

2nd Meeting on Green Finance in the Energy Community

Tuesday, 29th March 2021 (9:00 - 12:30)

Location: **WebEx meeting (online!)**

WebEx link opens at 8:30

1. New developments under EU sustainable finance and how the energy sector is adapting

Sustainable finance is ever evolving in the European Union and its neighbourhood with events like the adoption of the new rules on financing gas and nuclear projects under the EU Taxonomy. This section will provide an overview on the new rules under the EU Taxonomy and it will discuss how the energy sector is adapting to the new expectations.

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| Welcome and Introduction | 09.00-09.10 | Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat |
| Recent developments under the EU Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth – Focusing on the gas and nuclear aspects of the new EU Taxonomy rules | 09.10-09.40 | Pietro Cesaro, Researcher, European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (TBC) |
| How the energy sector is preparing for the implementation of the new taxonomy rules? | 09.40-10.00 | Kavita Ahluwalia, Head of Global Positioning, Corporate Communication and Governmental Relations, Uniper (TBC) |
| Developing green assets in the portfolio of an energy company | 10:00-10:20 | Anita Simon, Deputy CEO, Sustainability and Circular Economy, Alteo Group |
| Q&A | 10:20-10:30 | Financial institutions and Contracting Parties |

Break 10:30-10:40

2. The link between private and public investments in the energy transition

To secure the necessary green financing for the energy transition, public and private investments should strengthen each other. In this section we will discuss different international tools, such as the new EU flagship initiative Global Gateway boosting smart and clean energy and transport sectors or proposals to set up a just transition fund for the Western Balkans, which can support governments, financial institutions and policymakers in updating their policy frameworks on the newest trends in green finance.

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| Global Gateway, the EU's contribution to narrowing the global investment gap | 10.40-11.00 | Alessandra Sgobbi, Team Leader, Centre of Thematic Expertise on Connectivity, Environment, European Commission |
| Budgetary practices that support the green transition | 11:00-11:20 | Elva Bova, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission |

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| Just Transition Fund for the Western Balkan – What role should public finance play in the energy transition? | 11.20-11:40 | Ioana Ciuta, Energy coordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network; Nikos Mantzaris, Senior Policy Analyst & Partner, Green Tank |
| Green Finance Measures Database – A tool to support the development of NECPs | 11.40-12.00 | Camille Andre, GFP Manager, Green Finance Platform |
| Q&A | 12:00-12:10 | Financial institutions and Contracting Parties |

3. Next steps and wrap-up

The Energy Community Secretariat will provide an overview on its current and future plans to support green transition in the Contracting Parties.

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| Next steps and Wrap-up | 12.10-12.20 | Tibor Schaffhauser, Climate Policy Advisor, Energy Community Secretariat |
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