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Energy affordability webinar series

How clean energy research and innovation
contributes to improving energy affordability

16 September 2026 – 14.00-15.45 CET – Online Webex



Agenda and speakers



Time	Speaker		Title of the presentation
Opening 14.00-14.05	Vangelis Tzimas	Head of Unit – JRC.C.7 - Energy Transition Insights for Policy European Commission - JRC	Welcome, introduction and scene setting
Part 1 14.05-14.55	Lourdes Zamora	Associate Professional – Technology Economics IRENA	Renewable power generation costs in 2025
	Luciano Martini	Director Green Powered Future Mission	Green Powered Future Mission: Accelerating Energy Affordability through Innovation
	Beatrice Coda	Head of Unit – RTD.C.2 - Clean Energy Transitions European Commission - DG RTD	How clean energy research contributes to improving energy affordability – A perspective from EC - DG RTD
	Salma Boumhaouad	Technical monitoring Engineer in R&D, Innovation and Expertise Network Directorate IRESEN - Morocco	Energy Affordability Through Clean Energy Innovation
	Vineet Saini	Senior Director Climate, Energy and Sustainable Technology(CEST) Division Ministry of Science and Technology – India	Policy convergence to enabling ecosystem promoting renewables in India
Part 2 14.55-15.35	Erhan Özdemir	Policy Officer European Commission - JRC	Social Dimensions of Energy Transition in the EU
	Miriam Badino	Technical Coordinator Urban Transitions Mission	Urban testbeds for global impact
	Philippe St-Jean	Deputy Director for Buildings and Communities Innovation / Directeur adjoint pour l'innovation des bâtiments et communautés Natural Resources Canada/ Ressources naturelles Canada	Scalable deep retrofits for affordable net-zero energy housing
	Sara de la Serna	Responsible of Energy Communities Institute for Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE) - Spain	A peek into Energy Communities
Closing 15.35-15.45	Closing		