As part of the NEUJOBS research project (7th Framework Program - European Research), financed by the European Commission and coordinated by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the European Social Observatory (OSE), in collaboration with SEURECO and with the help of the Conseil Français de l’Energie (French branch of the World Energy Council), is organising the following conference:

**Innovation and employment: cornerstones of the energy transition**

*Paris, 12th May 2014*

The conference aims to gather different views from stakeholders - researchers, practitioners, as well as policy makers - on energy transition, with specific attention to innovation and employment, as these are the main challenges linked to this transition. In a first session, policy implementation plans will be analysed in relation to the European context. In particular, the difficult financial context as well as the need to adapt infrastructure will be mentioned and discussed. Then, the second session will address the key role of innovation during the transition, and its potential to tackle both environmental and employment issues. Thereafter, recent research will be used as input into discussions on the macroeconomic, sectoral and local-employment impact of the energy transition. The day will conclude with a round table involving key actors of the transition, who will put into perspective the ideas developed during the previous sessions.

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza, 10 place de la République – 75 541 Paris Cedex 11  
**On line registration:** [http://www.ose.be/workshop120514/](http://www.ose.be/workshop120514/) The number of seats is limited; if you are interested in participating, please register as soon as possible. Transport and accommodation costs are not covered by the organisers.  
**Interpretation:** English and French  
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**NEUJOBS project**

“Creating and adapting jobs in Europe in the context of a socio-ecological transition”

NEUJOBS (www.neujobs.eu) is a research project financed by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme, and coordinated by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). Its objective is to analyse likely future developments in the European labour market(s), in view of four major transitions that will impact employment and European societies in general. What are these transitions?

The first is the socio-ecological transition: a comprehensive change in the patterns of social organisation and culture, production and consumption that will drive humanity beyond the current industrial model towards a more sustainable future. The second is the societal transition produced by the combination of population ageing, low fertility rates, changing family structures, urbanisation and growing female employment. The third transition concerns new territorial dynamics and the balance between agglomeration and dispersion forces. The fourth is a skills (upgrading) transition and the project is interested in its likely consequences for employment and (in)equality.

By the end of the project, NEUJOBS seeks answers to questions such as:

- What will European labour market(s) look like in 2025?
- What are the possible scenarios for employment in the next decade?
- Which sectors in the economy will be the drivers for employment growth and which groups in society will be mostly affected?
- How will the socio-ecological transition influence employment loss and creation?
- What is the role of policy makers, especially at EU level, in shaping and accompanying the transitions?
- How can the development of skills be guided to meet the challenges of a socio-ecological transition?
- How can innovation be stimulated to contribute both to economic growth and to a more sustainable production system?
- How can a work-life balance be attained while remaining competitive and innovative?