

Enel Foundation Newsletter

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Energy & Jobs: Laura Cozzi on the Scientific Committee's priorities

Energy and jobs

Laura Cozzi
Director of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks and Chief Energy Modeller at the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Observatory | Energy and jobs

The first quarter of 2026 opened with a strong focus on one of the defining questions of the energy transition: **how to align employment, skills and industrial transformation**. In this context, **Laura Cozzi** (Director of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks at the International Energy Agency and President of Enel Foundation's Scientific Committee) also highlighted the growing centrality of electricity in the global economy and its key role in reshaping energy jobs.

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Reforming EU Electricity Market Design

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Developed by Professor Francesco Decarolis within the **Enel Foundation Chair in Competitiveness & Transition at Bocconi University**, the paper *Reforming EU Electricity Market Design: why long-term contracts matter in a renewable-dominated system* explores how Europe's electricity market design must adapt to a system increasingly shaped by renewables.

Its central argument is that short-term price signals, while still essential, are no longer sufficient on their own to support the scale of long-term investment needed for the clean energy transition. Against this backdrop, long-term contractual instruments such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and Contract for Difference (CFDs) emerge as a key part of a more resilient and future-ready market design.

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Measuring the PNRR's Contribution to Sustainable Development

13 marzo ore 10.00
Villa Lubin - Plenaria Marco Biagi, Roma

L'impatto del PNRR sullo Sviluppo Sostenibile dell'Italia e dei suoi territori

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Presented at CNEL in Rome, the research project developed by **ASVIS** in collaboration with **Enel Foundation** and **Unioncamere** examined how the implementation of Italy's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) is contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals. By introducing a **new analytical model**, the initiative offers a more structured way to assess the territorial impact of public policies and to support more informed decision-making.

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Renewable energy, solar and wind power in Italy



Enel Foundation took part as knowledge partner in *The State of Renewables in Italy*, a roundtable promoted by the Think Tank *Transizione Energetica – Rinnovabili*, an initiative by **CORE**, and informed by research from the **Energy & Strategy** team at Politecnico di Milano. The discussion offered a timely overview of Italy's energy transition, showing how the growth of renewables is helping reduce dependence on foreign supplies, with solar and wind playing an increasingly central role. At the same time, the analysis made clear that faster deployment and more streamlined permitting processes will be essential to keep the country on track towards its 2030 goals. The result was a grounded and data-driven reflection on the growing connection between energy security, industrial competitiveness and decarbonization.

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Latin America: economic, social and strategic transformations

“Energy and Geopolitics Outlook”
Online Webinar Series

Enel Foundation and ISPI hosted the third webinar in the *Energy & Geopolitics Outlook* series, focused on Latin America's changing role in today's global landscape. Featuring **Antonella Mori**, Head of ISPI Latin America Program, the discussion explored the region's socioeconomic transformation, its strategic importance for the energy transition, and the growing geopolitical competition surrounding supply chains and trade.

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PoliMi Ambassador Program: educating the Next Generation of Energy Leaders

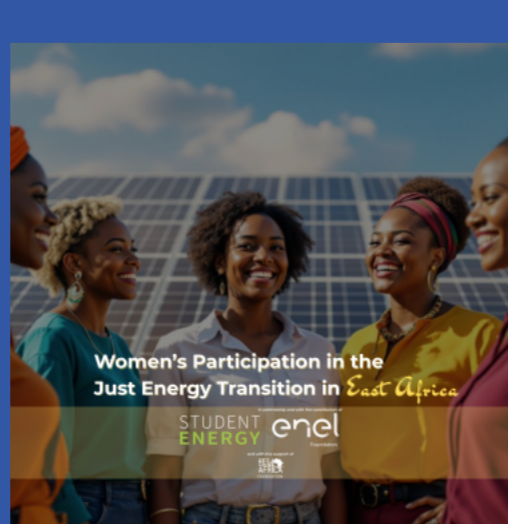


As part of its ongoing commitment to education and capacity building, Enel Foundation continued its knowledge partnership with **Politecnico di Milano** through the 2026 edition of the **Ambassador Program in Green Technologies and Smart Infrastructures**.

Hosted at the Aula Magna on 26 February, the award ceremony also offered an opportunity to reflect on sustainability in Artificial Intelligence from both a philosophical and technical perspective, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary thinking in preparing the next generation of professionals for the challenges of the energy transition.

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Our commitment in Africa



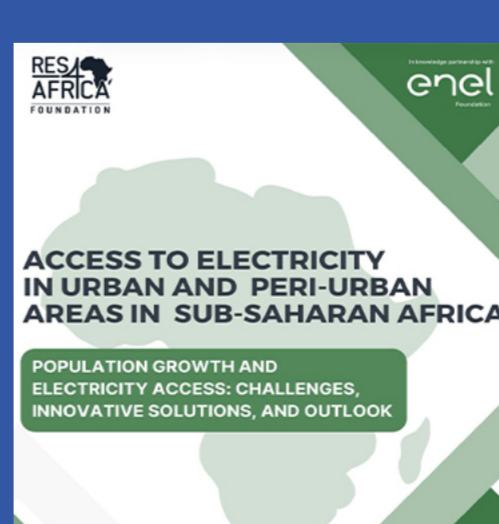
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