

WINTER 2026 Semi-annual ETSAP Meeting



When: November 30 – December 4, 2026
 Where: Paris, France (details below)
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Deadlines

- Deadline to submit an abstract: **October 30, 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: **November 9, 2026**
- Publication of the programme: **November 23, 2026**
- Deadline to submit the final presentation: **December 1, 2026**

Programme – Summary

Date (local time)	Event	Venue
December 3, 2026 (09:00-17:30)	ETSAP Regular Workshop Day 1	Novotel Paris Vaugirard Montparnasse , 257 rue de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris, France Room: Naples Virtual: Link to be provided
December 4, 2026 (09:00-13:00)	ETSAP Special Workshop : 50th anniversary	IEA- International Energy Agency , 9 rue de la Fédération, 75739 Paris Cedex 15, France. Room: 1 Virtual: Link to be provided
December 4, 2026 (13:30-14:00)	ETSAP Executive Committee pre-meeting (restricted to ETSAP delegates)	IEA- International Energy Agency , 9 rue de la Fédération, 75739 Paris Cedex 15, France. Room: 1 Virtual: Link to be provided
December 4, 2026 (14:00-18:00)	ETSAP Executive Committee meeting (restricted to ETSAP delegates, officers, and invited experts)	IEA- International Energy Agency , 9 rue de la Fédération, 75739 Paris Cedex 15, France. Room: 1 Virtual: Link to be provided
November 30 to December 2, 2026 (09:00-17:00)	Basic training course on VEDA-TIMES	Mines Paris - PSL : 60, boulevard Saint-Michel, 75006 Paris, France Room: V115 Virtual: n.a.
December 1-2, 2026 (09:00-17:00)	Advanced training course on VEDA-TIMES (to be confirmed)	To be confirmed Virtual: n.a.

Programme – Detailed

December 3, 2026 (09:00-17:30) - Regular ETSAP Workshop Day 1

Venue : Novotel Paris Vaugirard Montparnasse, 257 rue de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris, France. Room: Naples

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome

09:15-10:30 Session 1: To be defined

Chair: TbC

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-13:00 Session 2: To be defined

Chair: TbC

13:00-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:30 Session 3: To be defined

Chair: TbC

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Session 4: To be defined

Chair: TbC

Note: Session topics will be defined after the finalisation of the submission of presentations.

December 4, 2026 (09:00-13:00) - ETSAP Special Workshop - 50th anniversary

Venue : IEA- International Energy Agency, 9 rue de la Fédération, 75739 Paris Cedex 15, France. Room: 1

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome

Speaker: TbC, International Energy Agency (IEA)

- Welcome to participants
- ETSAP TCP's contribution to the IEA and international energy cooperation
- The continuing importance of robust energy-system analysis for policymaking

09:15 – 10:15 Panel No 1 - Story of ETSAP thought people, ideas and a global collaboration

This opening panel will explore ETSAP's history through the people who shaped it, focusing on the personal experiences, institutional relationships and international collaboration that enabled it to grow into a global modelling community.

Moderator: George Giannakidis

Panelists:

- **No1:** Alfred Voss
- **No2:** Tom Kram
- **No3:** Socrates Kypreos
- **No4:** Kari Espegren

10:15 – 10:45 Panel No 2 - Fifty years of methodological innovation

This panel will trace the evolution from MARKAL to TIMES, from the early work at BNL and KFA to MARKAL-MACRO, the transition to GAMS, the development of supporting tools such as ANSWER and VEDA. It will highlight the methodological and computational advances that expanded the models' analytical and policy capabilities.

Moderator: Gary Goldstein

Panelists:

- **No1:** Evelyn Wright
- **No2:** Clas Otto Wener
- **No3:** Richard Loulou
- **No4:** Dolf Gielen

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 Panel No 3 – From modelling to significant policy decisions

This panel will highlight concrete examples of how MARKAL/TIMES analyses have informed policies, strategies and investment decisions. It will explore how complex modelling results were translated into actionable policy insights, using real-world examples.

Moderator: Kathleen Vaillancourt

Panelists:

- **No1:** Brian Ó Gallachóir
- **No2:** Wenying Chen
- **No3:** Maryse Labriet
- **No4:** Tiina Koljonen

11:30 – 12:30 Open discussion - Building the next generation of models and modellers

The discussion will reflect on ETSAP's position today, including the evolution of TIMES and its supporting tools, its role in policy analysis, recent R&D achievements and the development of the global ETSAP community. It will then explore future priorities, including emerging modelling architectures, Python integration, artificial intelligence, improved accessibility and capacity building.

Moderator: Brian O'Gallachoir

Panelists: all (short interventions may be invited from selected participants to launch the discussion).

Questions from the moderator:

- What is ETSAP's distinctive contribution today?
- How must TIMES and its supporting tools evolve to address emerging policy needs?
- Which methodological and technological developments should be prioritized?
- How can ETSAP broaden participation and support the next generation of modellers?
- What should ETSAP aim to have achieved by its 60th anniversary?

12:30 – 12:45 Keynote Listener

Speaker: **TbC**, International Energy Agency (IEA)

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