

# 26<sup>th</sup> Energy Community Electricity Forum

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Virtual Forum – WebEx connection  
10 – 11 June 2021

## Overview

**Thursday, 10 June 2021, 10:00 – 13:30:** Athens Forum Session 1

**Friday, 11 June 2021, 10:00 – 13:30:** Athens Forum Session 2

## Organisational Information

The 26<sup>th</sup> Athens Forum will be organised in a virtual form. To join the Forum please register at [26th Athens Electricity Forum \(energy-community.org\)](https://energy-community.org). Dial in details for connection to the virtual Forum will be provided upon successful registration.

## Day 1 – Electrification for decarbonisation

Thursday, 10 June 2021  
Moderation: *Oliver Koch* | European Commission

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### 10:00 **Opening**

*Oliver Koch* | European Commission

*Dimitrios Psychogyios* | Vice-President, Energy Regulatory Authority Greece

#### Keynote speakers

Fit for 55 – *Cristina Lobillo Borrero* | European Commission

Can the Energy Community keep pace? - *Dirk Buschle* | Energy Community Secretariat

### 10:30 **Panel Debate I: Electrification of economy**

Electrification of the economy and in particular of the energy-intensive sectors- transport, buildings, (heating and cooling) and industry, is crucial for decarbonisation and delivering on European Green Deal for carbon-neutral continent by 2050. The session will discuss direct electrification of end-use sectors and indirect electrification in different sectors of economy, their impact on the electricity sectors and how system integration can contribute to the cost-effective decarbonisation. A role of the clean molecules, including hydrogen as a missing link for the energy transition will be discussed.

Moderation: Energy Community Secretariat

- Dolf Gielen, IRENA
- Emma Champion, BloombergNEF
- Yolanda Garcia Mezquita, European Commission
- Kristian Ruby, Eurelectric
- Jutta Fabjan, Verbund

Q&A session and views from the audience

11:45 *short break*

12:00 **Panel Debate II: Investment in clean energy: renewable, smart and efficient**

Transition of the electricity sector from fossil fuel to renewable energy sources is a key building block for electrification of the economy. Non-recognition of emission related externalities is negatively affecting the decarbonisation efforts and market driven deployment of investment in RES in the Energy Community. The prospect of RES-based electricity generation fully integrated in the market, at the point where there is no need for support from public sources is at the core of electrification efforts. In the case of no or limited public financial support, the importance of non-public mechanisms may increase, such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and corporate Power Purchase Mechanisms (cPPA), based on guarantees of origin (GOs) as an essential mechanism to disclose of the source of energy. Managing current and future generation portfolio in the times of transition is the main challenge for the power producers.

Moderation: Energy Community Secretariat

- Milena Milosavljevic, ProCredit Holding
- Adil Hanif, EBRD
- Blagoj Gajdardziski, ESM
- Ajla Merzic, EPBIH
- Vadym Utkin, DTEK

Q&A session and views from the audience

13:15 **Wrap up of day 1**

*Oliver Koch* | European Commission

13:30 **Close of day 1**

## Day 2 – Electricity market fit for energy transition

Friday, 11 June 2021

Moderation: *Oliver Koch*, European Commission

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### 10:00 **Welcome address**

*Janez Kopač* | Energy Community Secretariat

Keynote speaker

Bringing the Clean Energy Package into the Energy Community – *Nicolas Kuen* | European Commission

Q&A session and views from the audience

### 10:30 **Panel Debate III: The electricity market 4D future**

As the European Union's climate goal for 2050 is set and the ambitions for 2030 are increasing, the discussions on whether the electricity market design is fit or needs to undergo further changes within the Fit for 55 package are gaining momentum. The Clean Energy Package and the Network Codes and Guidelines, yet to be adopted in the Energy Community, equipped the electricity market with tools necessary to drive the transition towards decarbonized and decentralized electricity sector. However, as the transition is accelerating and market integration expanding the question emerges on whether the electricity market design, including different timeframes, is future-proof or an upgrade will be needed in order to address challenges ahead.

Moderation: Energy Community Secretariat

- Zbynek Boldis, ENTSO-E
- Michael Pollitt, University of Cambridge
- Fabien Roques, Compass Lexecon
- Ole Jacob Høyland/Miha Pregl, SDAC
- Ewald Hesse, Grid Singularity
- Milos Mladenovic, SEEPEX

Q&A session and views from the audience

11:45 *short break*

### 12:00 **Panel Debate IV: A market that serves consumers and other participants – Energy Community markets between vision and reality**

Implementing market mechanisms that enable optimization of the existing generation capacities and efficient utilization of network infrastructure is key for economic welfare gains. Market represents the best platform to mitigate risks, therefore its evolution and expansion allows for deployment of new technologies and businesses that specialize in risk taking from consumers and/or producers. To achieve this, we need robust price signals on all the market segments, stable regulatory framework and certainty on future market developments. Energy Community is ready to take on the next step in market integration, however certain milestones are needed to emphasize that the Energy Community is at the point of no return.

Moderation: Energy Community Secretariat

- Angeliki Mourtzikou, Greek Regulator
- Milena Stoyanova, ENTSO-E TF SEE
- Francisco Queiros, Voltalia
- Faruk Serdarevic, Tetrattech/USAID
- Andrii Nemirovski, Ukrenergo

Q&A session and views from the audience

13:15 **Wrap up of day 2 – Forum conclusions**

*Oliver Koch* | European Commission

13:30 **Close of the Forum**