



DECARBONIZING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: LESSONS FROM EUROPE, APRIL 12-18, 2026

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR STUDY TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Greetings to our terrific group of study tour participants. We're looking forward to having you with us! 2026 marks 22 years since we started I-SUSTAIN. We have led over 60 study tours such as this.

Here is some helpful information and a few minor expectations:

Mobile Phone Numbers

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Flights/Passport

Hopefully, you have all made your flight arrangements by now, and are planning on checking into our hotel, Haven Hotel Rotterdam, before 4:00 pm on April 12. This means you will be flying out of our region on April 11. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the date of your arrival in Europe. No visa is required for American citizens.













Please take these dates into consideration when booking your flights.

- April 12 – 5:00 pm; Introductory meeting at the hotel followed by dinner.
- April 18 – Study tour is over and you can fly home anytime.

Scholarship recipients, please email Jayson Antonoff (jaysona@i-sustain.com) a copy of your airline receipt. Your reimbursement of up to \$1,200 will be paid within two weeks after the end of the tour.

Directions to the Hotel from the Airport

The easiest and most cost-effective way to get to the hotel is by the public transit. After arriving at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport, simply go to the train station at the airport and purchase a ticket for any of the Intercity Direct trains to the Rotterdam Central Station, for about \$20. They depart about every 10 to 20 minutes and it's a non-stop, 26-minute train ride.

	10:12 AM (Wednesday)—10:39 AM 27 min
	Eurocity Direct
	10:12 AM from Schiphol Airport €19.62
	Details
	10:22 AM (Wednesday)—10:48 AM 26 min
	Intercity direct
	10:42 AM (Wednesday)—11:08 AM 26 min
	Intercity direct
	10:52 AM (Wednesday)—11:18 AM 26 min
	Intercity direct
	11:12 AM (Wednesday)—11:39 AM 27 min
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Once you arrive at the Rotterdam Central Station walk outside to the front, where you'll find the main tram stop, and take the 3 – Beverwaard tram three stops to Leuvehaven. These run about every 15 minutes. Alternatively, if you find yourself at the Metro (underground) station instead you can take either the D - De Akkers or the E – Slinge Metro to Leuvehaven. Either way, from Leuvehaven it's a short 5-minute walk to our hotel.

Please be aware the Rotterdam Marathon will take place today (April 12th), and the route runs directly in front of our hotel. As a result, the street will be closed from 09.00a until 6.00p, and the Leuvehaven metro station will be closed from 11.00a until 3.00p. During that time the only way to reach the hotel will be on foot from the Beurs Metro Station, which is the stop before Leuvehaven – about a 10-to-15-minute walk from the hotel.

You can obviously also take a cab from the Rotterdam train station if you prefer, though given the race route and street closures we're not sure how close to the hotel taxis will be able to get.

Bios

We will be putting together a flyer with bios of all participants so you can get to know your fellow travelers. **Please e-mail a headshot and a short bio (three to four sentences) to Jayson Antonoff (JaysonA@i-sustain.com) no later than March 31.**

Attire/Weather

Business casual attire with comfy shoes. The weather is a lot like our region in April. Expect sunny, cloudy and rainy times – sometimes all occurring in the same day. Temperature averages range from 40F to 55F depending on the location and time of day.

Electrical Plugs

Our hotels will all use a Type K socket. This is the standard plug used throughout most of Europe. These operate at 240V, but most of your devices such as phone chargers or laptop power supplies can switch between 120V and 240V with no problem, as long as you have the plug adaptor so you can physically plug in.



Background Information

We will post a collection of background materials on our website – great material for reading on the plane! Visit <https://www.i-sustain.com/upcoming-isustain-studytours/decarb-energy-2026/resources-decarb-energy-2026>.

Financial

- Most of your expenses will be paid by I-SUSTAIN, and for the rest you can generally use a credit card. An increasing number of places no longer accept cash! We suggest you get only a minimal amount of local currency – less than \$50 is usually fine.
- Wine and beer will be provided at dinner. However, if you wish to order a different wine or a cocktail, please arrange to pay for it yourself with the wait staff.
- If you know you won't be joining the group for dinner, please let Jayson or Patricia know in advance. We want to avoid seeing an amazing meal go to waste!

Communications

We have found that using WhatsApp is the best way for us to communicate while on the trip – it works well across all devices, provides end-to-end encryption, and is easy to manage. We will be setting up a dedicated WhatsApp group for the trip that we will be using for all communications while we are there – everything from the “the bus is here and we’re leaving in 5 mins” to “someone just found a great restaurant that you might want to check out.” **If you don't already have a WhatsApp account (it's free) please download and install it before you catch your flight to Amsterdam.**

Transportation

Mostly we will be travelling by the same chartered bus, where you can spread out a bit, leave your things, and take a nap between stops. In Copenhagen, we will be traveling by Metro and will provide everyone with a pass.

Promptness

The Danes and the Dutch pride themselves on promptness, and so do we. We always try to leave the hotel or an activity by the exact time stated on the itinerary. If you are late and find that the group is

gone, don't panic. The addresses for our activities are listed on the itinerary, so you can catch up with us.

We will be spending time in some charming areas, but there is a lot of content we want to cover, so the agenda is quite full. It's okay if you want to pass on a specific activity that is not as relevant for you, but if you choose to do so please let either Jayson or Patricia know in advance.

Presenter Slides

We will get all presentations from the speakers and post them on our website immediately following the study tour, so there's no need to ask for these individually.