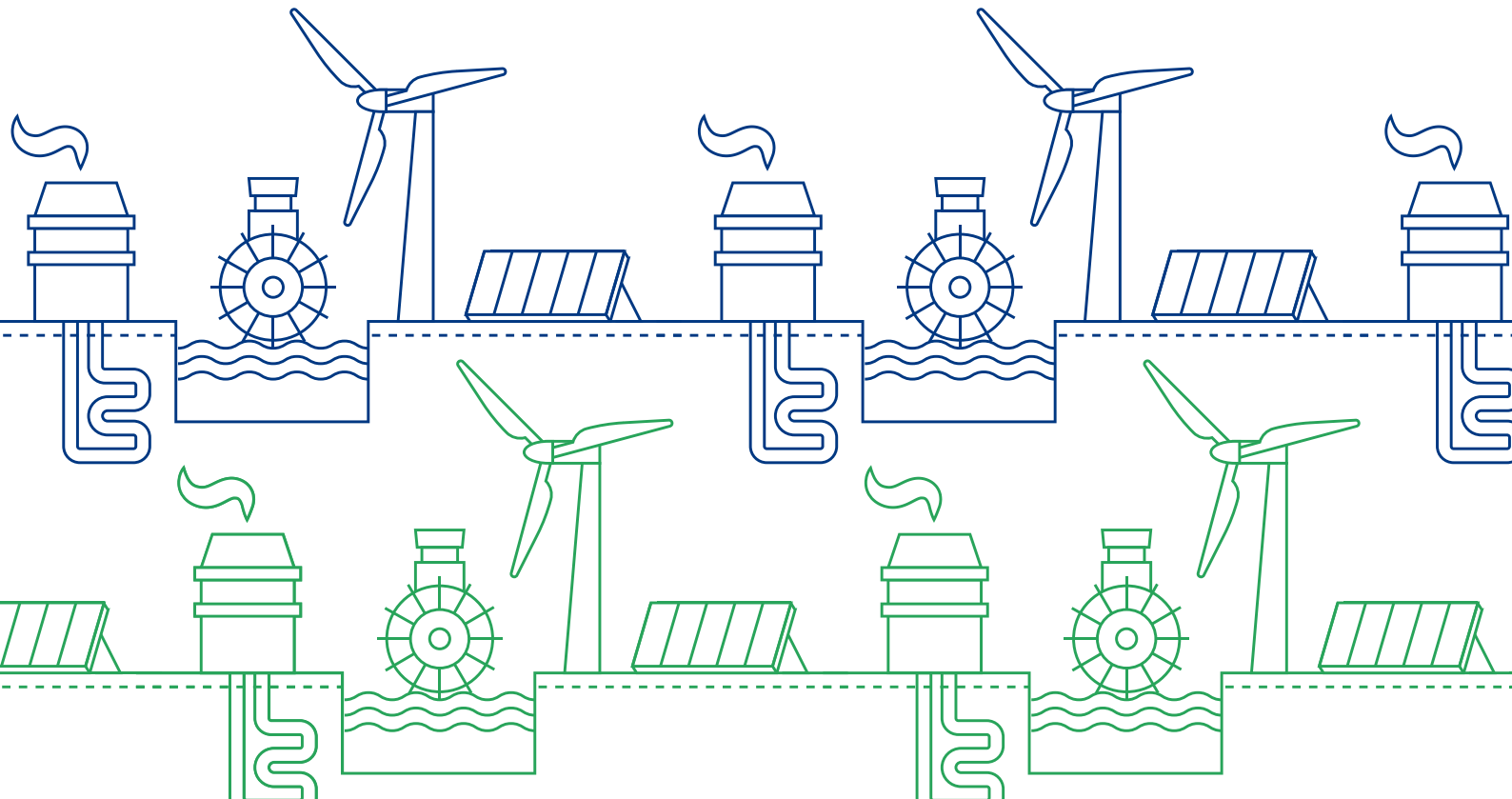
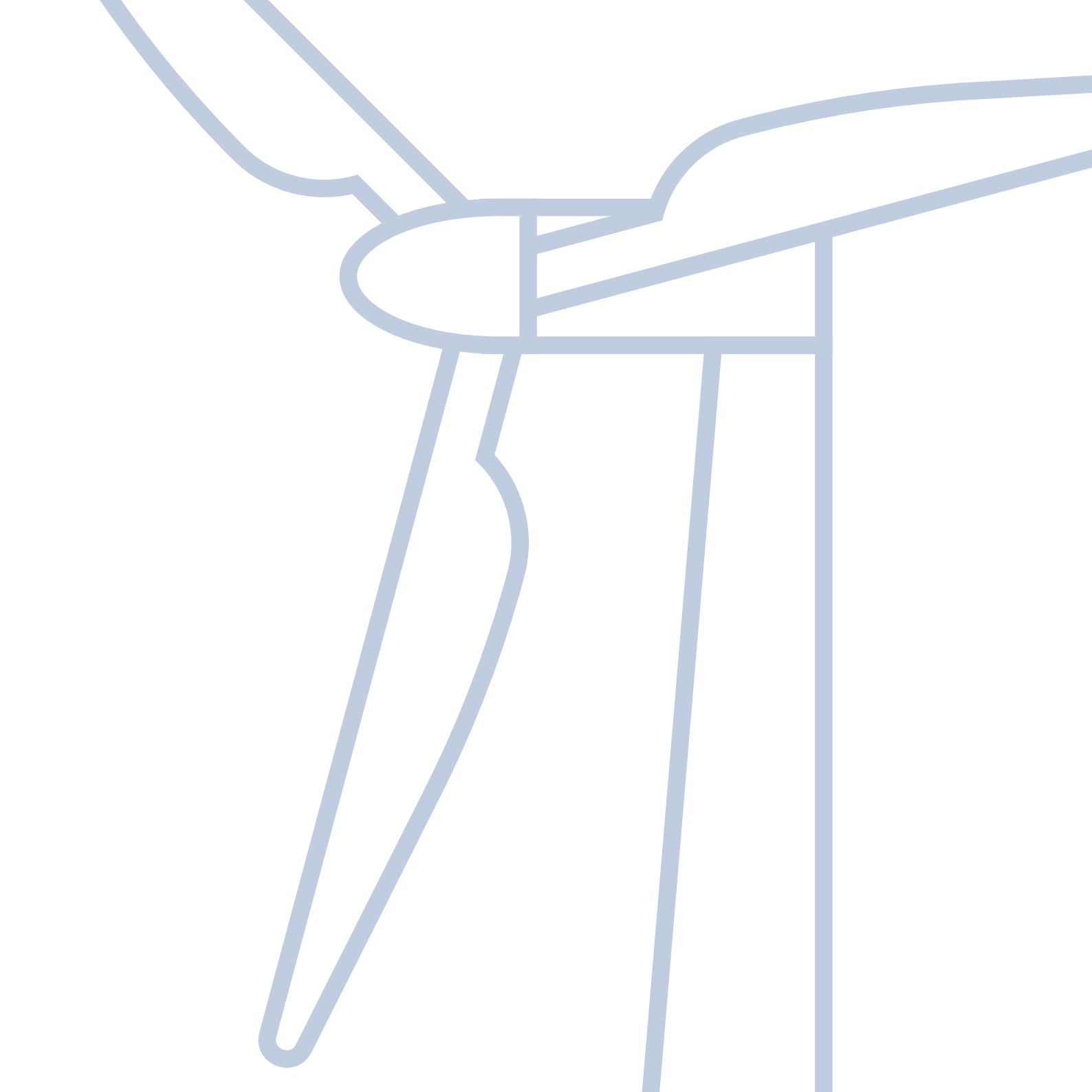


ENERGY COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

EMBRACING A DECARBONIZED FUTURE

Thursday, 27 June 2019
Fleming's Conference Hotel Vienna







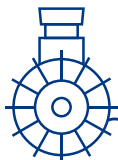
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Sustainability must be the foremost consideration of energy policy. The Energy Community Treaty already includes legislation on energy efficiency, environment and renewables and recommendations on climate change, aligning even more with the EU acquis and low-carbon strategy. An integrated approach that embraces the increasing share of renewables in the energy mix is necessary. At the same time, the region's huge energy efficiency potential is yet to be realized.

The Sustainability Forum is thus a response to the continuous expansion of the Energy Community's work and the pressing need to establish a multi-stakeholder platform dedicated to the key energy and climate issues facing the Energy Community Region. Its mission is to gather all relevant stakeholders, including government officials, the private sector, representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations and academia, to discuss the best ways to contribute towards a low-carbon Energy Community Region.

The theme of this year's Sustainability Forum is "embracing a decarbonized energy future". It will focus on stimulating low-carbon investments in order to unlock a sustainable energy transition in the Energy Community. The potential of low-carbon Asian and especially Chinese investments will be in the spotlight. The practical deployment of low-carbon energy and climate solutions will also be showcased, including innovative projects and business models with multiplier potential in the Energy Community.

For the first time this year, the Sustainability Forum will encompass a technical workshop dedicated to a burning issue - hydropower development in the Western Balkans. Focussing on the environmental impacts of hydropower plants, the workshop will offer practical solutions to sustainable hydropower development in a manner compliant with Energy Community law.



AGENDA

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 - 12:30 TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

The Energy Community Contracting Parties are obliged to increase their share of energy produced from renewable sources significantly. While this process has to be technology-neutral and all sorts of renewables have to play a strategic role therein, the environmental consequences of the different energy sources have to be taken into account. Hydropower plants undoubtedly have a significant impact on the environment and the contribution of particularly small hydropower plants to energy production is extremely limited while their impacts on the environment are disproportionately severe. It is therefore of vital importance to provide adequate safeguard measures when considering such investments in the Contracting Parties. This session will look into the practical and technical details of how this can be carried out in a manner compliant with Energy Community law.

9:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

- **Dirk Buschle**, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat

9:40 PRESENTATION OF POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF HYDRO-POWER PROJECTS

- **Peter Vajda**, Senior Environmental Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

10:00 - 11:00 PART I – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF HYDROPOWER PLANTS: THE DOS AND DON'TS

Chair: **Christina Olsen Lundh**, Judge, Vänersborg, District Court, Sweden

Speakers:

- **Dariusz Prasek**, Director of Operations, Environment & Sustainability Department, EBRD
- **Erwin Mayer**, Hydropower Expert, Environment Agency Austria (UBA)
- **Iris Valkovic**, Case Handler Officer – Infringements, Mainstreaming & Environmental Assessments Unit, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission
- **Mark Lambrides**, Director, Global Energy and Infrastructure, The Nature Conservancy
- **Roel Slootweg**, Director, SevS human and natural environment consultants

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11:00 – 11:15 Q&A

11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30 PART II – STATE OF PLAY IN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Chair: **Peter Vajda**, Senior Environmental Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Brankica Cmiljanovic**, Head of Directorate for Horizontal Legislation, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro
- **Zoran Mateljak**, Freshwater Programme Lead, WWF Adria
- **Ornela Cuci**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania
- **Marko Krejci**, Director, Saxum d.o.o.

12:30-13:30 LUNCH

13:30-14:00 CEREMONIAL OPENING

WELCOME ADDRESS

- **Janez Kopač**, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat

EU PRESIDENCY WELCOME

- **Elena Popescu**, General Director, General Directorate for Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy Romania

KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Dragica Sekulic**, Minister of Economy of Montenegro



AGENDA

14:00-15:30 PANEL 1: INVESTING IN A DECARBONIZED FUTURE IN THE ENERGY COMMUNITY. DREAM OR REALITY?

Chinese and other Asian investments into green solutions are often overshadowed by financing of conventional fossil fuel projects in the Energy Community region. Yet, with ever more stringent emission rules, the profitability of coal-fired power plants is being increasingly questioned. Moreover, the region's huge untapped potential for renewables and energy efficiency coupled with the soon-to-be adopted 2030 energy and climate framework strengthens the business case in favour of low-carbon solutions. This session will serve to highlight low-carbon investment opportunities in the region and look at the remaining investment-related obstacles to unlocking the sustainable energy transition in the Energy Community.

Chair: **Irina Lazzarini**, Sustainable Energy Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- **Marco Keiner**, Director, Environment Division, UNECE
- **Jennifer Vishnoi**, Head - International Business, India Power Corporation Limited
- **Kevin Tu**, Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
- **Pippa Gallop**, Research Coordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network
- **Stephen Minas**, Assistant Professor of Law, Peking University
- **Denis Zisko**, Energy and Climate Change Program Coordinator, Centar za Ekologiju i Energiju
- **Yin Bo**, Executive Director of Europe Office, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

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16:00-17:30 PANEL 2: DEPLOYMENT OF LOW-CARBON ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: WHAT DIFFERENTIATES SUCCESS FROM FAILURE?

Often we hear that the take-up of sustainable energy initiatives and innovative business models is neither a question of lack of finance nor enabling technologies. An almost endless amount of technical support and assistance is available from donors, international financial organizations and alike. So what ingredients lead to a successful initiative? How important is having a conducive legal and regulatory framework in place? This session will showcase innovative projects and business models for climate protection and low-carbon development with multiplier potential in the Energy Community. The session will highlight the practical challenges and concerns faced and how they were overcome.

Chair: **Damjan Rehm Bogunović**, Environment Programme Coordinator, Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Speakers:

- **Dorina Cinari**, Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Energy of Albania
- **John Zablocki**, Nevada Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy
- **Julie Godin**, Country Lead, Green Growth and Climate Funds, Global Green Growth Institute
- **Vedad Suljić**, Director, REIC - Regional Education and Information Centre for Sustainable Development in South-east Europe
- **Rinora Gojani**, Program Manager, Balkan Green Foundation
- **Anna Zvolikevych**, Brussels Representative, DTEK

17:30 - 17:45 CLOSING REMARKS

- **H.E. Kocho Angjushev**, Deputy Prime Minister in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia in charge of economic affairs

19:00 DINNER



FORUM SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

ELENA POPESCU

**General Director, General Directorate for Energy Policy
Ministry of Energy of Romania**

Mrs. Elena Popescu, PhD Power Engineering, graduated from Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Energy Faculty. She holds a PhD on energy policies and optimal energy mix and a Master of Science on management and ecology of engineering systems. Between 2007 – 2012, she acted as counselor at the Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union in Brussels, responsible for nuclear affairs and international affairs in energy, representing Romania in the related Working Groups at the European Council and European Commission. Since September 2013, Mrs. Elena Popescu is the General Director of the Energy Policies Department, Ministry of Energy of Romania. With extensive experience in the energy industry, energy administration and European and international affairs in the energy field, she coordinates activities related to the development, implementation of an integrated energy and climate change policy and regulatory framework for the energy sector in Romania and coordinates also the technical view for the integrated Romanian position on the energy field for the European Council and in relation with EU institutions.



JANEZ KOPAČ

**Director
Energy Community Secretariat**

Janez Kopač has been leading the Energy Community Secretariat since 2012. Prior to this position, he worked as General Director for Energy at the Ministry of Economy of Slovenia for nearly 4 years. He acted as Head of Budget Committee in the Parliament of Republic of Slovenia (1990-2000), as Slovenian Minister of Finance (1992) and Minister of Environment and Energy (2000-2004). Janez Kopač holds a Master's degree from Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana.





DRAGICA SEKULIC

Minister of Economy of Montenegro

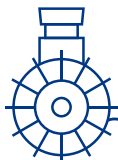
Mrs. Dragica Sekulic was born in 1980 in Podgorica, where she graduated at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering. She was Coordinator of projects in the energy field, Advisor in the Ministry of Economy, after which she was appointed as Deputy Minister of Economy for Energy Efficiency. Following, she was Member of the Coordination Committee for preparation of the Energy Development Strategy, Member of an Expert Team for preparation of the Strategy of Sustainable Development of Montenegro and Member of an Expert Team for preparation of the Study on Renewable Energy Sources in Montenegro. In 2013, she was appointed as the Head of the Negotiating team for Chapter 15 – Energy. Since November 2016, she serves as Minister of Economy.



DIRK BUSCHLE

**Deputy Director
Energy Community Secretariat**

Dirk Buschle is Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat since 2011 and has led its legal unit since 2007. As Chairman of the Energy Community Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Center, he is also responsible for dispute resolution and negotiations and has acted as mediator in high-profile investor-state conflicts in the energy sector. He is a certified negotiation facilitator. Prior to his current position, Dirk was Head of Cabinet of the President of the Court of Justice of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in Luxembourg. Dirk is also Professor and Chairholder of the European Energy Policy Chair at the College of Europe in Bruges. He teaches the annual course “European and International Energy Policy and Governance”. He graduated in law from Constance University, Germany, and earned his Ph.D. at St. Gallen University in Switzerland. He has widely published in different areas of European policy and law, and has lectured at Universities of Reykjavik, Constance and St. Gallen as visiting professor.



FORUM SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

CHRISTINA OLSEN LUNDH

Judge

Vänersborg, Vanerborg District Court, Sweden

Ms. Christina Olsen Lundh, LL.M. LL. D, is doctor of laws and judge at the District Court of Vänersborg, Land- and Environmental court and is responsible for the land and environmental law education at the Swedish Judicial Training Academy. She has written several articles in environmental law and two books; on Emissions Trading under the Kyoto protocol and the EU ETS (2010, 767 pp) and on Environmental Quality Standards (2016, 458 pp) and works part time as senior lecturer of Environmental Law and Procedural Law at the University of Göteborg.



ERWIN MAYER

Hydropower Expert

Environment Agency Austria (UBA)

After obtaining his degree in Environmental Economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Erwin worked in several positions related to the renewable energy sector. He held positions in the civil sector as climate and energy campaigner for Greenpeace Central and Eastern Europe, followed by his role of vice-director for the Austrian association of small hydropower plant operators and vice director for the umbrella organisation Renewable Energy Austria (EEÖ).

Since February 2019, he works as climate and energy economist at the Austrian Environmental Agency (Umweltbundesamt), where his main focus is climate neutrality and energy transition, including hydropower.





IRIS VALKOVIC

**Case Handler Officer – Infringements, Mainstreaming & Environmental Assessments Unit,
Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission**

Ms. Iris Valkovic is a case handler in DG Environment, European Commission. Since 2013, Iris has been a member of the EIA-SEA team, specialising in the application and enforcement of the environmental assessment directives. She participated in a number of conferences on the environmental assessment matters, including Conference on the revised EIA Directive - 30 years of legacy and challenges ahead. Iris contributed to the preparation of a number of guidance documents on the environmental assessment directives, including Environmental assessments of plans, programmes and projects - Rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Interpretation of definitions of project categories of annex I and II of the EIA Directive.

Iris studied law at the University of Zagreb and is a fully qualified Croatian lawyer. She holds a master's degree in EU law from the Europa-Institut at the University of Saarland. Apart from environmental law, she also practiced transport and general regulatory law.



DARIUSZ PRASEK

**Director of Operations
Environment & Sustainability Department, EBRD**

Dr. Prasek currently holds a position of Director of Operations at the Environment and Sustainability Department in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He is responsible for coordinating environmental and social due-diligence and monitoring of various Bank investments. Dr. Prasek joined the Bank in 1992 and has been responsible for the environmental and social appraisal and risk management of the Bank's operations in a variety of sectors. He has been a key contributor to the development and implementation of the EBRD's Green Economy Transition Strategy. He is an expert in environmental, social and governance areas with an experience in around 4000 investment projects across a number of sectors. Before joining the Bank, he was an Advisor for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit).

Dr. Prasek holds a Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the Warsaw University of Technology, and from 1987 to 1991 was Assistant Professor at that university's Institute of Environmental Engineering. Dr. Prasek has published numerous articles in the fields of solid waste management, circular economy, environmental management, environmental aspects of project financing and is a member of many professional organizations.



FORUM SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

MARK LAMBRIDES

**Director, Global Energy and Infrastructure
The Nature Conservancy**

Mark Lambrides, Director for Energy and Infrastructure, recently joined TNC to help develop and manage the Power for Nature programme. Power for Nature is an innovative programme that seeks to accelerate the deployment of sustainable energy solutions, while avoiding conflicts with nature and people.

Previously, while working at the World Bank, Mark managed the preparation and implementation of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and distribution of grid rehabilitation project investments. He also worked on issues related to energy policy and regulatory reform, climate change mitigation and adaptation advisory projects, as well as institutional strengthening initiatives for clients in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

Mark has over 25 years of experience in the sustainable energy sector and has worked for the Organisation of American States (OAS), Winrock International, and the US Export Council for Renewable Energy (US/ECRE). He sits on several advisory boards including the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) and the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF). Mark earned a master's degree in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of John Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Spanish from Kalamazoo College.



ROEL SLOOTWEG

**Director
SevS human and natural environment consultants**

Dr Roel Slootweg, co-owner of SevS Consultants in The Netherlands, is an ecologist with a PhD in environmental sciences. Slootweg is a senior expert in the field of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). He is lead author of the Voluntary Guidelines on Biodiversity of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and published various academic textbooks and publications on the subject. For this work he has received the lifetime achievement of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). In his consultancy work, Slootweg supports NGOs, private and public sector organisations in translating concepts of sustainability into day-to-day practice. His experience is particularly strong in water management, biodiversity and ecosystem services, and natural resources management. Scientific evidence, public participation and transparency are constant qualities in his work.





ORNELA ÇUÇI

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Albania

Following her studies at the University “Eqerem Çabej” in Gjirokastra, Ms Ornela Çuçi completed her master’s studies at the Agricultural University of Tirana for Environmental Science and Technology in 2009. Currently, she holds an honorary Doctorate and a Doctor of Science degree, based on her scientific research on the impact of urban waste management and soil contamination in southern Albania. Her former positions include the Local Infrastructure Development Agency (2003-2005), the Prefect of Gjirokastra District (2005-2013) and the Albanian University and the European University of Tirana with a brief one-year term as Director of the Research Center at Marin Barleti University. Between 2009 and 2014, she was also a freelance expert for the Ministry of Environment on expertise and environmental auditing. Since 2011, Ms Çuçi serves as guest lecturer at the University of Gjirokastra, European University of Tirana, Polytechnic University of Tirana and is an author of many articles and studies published in domestic and foreign scientific journals in the field of environment. In 2016, she was Adviser to the Prime Minister on Environmental Issues and National Coordinator for Integrated Urban Waste Management. Since October 2017, she is Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment.



BRANKICA CMILJANOVIC

Head of Directorate for Horizontal Legislation,

Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro

Ms Brankica Cmiljanovic is Head of the Directorate of Horizontal Legislation in the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism in Montenegro. Further to this role, Brankica also acts as the Secretary of the Chapter 27 Negotiation Team of Montenegro for EU accession, the Secretary of the Stabilization and Association Agreement Team of Montenegro for Environment, Transport, Energy and Regional Policy and as National Contact Point for Environmental Security and UNECE National Focal Point for the Espoo Convention and the SEA Protocol. Her scope of work covers harmonization of national legislation with the EU acquis, cross-cutting issues related to sectoral policies, such as energy, transport, agriculture, water, etc. and for other areas such as strategic environmental assessment, environmental impact assessment, public access to environmental information, environmental liability, environmental crime, infrastructure for the spatial information (INSPIRE), transboundary consultation. Via her different roles, she has been involved in many environmental assessments, both at project and plan/programme level.



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ZORAN MATELJAK

Freshwater Programme Lead

WWF Adria

Mr. Zoran Matelj, after six years of working in the civil engineering field (bridges, dams, and embankments design), moved to the environmental sector in 2001. The main tasks were establishing and organising the work of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe - County Office Bosnia and Herzegovina in Project Office Mostar. He has been applying skills of project management and coordination, environmental cooperation with neighbouring countries, capacity building and technical support to local authorities and environmental non-governmental organisations. Zoran joined WWF in 2007, and started working on mitigation of hydropower impacts on critical freshwater ecosystems in transboundary Neretva and Trebisnjica river basins (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro). Zoran established NGO Dinarica as the sole representative of WWF in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2013, and was leading WWF team in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2018, Zoran moved to the position of Freshwater practice lead for WWF Adria, which operates in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and North Macedonia. The main responsibilities are development of the overall freshwater strategy for WWF Adria and its integration into WWF's global/European initiatives and projects. Zoran holds an MSc in Water and Environmental Management as well as a diploma in hydrology and hydraulic engineering.



MARKO KREJČI

Director

Saxum d.o.o.

Marko Krejči has over 15 years of experience with energy planning and investment projects holding executive and expert positions in different stakeholders: electricity utility; International EPC company; public energy agency; and consultancy.

Mr. Krejči's expertise covers areas of strategic planning, policy development, project development, project management, contracting, business modelling, valuation, dispute resolution and international arbitration. He obtained that expertise working with a wide portfolio of investment projects including energy (hydro, thermal, nuclear and renewable power generation projects), infrastructure (gas pipelines & LNG terminals, optic fiber infrastructure), and green-tech (biodiesel, waste-to-energy, etc).

In terms of territorial coverage, he provided services for projects in Central and South-East Europe and Middle East.

In terms of renewables, Mr. Krejči participated in the development of WB6 Sustainable hydro development study, and in CBA, feasibility studies and similar for a number of hydro projects in WB6. Mr. Krejči also has hands-on experience in the development of several wind, solar, biomass, biogas and small hydro projects in the region.





JENNIFER VISHNOI

Head - International Business
India Power Corporation Limited

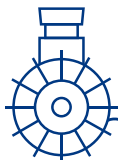
Ms. Jennifer Vishnoi is an enterprising leader with an extensive experience of over 14 years in the private sector fostering high level corporate as well as political partnerships, liaising with regulators, and strong ability to influence thinking, forge alliances, and build consensus. In her current role, Ms. Vishnoi is working as Head of International Business at India Power Corporation Ltd, a 100-year-old company with a 1500 MW capacity of thermal, wind and solar power owned by the Kanoria Foundation Group. The company has actively forayed into a diversified portfolio, with renewable and conventional modes of power generation, distribution & power trading. In this role, Ms. Vishnoi represents the company's interests in multiple countries in CEE and Balkans in the energy sector and identifies actionable projects in Europe, liaising and managing relationships with government bodies, policy makers and regulators. Currently, she is spearheading a renewable energy project consisting of setting up a PV power plant in Albania with a generation capacity of 100 MW. She steers stakeholder engagement at various levels for contractual discussions with ministries, project financing including environmental and social impact assessment. Ms. Vishnoi holds a Master's Degree in Business administration from the Institute of Technology and Management, Mumbai.



PIPPA GALLOP

Research Coordinator
CEE Bankwatch Network

Ms. Pippa Gallop is Research Coordinator at CEE Bankwatch Network, a network of civil society organisations working across central and eastern Europe to ensure that public money benefits people and the environment. Based in Zagreb, Pippa is focusing on ensuring that new energy infrastructure in southeast Europe is environmentally and economically sustainable and on supporting local groups to develop their work in this field. As well as helping to ensure that governments adhere to environmental impact assessment and State aid legislation, Pippa has contributed to Bankwatch's successful work to tighten the European public banks' environmental and social standards on fossil fuel and hydropower projects.



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STEPHEN MINAS

**Assistant Professor of Law
Peking University**

Dr. Stephen Minas is Assistant Professor of Law at the School of Transnational Law, Peking University, China and Senior Research Fellow at the Transnational Law Institute of King's College London. Stephen is co-editor of the books 'E.U. Climate Diplomacy' and 'Stress-Testing the Law of the Sea', and has authored or co-authored various articles and book chapters on the topics of energy and climate technology and finance in international and European law. Stephen has participated in international climate diplomacy and legal affairs in several capacities, including as Party delegate, international organization consultant and legal adviser. He is a member of the steering committee for the United for Climate Justice Initiative and was previously a member of the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee's mitigation and climate technology financing task forces.

Stephen holds a PhD in Law from King's College London, where he held a Modern Law Review scholarship, an MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Honours degrees in Law and History from the University of Melbourne, and has completed the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's accreditation programme for tribunal secretaries.



YIN BO

**Executive Director of Europe Office
Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization**

Dr. Yin Bo, born in 1985, is the Executive Director of the Europe Office of Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO). GEIDCO is an international organization among willing firms, associations, institutions and individuals who are dedicated to promoting the sustainable development of energy worldwide.

Dr. Yin Bo obtained his PhD in International Communication in 2014. He also had studied Law for BD and arts for MD in his education background. He had worked in the largest coal manufacturer and distributor in the world, Shenhua Group (CHN Energy), as the Senior Manager of Coal Import & Export Business in 2009-2016 and then as Specialist for International Commercial Disputes in 2016-2017. He joined GEIDCO in Feb. 2017 as the director of the International Membership & Aid Division, and then was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Europe Office based in Brussels since Feb. 2018, taking charge of the cooperation and communication with partners in Europe. He began to act as the Executive Director of the Europe Office of GEIDCO since the beginning of 2019.





DENIS ŽISKO

Energy and Climate Change Program Coordinator
Centar za Ekologiju i Energiju

Mr. Denis Žiško is Energy and Climate Change Program coordinator in Center for ecology and energy. Since 2013, Mr. Žiško has been coordinating activities of the “Stop dirty energy - the future is renewable” campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The campaign was initiated by a group of NGOs as a reaction to irresponsible and unsustainable management and planning of the energy sector by decision makers in Bosnia and Herzegovina that largely relies on a dirty energy source – coal.



IRINA LAZZERINI

Sustainable Energy Expert
Energy Community

Ms. Lazzarini is Sustainable Energy Expert at the Energy Community Secretariat (Austria) where she is supporting Contracting Parties in integrating energy and climate planning. She has over 13 years of work and research experience in the field of international green policies, with focus on Europe and Asia. Before joining the Energy Community, she was research fellow on sustainable development at Tsinghua University (Beijing), policy officer within the European Commission Environment Directorate General (Brussels) and energy analyst at Enel Foundation (Italy). She worked with UNIDO on green industry policy and co-authored several publications on energy transitions in cities with EURICUR (Rotterdam). She cooperated with the Global Shapers (World Economic Forum) on a number of projects evaluating the impact of renewable energy solutions on off-grid households in emerging economies and co-authored a chapter of ‘Innovating Climate Governance’, published by Cambridge University Press in March 2018.

Ms. Lazzarini holds a Bachelor and Master degree in Economics, Languages and Juridical Institutions of Eastern Asia from Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, and a Postgraduate Master degree in European Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Europe, Natolin, Poland. Beuth Renewables MBA candidate (Berlin), she is fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian (mother tongue) and speaks German.



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DORINA ÇINARI

Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Energy of Albania

Mrs. Dorina Çinari was born in Durrës (Albania) on 25 February 1970. She is married and has two children: Ermbarin and Amblën. In 1988-1992 she completed her university studies at the Polytechnic University of Tirana, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and graduated in Electronic Engineering. She holds a Master in Business Administration from UNY Tirana and IUKB Switzerland. Mrs. Çinari has conducted various training in the field of Good Governance of Natural Resources, Global Energy and Sustainable Development from Columbia University, NY and Houston University, Texas, and the International Leadership Program from the US State Department. Mrs. Çinari has experience in energy and telecommunications and has worked in the Private Sector, government, as well as many Development Programs with International Institutions. One of the highlights of her career was her tenure at the Energy Distribution Operator - CEZ Shpërndarje, as Customer Care Director. During her stay at CEZ Shpërndarje the first network of 46 Care Centers was built under the Customers with one-stop-shop concept across Albania. From 2014, Mrs. Çinari addressed the National Secretariat for Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, as part of Albania's commitment to the international organization EITI International, with a special contribution to the promotion of Albania in the international agenda EITI, through her role as Chair of the Group International Labor Organization for Implementing Member States EITI. Mrs. Çinari is fluent in English and Italian.



KEVIN TU

Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy Columbia University

Mr. Kevin Tu is a fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University. Prior to September 2018, he was China program manager at the International Energy Agency. Before joining the IEA, Tu was director of China Energy & Climate Program at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Previous to that, he served as partner at a Vancouver-based premier energy and environmental consulting firm. Before moving from China to Canada, Tu was the director of marine operations at Shenzhen Sino-Benny, China's largest LPG importer and distributor. He also worked first as technical supervisor and then construction project manager for Sinopec, a Chinese national oil company.

Tu has more than two decades of solid experience in the energy and environmental fields in Asia Pacific, North America and Europe, his research interests cover the full spectrum of energy issues including fossil fuel value chains, energy transitions, energy sector reforms as well as climate change, with a focus on U.S.-China relations and its implications for bilateral energy trade and China's energy & environmental policies.





ANNA ZVOLIKEYCH

Brussels Representative

DTEK

Ms. Anna Zvolikevych is DTEK's Brussels Representative since January 2011. Her scope of activities includes working with the European Institutions, European trade associations, peers and other key European stakeholders. Key topics of her current portfolio cover: energy transition, clean energy package, coal regions in transition platform, energy resilience. In 2013-2015 she co-chaired an ad-hoc group of Eurelectric on Neighbourhood. Before joining the energy sector, Anna worked on international trade and investment issues as Director of EU-Ukraine Business Council, Deputy-Head of Mission of Ukraine to the EU.

Anna is a member of Brussels Women Energy Club (weclub.eu) and contributed to editing 20th anniversary publication and creating a web-site in February 2019. Anna is an engineer by background (specialization in economic cybernetics), with masters in foreign economic activity and recently acquired an MBA with Hult International Business School, specialisation in sustainability.



MARCO KEINER

Director

Environment Division, UNECE

Marco Keiner is Director, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, since 2008. Before, he has been working at UN-Habitat and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, dealing with sustainable urban and regional development. He holds a PhD in Geography and has been private lecturer on environmental planning. He has authored and co-authored scientific articles and nine books on sustainable development and planning issues.

He has been development cooperation expert in Sahel countries for six years.

Marco has German and Mali citizenship and is 56 years old.



FORUM SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

RINORA GOJANI

Program Manager

Balkan Green Foundation

Ms. Rinora Gojani is the Programme Manager at the Balkan Green Foundation. Rinora completed her education in Kosovo and Ireland, specialising in European Union politics and policy with a focus on energy sector, sustainable development, and activism in the Western Balkans. Previously, she worked as a: Senior Research/Policy Analyst for sustainable development issues at the Institute for Development Policy, where she liaised with global environmental and sustainable development policy organisations and authored numerous publications and policy papers; Project Manager at NGO Integra coordinating 'Our Future European Integration', an exchange program which brought together young people from Kosovo, Serbia, and the Netherlands; Team Leader at Youth Initiative for Human Rights, where she mobilised volunteers, organised street actions and monitored implementation of laws; and intern at the Ministry of European Integration where she cooperated with the Ministry of Energy and Mining for the input into the Kosovo Progress Report. Rinora has extensive experience in advocacy, fundraising and organising campaigns, with a focus on social, environmental, and development issues.



JULIE GODIN

Country Lead

Green Growth and Climate Funds, Global Green Growth Institute

Ms. Julie Godin is a Lead Green Growth and Climate Funds at GGGI. Ms. Godin has over 15 years of experience working on climate change and sustainability at the international level. Prior to joining GGGI, Julie held positions at the World Bank in Washington DC and UN Environment in Paris. Since 2017 she leads program's development for the GGGI Hungary Office, covering the development of instruments and specific projects to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement in the Western Balkans. Ms. Godin holds a master's degree in engineering from the Ecole Polytechnique and a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.





VEDAD SULJIĆ

Director

REIC - Regional Education and Information Centre for Sustainable Development in South-east Europe

Mr. Vedad Suljić has about 10 years of working experience in project management related to energy and environmental issues. He graduated from the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo and completed the specialist study at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering to deepen his knowledge of energy and environmental related issues. He is finalising his master thesis at the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo and the Faculty of Economics in Ljubljana in the master program “Environmental economics”. He is expecting to get this year his Master of environmental economics.

In the past he participated in many projects as environmental economist for the development of various strategic plans, feasibility studies, business plans and similar. During his career he worked with national & international development organisations and different IFIs such as EBRD, World Bank, EIB and other. In the past, he was guest lecturer at several universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was the project manager of the first every citizen energy initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina which raised approx. 25.000 EUR for solar collectors. He is married and father of one daughter. He is a passionate sports enthusiast practicing fitness and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu 6 days a week.

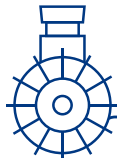


JOHN ZABLOCKI

Nevada Conservation Director

The Nature Conservancy

Mr. Zablocki is the Southern Nevada Conservation Director for The Nature Conservancy since 2014. His work focuses on science and policy to reconcile the dual goals of accelerating deployment of renewable energy and conserving natural habitats for fish and wildlife. In 2018, John spearheaded a successful statewide initiative to change state regulations to facilitate the development of large-scale renewable energy and storage onto mining lands in Nevada, the largest hard rock mining state in the continental US. He graduated first in his class with an MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management from Oxford University and holds a BS degree in Chemistry and a BA degree in Spanish from the University of Montana. His research has been published in journals including Conservation Biology and Aquatic Geochemistry, and has been featured in popular media including Scientific American and National Geographic. While his work is focused in the US, John has close ties to Europe, as his wife is from Belgium and he has lived or studied in UK, Poland, Slovenia, and Austria.



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PETER VAJDA

**Senior Environmental Expert
Energy Community Secretariat**

A lawyer by training with a master's degree in environmental law, Peter has always been involved in issues related to environment, both from legal and technical aspects. Straight after graduation from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), he took up duties at the national environmental agency's Budapest local office.

Between September 2007 and August 2011, Peter was working as a seconded national expert at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment as legal adviser in the unit responsible for EU legislation concerning industrial emissions. In this position, he was also heavily involved in the adoption process of the Industrial Emissions Directive.

In late 2011, Peter was working as legal adviser in the Office of the Director-General in DG Climate Action and in March 2012, he took up duties as environmental expert at the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna. In his current position, his geographical focus covers South East and Eastern Europe, and his focus is to monitor the implementation of environmental legislation in the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community Treaty.

As of January 2018, he works as Senior Environmental Expert at the Energy Community Secretariat.



DAMJAN REHM BOGUNOVIĆ

**Climate Change Programme Coordinator
Heinrich Böll Foundation**

Mr Damjan Rehm Bogunović is Climate Change Programme Coordinator at Heinrich Böll Foundation responsible for Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo. He holds a BA in political science, LLM in constitutional law (Belgrade) and MSc in environmental policy (Oxford). Mr Bogunović previously worked in the Serbian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning. He is passionate about sustainability, cities and art.





KOCHO ANGIJSHEV

Deputy Prime Minister in Charge of Economic Affairs in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

Mr Kocho Angjushev was born on June 20th 1969 in Veles, Republic of North Macedonia. He graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering within the “Saints Cyril and Methodius” University in Skopje in 1992 as the valedictorian of his class with a GPA of 9.36/10. He obtained his Master’s degree at the Institute of Mechanics in 1995 and his PhD in the field of mechanics and dynamics of machines in 1998.

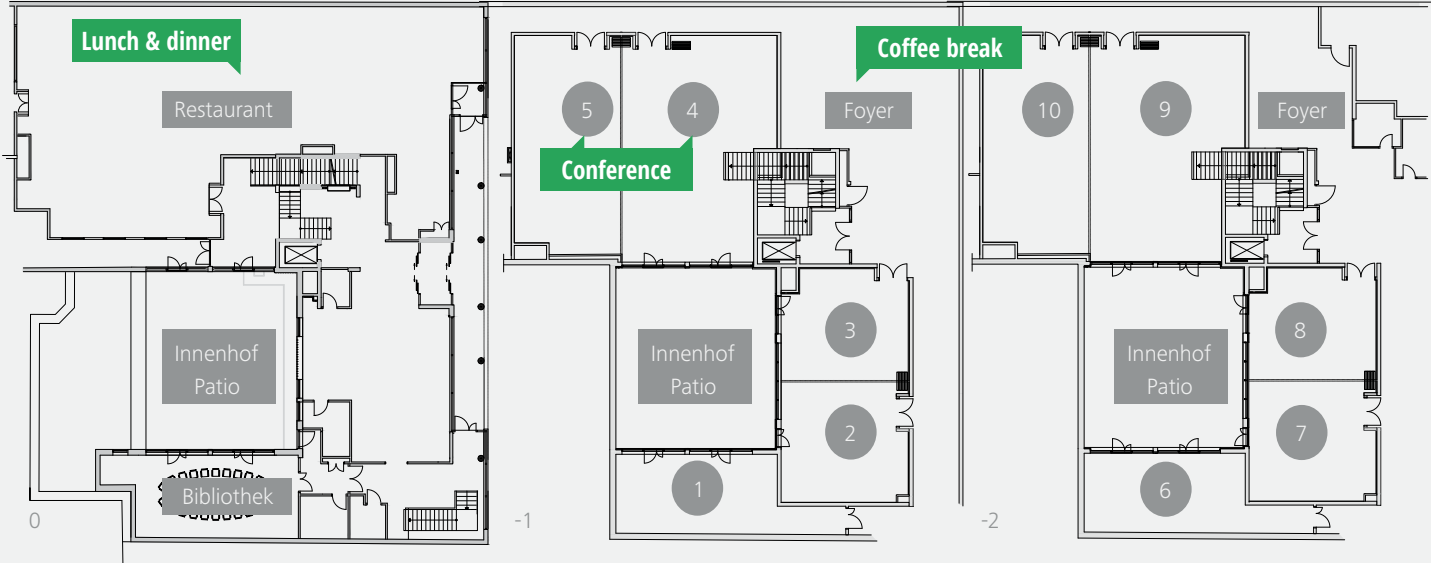
He completed several visits to prestigious educational institutions, firstly at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Aachen, Germany, then as a visiting professor in dynamics of machines at Loughborough University, United Kingdom.

From 2000 to 2002, Mr Angjushev performed the post of Deputy CEO for production and management in the Electric Power Company of Macedonia (ESM), where he is responsible for organizing the domestic production of electricity, the investment maintenance of the power plants and the mines and implementation of projects for their modernization and rehabilitation.

He is founder and CEO of Fero Invest Group - a holding company (founded in 2003) owning equity in various businesses, predominantly active in the fields of engineering, manufacturing and energy. He is also an active member and subsequently vice president of the Economic Chamber of Macedonia from 2004 - 2017.

Mr Angjushev was elected as Deputy Prime Minister in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia on June 1st 2017.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Energy Community is an international organisation which brings together the European Union and its neighbours to create an integrated pan-European energy market. By signing the Energy Community Treaty, the Contracting Parties committed to implementing key EU energy and environmental law, develop an adequate regulatory framework and liberalise their energy markets. To date, some 27 EU laws have been incorporated into the Energy Community's legal framework, covering gas, electricity, security of supply, renewables, climate change, energy efficiency, environment, oil, competition and statistics.

As of July 2017, the Energy Community has ten members: the European Union and nine Contracting Parties - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. Armenia, Norway and Turkey participate as Observers.

Energy Community Secretariat



* Throughout this publication, this designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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Balkan Green Foundation is a regional organization that promotes inclusive and equitable progress within the Western Balkans on sustainable development domain. Along with its partner organizations, BGF places a strong focus on advocating for solutions that promote development policies, which are in line with world's latest developments, global challenges and national agendas for EU integration. Regional initiatives are undertaken on an ongoing basis to further convey BGF's commitment towards regional sustainability, ensuring the strengthening and advancement of vital policies affecting key sectors, such as energy, environment, and economy.

BGF has been successfully positioned as a key strategic partner for regional and global institutions, organizations, and communities in promoting sustainable development, transforming innovative concepts into powerful solutions, and strengthening regional and global partnerships.

Fostering democracy and upholding human rights, taking action to prevent the destruction of the global ecosystem, advancing equality between women and men, securing peace through conflict prevention in crisis zones, and defending the freedom of individuals against excessive state and economic power – these are the objectives that drive the ideas and actions of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. We maintain close ties to the German Green Party (Alliance 90/The Greens) and as a think tank for green visions and projects, we are part of an international network encompassing well over 100 partner projects in approximately 60 countries.

The Heinrich Böll Foundation works independently and nurtures a spirit of intellectual openness. We maintain a worldwide network with currently 30 international offices. Our work in Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo concentrates on the democratization process, political education, and environmental protection and sustainable development. We support and open public fora about topical and marginalized social-political issues and we enable networking of local and international actors close to the Green values.

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The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a global science-based nature conservation organization with a proven track record of on-the-ground success spanning more than 60 years. It has evolved from its roots as the largest conservation organization in the United States to an international one leveraging its knowledge and experience globally. Thanks to more than a million members and the dedicated efforts of our diverse staff and more than 400 scientists, we impact conservation in 72 countries across six continents.

TNC Europe has 20 staff across three offices – in Berlin, London and Brussels – who are tackling global challenges including climate change, renewable energy, freshwater and biodiversity conservation. Southeast Europe programme is one of our flagship initiatives in Europe. In collaboration with partners, we are working to enable solutions that make renewable energy work for people and nature.

