

## Introducing a new webinar series: the role of green bonds in the energy transition

With the recent adoption of the Clean Energy Package II and the Governance Regulation specifically, the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community are in the process of developing their National Energy and Climate Plans, which aim to provide the integrated vision of long-term climate and energy planning necessary to transform and decarbonise their economies. However, the Policies and Measures set out in the integrated plans require an enormous amount of funding in order to reach their transformative potential. Besides relying on national budgetary or international donors' resources, Contracting Parties may turn to more innovative means of financing, including green bonds.

Green bonds can be key instruments to finance the transition towards a low-carbon economy and attract a more diversified base of investors. Investors however require credible policies and programmes in order to put their investments in government issued Green Bonds. The national targets and the Policies and Measures aimed to implement those in the National Energy and Climate Plans of the Contracting Parties accompanied by solid monitoring and verification systems can serve as a credible basis required by investors.

Furthermore, not only government agencies, but also private entities, such as mortgage banks, energy companies and real-estate investors can issue green bonds to support company-wide decarbonisation efforts, as it has already occurred in numerous cases in the European Union. Also with the introduction of the EU Green Taxonomy requirements, investors are looking for sustainable and green investment opportunities, where green bonds can be an attractive tool.

The [Energy Community Secretariat](#) in cooperation with the [Hungarian National Bank](#) and the support of the [Western Balkans Green Center](#) will organise regular online webinars to disseminate the concept of green bonds free of charge. The schedule and topics of the webinar series are the following:

1. [Introductory webinar on green finance and green bonds](#) - 24<sup>th</sup> March 16:00-17:00 CET
2. [Webinar on government bonds issuance to support national green programmes](#) - 7<sup>th</sup> April 16:00-17:00 CET
3. [Webinar on green bonds issuance on national and municipal level to support just transition](#) - 21<sup>st</sup> April 16:00-17:00 CET
4. [Webinar on green bonds supporting investments in sustainable buildings](#) - 5<sup>th</sup> May 16:00-17:00 CET
5. [Webinar on green bonds supporting investments in the energy sector](#) - 19<sup>th</sup> May 16:00-17:00 CET
6. [Webinar on setting up ESG strategy, and including ESG-aspects in financial operations](#) - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 16:00-17:00 CET

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