

## POWERYOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



**Dr. Jana Berg** is a sociologist, conducting research into climate justice, energy poverty, refugee education, and transdisciplinary collaboration in the climate crisis. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and Linguistics (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), a M.A. in Sociology (University of Vienna), and a Dr.phil in Sociology (Leibniz University Hanover).



**Itziar Vidorreta** an experienced International Project Manager at GAIA – Basque ICT Cluster, where she has been coordinating European innovation projects since 2010. Her expertise spans eco-innovation, sustainable energy systems, blue economy, energy communities, life cycle assessment, and smart specialization strategies. She has led cross-sector collaborations involving SMEs, universities, and research centers, and has contributed to high-level policy initiatives such as the Spanish Ministry of Environment's Natura 2000 strategy and the Basque Government's Agenda 2050.

Building on this background, she currently holds a strategic role as Project Manager at the Basque District of Culture and Creativity (BDCC). In this position, she leads efforts to strengthen the Basque cultural and creative industries through innovation and international collaboration. She supports CCI stakeholders in accessing European funding and plays a key role in integrating the Basque ecosystem into flagship European initiatives, including the EIT Culture & Creativity. Her responsibilities include identifying funding opportunities, managing partnerships, and supporting regional participation in European innovation agendas.



**Professor Anna Mutule** is the Head of the Smart Grid Research Centre at the Institute of Physical Energetics (IPE), Latvia. She is a leading researcher with over 20 years of experience and expertise in energy management, energy system modelling, energy communities, energy efficiency solutions, and smart grid technologies. She holds a PhD (2005) and MSc (2002) from Riga Technical University. Her professional background includes the management and active participation in both international and nationally funded research projects. Prof. Mutule is one of the founders (2015) of the National Technology Platform Smart Grids Latvia, a member of the Baltic Association of Electric Power System Researchers, and an expert in the energy field for the Latvian Council of Science since 2007. She is actively involved in the ETIP-SNET WG5 and the European Energy Research Alliance Joint Programme on Smart Grids. Additionally, she is the founder of the IEEE Latvia Section Women in Engineering Affinity Group (WIE AG). At Riga Technical University, she lectures on Power Systems Management and Planning for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students.



**Elīna Krēmere** is a Youth Affairs Specialist and Project Coordinator in Mārupe Municipality, Latvia. She is dedicated to supporting and empowering young people through various local initiatives. In addition to her everyday responsibilities, Elīna manages activities related to the PowerYouth project, integrating them into her work with youth. Her focus is on encouraging active participation, skill development, and community engagement among young people. With a strong sense of purpose and organization, she contributes meaningfully to both local and European-level youth work.



**Elvis Berjoza** serves as the Energy Manager for Riga, the capital of Latvia. With over seven years of experience in the energy sector, he is currently completing his master's thesis in Environmental Engineering at Riga Technical University. Mr. Berjoza has participated in several European initiatives, including CommitClimate and EuCityCalc.