PhD course 2021:
Advanced Energy Systems Analysis on the EnergyPLAN model

Again in the spring of 2021, Aalborg University, Denmark, hosts its annual EnergyPLAN PhD course. The course has been conducted every year since 2005. The course gives an introduction to advanced energy system analysis using the EnergyPLAN. The course will take place on 19-21 April 2021 and 3-5 May 2021. Registration will open in January 2021.

After the course the participants are expected to be able to understand methodologies of advanced energy system analysis and to be able to use the EnergyPLAN computer model as a tool in making energy system analysis.

The course is conducted as a combination of lectures and computer workshops of a total of 4 days (32 hours) and assignments of a total of 6-7 days (52 hours). Results of assignments will be presented by the participants.

Contents:
The course starts with an introduction to EnergyPLAN (installation, using, constructing new data sets) and proceeds to focus on the use of the model in
- sustainable cities and communities
- technical analyses of large-scale integration of wind.
- analyses of exchange with external electricity markets
- combinations of different renewable energy technologies.
- designing flexible energy systems using flexible technologies such as heat pumps, hydrogen storage, pumped storage etc.
- district heating systems versus individual houses and zero energy buildings
- designing energy systems based on multiple criteria

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ECTS: 3
Time: 19-21 April and 3-5 May 2021
Length: 5 days and assignments of 6-7 days (see above)
Place Combination of physical lecturers and online course (due to Covid-19 restrictions)
Fee: PhD fellows at Danish Universities: Free participation
PhD fellows at universities outside Denmark: 100 EUR
Participants from companies: 1000 EUR
Registration: More information will follow. Registration is binding.
Payment: More information will follow
Deadline: 5 April 2021

The PhD course is organised by Aalborg University in collaboration with the RE-INVEST and CITIES projects

Preparations prior to the course

1. Install EnergyPLAN from energyplan.eu
2. Consider how you wish to use EnergyPLAN – preferably in your PhD project – alternatively in independent analyses only made for the PhD course (notice that this will be on the agenda for the first morning)
3. Read the FIDE guide (Finding and inputting data to EnergyPLAN) from energyplan.eu and consider what data you will need to do 2.
4. There are a number of training exercises at energyplan.eu. You are strongly encouraged / expected to do these beforehand as this will enable you to make more advanced independent analyses during the actual course
5. Read the articles
   a. Reviewing EnergyPLAN simulations and performance indicator applications in EnergyPLAN simulations, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2015.05.086
   b. Reviewing optimisation criteria for energy systems analyses of renewable energy integration, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2009.05.004
   c. Heat Roadmap Europe: Combining district heating with heat savings to decarbonise the EU energy system, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2013.10.035
   d. A renewable energy scenario for Aalborg Municipality based on low-temperature geothermal heat, wind power and biomass, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2010.08.041
   e. Smart Energy Systems for coherent 100% renewable energy and transport solutions, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2015.01.075

The course is conducted as a hand-on workshop based on each participant making an energy system analysis individually or in a group. The idea is to combine inspiration from lectures with work on your own analysis.

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