



## **BEHAVE 2023: 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Behaviour Change and Energy Efficiency**

### **Scaling-up Behaviour change in the light of the energy and climate crises**

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**Behave 2023**, the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Behaviour and Energy Efficiency by the European Energy Network ([EnR](#)), [the network of European energy agencies](#) will take place in **Maastricht, the Netherlands**, on **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. The theme of this edition of the conference is **‘Scaling-up behaviour change in the light of the energy and climate crises’**.

#### **Organisers:**

- European Energy Network (EnR), the network of European national energy agencies
- Host organisation: Netherlands Enterprise Agency/ RVO

#### **About the Event:**

Behave provides a unique forum for policymakers, academia, industry and practitioners to share ideas and experiences on energy behavior change in the scope of the energy transition to promote effective solutions for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and mitigating climate change.

Behavioral and life-style changes are essential to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to achieve a successful energy transition. To achieve the necessary changes, insights into energy and behaviors, and the factors that drive and influence energy behaviors are urgently needed, as well as

knowledge on how to implement such insights into interventions and policy. It is important that Governments, industry, business, academics and citizens all gain know-how to engage in energy behavior change. In addition, given the scope and impacts of climate change and the energy transition, multi- and transdisciplinary collaborations are needed to acquire more holistic and feasible solutions.

Behave 2023 will focus on scaling-up behavior change in the light of the energy and climate crises.

**There is no conference fee.**

### **Objectives:**

- To share the latest research insights and application developments that are aimed at addressing the energy and climate crises through behavior change;
- To promote and put into practice the knowledge and research from the scientific community;
- To showcase new insights into behavior change research that can help speed up achieving the climate goals;
- To promote multi- and transdisciplinary approaches by enhancing cooperation between researchers in behavior change and practitioners within governments, business, and other relevant organizations;
- To expand the network of scholars, professionals and policymakers that work on behavior change for sustainability;
- To encourage and empower researchers to conduct research in practically relevant settings;
- To develop a research agenda with academics, practitioners and policymakers, not only on a European and national level, but also on a local and regional level.

Combining multiple perspectives on an issue often results in more realistic and impactful solutions. The conference thus aims to support and empower inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations as to promote the application of research insights into practice. We strive to enhance cooperation between:

- social scientists in behavior change and employees (among others behavior change advisors) within governments, business and other relevant organizations;
- all generations who are working in research and applications of behavior, in particular the often under-represented younger and older generations;
- scientists within different disciplines.

### **Important Dates:**

Deadline for submission of Abstracts 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (17.30 CET)

Notification of Acceptance 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### Optional:

Deadline for Paper Submission 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (17.30 CET)

Feedback from Reviewers 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Submission of final paper 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (17.30 CET)

A special issue is envisaged to be published in the **Energy Efficiency** journal (further information will be provided in due course).

### **Guidelines for Submission**

We are particularly looking for abstracts and papers which comply with the overall goal of the conference (scaling-up behaviour change in the light of the energy and climate crises), i.e. preferably interventions and insights which have already been proven/ applied where there is room for discussion for further testing/ application and up-scaling.

Please note that submitting an abstract (if accepted) means giving an oral presentation at the Conference in person. Only under special circumstances will an online presentation be allowed. When submitting your abstract please indicate whether you would also like to qualify for submission of a paper.

Applicants whose submissions are not accepted as an oral presentation/session will be given the opportunity to present their contribution during a poster session. More details will be posted on the website in due course.

All submissions should be made via e-mail to the following address: [behave23@rvo.nl](mailto:behave23@rvo.nl) using the template available on the website.

#### Abstracts should include:

- Title: a concise and informative title
- Corresponding number of topic and corresponding letter of sub-topic (please see table below)
- The name(s) of the author(s)
- The affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s)
- The e-mail address of the corresponding author
- If available, the 16-digit ORCID of the author(s)
- Abstract: Abstracts should include a maximum of 250 words. Abstracts exceeding 250 words will not be considered. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references
- Keywords: Please provide 4 to 6 keywords which can be used for indexing purposes

## **BEHAVE 2023 topics**

### **1. Public engagement in energy solutions and policy making.**

- 1a Energy communities
- 1b Public participation in policy and decision-making
- 1c Public participation in the development and implementation of energy solutions
- 1d Citizen science
- 1e Peer-to-peer trading

### **2. Public Acceptance and adoption of energy behaviours, solutions and policies**

- 2a Energy efficiency
- 2b Flexibility and demand-response
- 2c Energy curtailment
- 2d Low carbon technology
- 2e Energy policy (e.g., carbon tax, subsidies)
- 2f Sufficiency

### **3. Interventions to promote or facilitate behaviour change among households and employees**

- 3a Removing or reducing barriers to behavioural change
- 3b Collective action
- 3c Creating new sustainable habits and practices
- 3d Education and intermediaries
- 3e Policies
- 3f Water efficiency

### **4. A fair and inclusive energy transition**

- 4a The role of women and of the younger generation in the energy transition
- 4b Behaviour insights and interventions to mitigate energy poverty
- 4c Behavioural change in rental housing

### **5. How technology/system design could encourage and facilitate behaviour change**

- 5a Set default in thermostats, role of algorithms

### **6. Public & Private procurement of re-cycled materials over raw materials (resource efficiency)**

### **7. Other**

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