels, designing entrepreneurial education programmes, promoting dialogue with the public, and lobbying for sustainable energy solutions on various levels and fostering international cooperation.

**About TU Graz, Graz University of Technology – [www.tugraz.at](http://www.tugraz.at)**

TU Graz - Graz University of Technology is the leading technical innovation university in Austria, promoting regional focus and tight cooperation with industry and businesses on the path to an entrepreneurial future in the Styria region. TU Graz is also part of GreenTech Research Styria, a strategic board comprising eight regional stakeholders that implement R&I activities in future-oriented areas such as smart life, green mobility and decentralized energy and power supply. With more than 2,000 staff and 12,000 students, is known for its considerable number of successful spin-offs. TU Graz is a founding member of eseia, the European Sustainable Energy and Innovation Alliance.

**About UT, University of Twente – [www.utwente.nl](http://www.utwente.nl)**

UTwente, the University of Twente in Enschede is an entrepreneurial research university. It was founded in 1961 and offers education and research in areas ranging from public policy studies and applied physics to biomedical technology. Approximately 3,300 scientists and professionals work together on cutting-edge research, innovations with real-world relevance and inspiring education for more than 9,000 students.



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