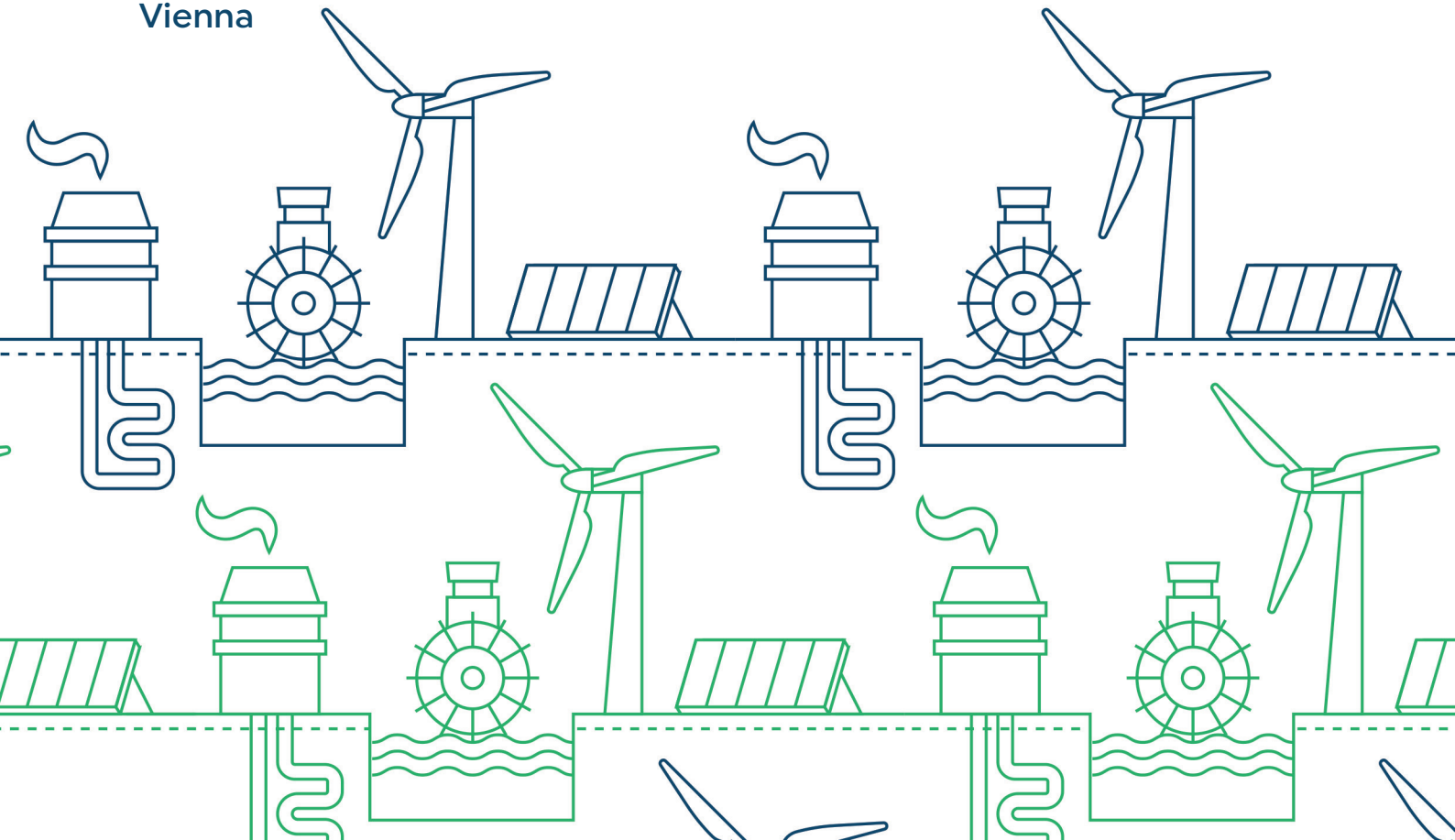
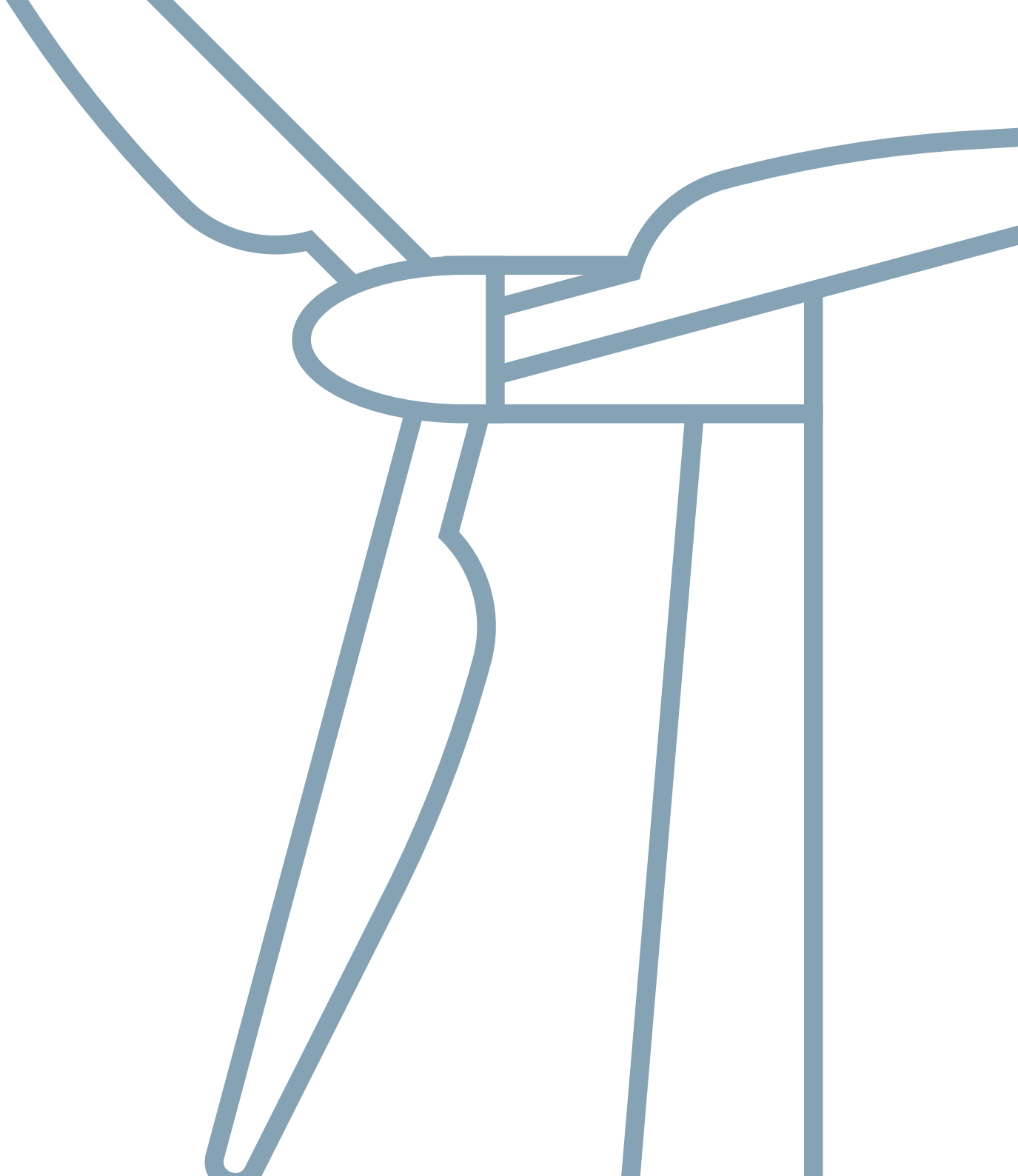


# SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

CLEAN ENERGY  
FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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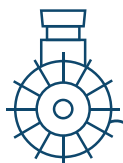


# CLEAN ENERGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Sustainability must be the foremost consideration of energy policy. The Energy Community Treaty already includes legislation on energy efficiency, environment and renewables and soon 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 thematic focus of the 2017 Sustainability Forum is on the big energy dilemma faced by Energy Community Contracting Parties, standing at a crossroad between investing in coal-fired power plants or efficient use of energy from primarily renewable sources. The event will take stock of the implementation of the Sustainability Charter, endorsed by the Western Balkan 6 countries to support their transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient energy sector. The local dimension of sustainability will also be explored, with particular focus to the role played by cities and urban stakeholders in empowering local economy by promoting innovative business models and the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions.



# AGENDA

## 9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION

## 9:30 - 10:00 OPENING CEREMONY

### Welcome

**Janez Kopač**

Director, Energy Community Secretariat

### Host Country Welcome

**Mr Günter Liebel**

Director General, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

### European Commission Keynote Address

**Artur Runge-Metzger**

Director for Climate Strategy, Governance and Emissions from Non-trading Sectors, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission

## 10:00 - 11:00 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL: THE ENERGY COMMUNITY AT A CROSSROAD.

### 'CLEAN' COAL OR CLEAN ENERGY?

Sustainability must be the foremost consideration of energy policy. The Energy Community Treaty already includes legislation on energy efficiency, environment and renewables and, soon to be included legislation on climate change, aligning the Community even more with the EU acquis and low-carbon strategy. At the same time the Contracting Parties are standing at a crossroad between investing in new coal-fired power plants or promote the efficient use of energy from renewable sources.

The panel will review experiences from Contracting Parties and international partners, looking into the possible ways to shift towards a clean, low-carbon development without distorting the functioning of the energy market.

The discussions will focus on the preconditions for growing sustainably and delivering on the region's climate commitments, gradually phasing-out fossil fuels subsidies to end-users and increasing investment in renewable energy technology.

**Chair:** **Haki Abazi**

Program Director for the Western Balkans, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

**Speakers:**

• **H.E. Aleksandar Antić**

Minister of Mining and Energy of Serbia

• **H.E. Ostap Semerak**

Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

• **Wendel Trio**

Director, Climate Action Network Europe

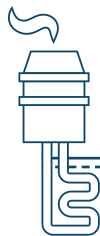
• **Georg Rebernig**

Managing Director, Umweltbundesamt

**11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE & TEA / PRESS CONFERENCE**

**11:30 - 12:30 PLENARY 1: TOWARDS THE TRIESTE SUMMIT.  
THE WESTERN BALKAN 6 AND THE SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER**

The six Contracting Parties from South East Europe agreed on the Sustainability Charter at the Western Balkan 6 Summit in July 2016 in Paris. The aim of the Charter is to support the transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient energy sectors and to implement a set of regulatory, policy and practical measures to improve the efficiency and sustainability of energy markets. This year, the Western Balkan Summit will take place on 12 July in Trieste, under the Italian chairmanship.



# AGENDA

How far have countries gotten in their implementation of the Charter and other sustainability objectives? What should be the focus of the 2017 Trieste Summit?

**Chair:** **Violeta Kogalniceanu**

Head of Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency, Energy Community Secretariat

**Speakers:**

• **H.E. Mirko Šarović**

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina

• **Visar Azemi**

Executive Director, Balkan Green Foundation

• **Morten Jung**

Senior Adviser, Western Balkans Directorate, Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

• **Jozsef Feiler**

Senior Associate, European Climate Foundation

**12:30 - 13:15 LUNCH**

**13:15 - 14:30 PLENARY 2: EMPOWERING LOCAL ECONOMY. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS MODELS IN URBAN COMMUNITIES**

Urban communities are the key places where sustainable energy initiatives, regulatory measures and innovative business models emerge and are legitimated. Stakeholders active at community and city level are increasingly involved in energy transition, promoting the adoption of low-carbon solutions and citizen-led energy projects.

Which actors (communities, NGOs, local authorities, ESCOs, small business, etc.) are empowering local economy by promoting the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions? Which innovative initiatives and finance models are emerging at urban level? How local and regional authorities support this energy transition?

**Chair: Nigel Jollands**

Associate Director, EBRD

**Speakers:**

• **Garret Tankosic-Kelly**

Founder and Principal, SEE Change Net

• **Dragutin Djekovic**

Capital City Manager, Podgorica

• **Jasminka Young**

Co-founder, RES Foundation

• **Luis Carvalho**

Associate Researcher, European Institute for Comparative Urban Research (EURICUR)

• **Ankica Barbulov**

Business Manager, GGE

**14:30 - 14:45 CLOSING SPEECH**

**Ulrike Lunacek**

Vice President of the European Parliament



# FORUM SPEAKERS



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## **JANEZ KOPAČ**

**Director**  
**Energy Community Secretariat**

Mr. Kopač has been leading the Energy Community Secretariat since 2012. His mission is to extend EU internal energy market to South East Europe and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework. Prior to this position, he worked as General Director for Energy at Ministry of Economy of Slovenia for nearly 4 years. He acted as Slovenian Minister of Finance in 1992 and Minister of Environment (2000-2004). Mr. Kopač has a master's degree from Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana.



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## **VISAR AZEMI**

**Executive Director**  
**Balkan Green Foundation**

Mr. Azemi holds his current position since 2014. He also serves as the Coordinator of the Kosovo Civil Society Consortium for Sustainable Development (KOSID). Previously, he worked as the representative and lecturer for the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. He has over ten years of professional experience in non-profit sector, with extensive knowledge in partnership development, strategic planning, program management, and marketing. His prior work also includes management work with the Central Texas College, International Organization for Migration, and KBR.





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## **GÜNTER LIEBEL**

**Director General for Environment and Climate Department  
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management  
Austria**

Mr. Liebel moved to the Federal Government in 1985 to build up the Austrian Environmental Agency and worked there as Deputy General Manager. In 1996, he was appointed as Director for Nature Conservation and National Parks within the Austria's Federal Ministry of Environment. In 2003, Mr. Liebel was promoted as Deputy Director General for Sustainability and Rural Development. Since 2006, he holds the current position as Director General. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund at the Austrian Energy Agency and at the Austrian Environmental Agency.

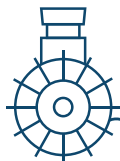


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## **ARTUR RUNGE-METZGER**

**Director  
DG Clima, European Commission**

Mr. Runge-Metzger took up his current position as the Director on 'Climate Strategy, governance and emissions from non-trading sectors' from January 2016. Previously, his work focussed on international and domestic climate strategy, international climate change negotiations, climate finance, land use and monitoring and reporting. During this time he was one of the EU lead negotiators, Vice-President of the UNFCCC Bureau in 2010-2012, and also co-chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) in 2013/14 preparing the Paris Agreement. Mr. Runge-Metzger formerly served as Head of Operations in the EC Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo. He also worked in DG Development and DG Environment in Brussels on a wide range of environmental issues, particularly climate change in developing countries. He holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics.



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**ULRIKE LUNACEK**  
**Vice President**  
**European Parliament**

Ms. Lunacek has been MEP (Greens/EFA) since 2009, EP-Rapporteur for Kosovo, Co-President of the LGBTI Intergroup of the EP, and she is also a Member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. As Vice President of the European Parliament, she is in charge of the Sakharov Prize Network and the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). From 1999 to 2009 she was Green MP and the Austrian Greens' Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Development Issues as well as on Equality for Lesbians, Gays, Transgender Persons. In 2009 she successfully ran on the Austrian Greens' list for the European Parliament and in the European elections of 2014, as lead candidate, she topped Austrian Greens' electoral successes with 14.5% and a third seat for her party in the EP.



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**HAKI ABAZI**  
**Western Balkans Program Director**  
**Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

Mr. Abazi leads the Western Balkans portion of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund's Pivotal Place program. Prior to joining the RBF in 2007, he served as the Director of the Kosovo office of the East West Management Institute, where he developed and implemented a wide range of programs addressing critical issues in Kosovo during the transition period. Mr. Abazi spent more than nine years designing and managing development programs that supported overall developments and increased citizen participation in decision-making processes in a number of countries, including Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro, Afghanistan, and Indonesia. He has in-depth knowledge of, and experience with, the civil society community and the geopolitics of the Balkans region.



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**ALEKSANDAR ANTIĆ**  
**Minister of Mining and Energy**  
Serbia

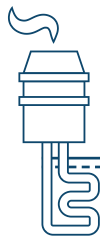
Mr. Antić holds his current position since April 2014, while previously serving as the Minister of Transport in the Government of the Republic of Serbia. He was a councillor in the Municipality of Zvezdara for two terms and was three times elected as a local MP at the City Hall of Belgrade. From 2004 to 2008, he was the President of the SPS parliamentary group at the Belgrade City Hall. He served as Chair of the Belgrade City Assembly for two mandates. In the 2012 parliamentary elections, Mr. Antić was elected as a deputy in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. He was a member of the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs and the Committee for European Integration and a member of the Permanent Parliamentary Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.



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**OSTAP SEMERAK**  
**Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources**  
Ukraine

Mr. Semerak serves at his current position since April 2016. He has taken over the Ministry with the ultimate responsibility for shaping and implementing the national environmental and natural resources policy to ensure its most efficient integration into other policy areas and economy sectors by promoting openness and transparency, the principles of democracy and the rule of law. He acted as Member of the Ukrainian Parliament during 2007-2012 and 2014-2016. Prior to this position, he worked as Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. Mr. Semerak has a master's degree in Political Science from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



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## **WENDEL TRIO**

**Director**  
**Climate Action Network Europe**

Mr. Trio has 30 years of experience in working for NGOs, including serving as the Political Director for Oxfam in Belgium, as Campaign Director for Greenpeace Belgium and as Director of the Policy and Business Unit of Greenpeace International. In that capacity, he managed the Greenpeace International climate policy work. Mr. Trio started working as CAN Europe Director in September 2011. His main tasks include giving strategic guidance, providing high-level political representation, and overall coordination of the 130 NGO members in the CAN Europe network.



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## **GEORG REBERNIK**

**Managing Director**  
**Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt GmbH)**

After 1989, Mr. Rebernik joined the Austrian Ministry for Environment as Deputy Head of Unit for Environmental Economics and Energy. In 1984, he became Environment Attaché at the Austrian Permanent Representation at the European Union in Brussels. During the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council in 1998, he acted as Chairman of the Environment Working Party of the Council. Since 1999, Mr. Rebernik is the Managing Director at Umweltbundesamt, Austria's largest organisation of experts on all environmental issues. With more than 450 experts in 55 academic disciplines, Umweltbundesamt focuses on interdisciplinary work in all environmental disciplines and also examines plausible future pathways of combined social and environmental systems.



**VIOLETA KOGALNICEANU**  
**Head of Infrastructure and EE Unit**  
**Energy Community Secretariat**

Ms. Kogalniceanu has been working at the Energy Community Secretariat since 2006. She provides assistance to contracting parties to develop and implement energy efficiency legal framework and to bridge the financing gap for energy efficiency investments. She has over 25 years of experience in international programme management and consulting for energy and energy efficiency policy and strategy development, capacity building and institutional strengthening, project analysis and financing for climate change, energy efficient technologies and renewable energy sources.



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**MIRKO ŠAROVIĆ**  
**Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations**  
**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Mr. Šarović previously acted as the Serb Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and served as Chairman of the Presidency until April 2003. Before that he served as the Vice President and later on as the President of the Republic of Srpska. Before 1990, he worked in economic systems "Famos" Sarajevo – "Engine factory Sarajevo" and "Unis" Sarajevo. His work experience in administration began as Secretary of the Municipal Assembly of New Sarajevo. He was also the President of the Executive Board of the Municipality of East New Sarajevo and East Sarajevo Mayor. Mr. Šarović also served two terms as a member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska.



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## **MORTEN JUNG**

### **Senior Adviser**

**European Commission, Western Balkans Directorate,  
Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations**

Mr. Jung has worked for the European Commission since 1985 and has been working with transition economies and EU accession for the last 27 years. In his present position since January 2017, he is dealing with policy definition and coordination in relation to the 'Berlin process', connectivity agenda, youth, economic governance, security and migration in relation to the Western Balkans in the framework of the EU accession process. From 2013 to 2016 he was Head of Unit managing policy development and EU financial support in relation to the Western Balkans regional cooperation and connectivity. Previously, he served as Head of Unit for Iceland in charge of the EU accession negotiations process, and also worked on the Bulgarian accession process with focus on EU support and the accession negotiations. He was posted as economic adviser at the EU Delegation to Hungary from 1990 to 1995.



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## **JOZSEF FEILER**

### **Senior Associate**

**South-East Europe ECF**

Prior to joining the European Climate Foundation in 2016, Mr. Feiler worked as Topic Area Leader of the Regional Environmental Center in Hungary, earlier been heading climate policy in the Hungarian public administration for nearly a decade. He also served in the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, under the Hungarian Parliament. Mr. Feiler also led the Hungarian EU presidency and supported the Cyprus, Lithuanian and Greek EU presidency on international climate policy. He has worked as a policy coordinator of CEE Bankwatch Network, one of the largest advocacy NGOs from the new EU member states between 1995 and 2003. Mr. Feiler has extensive experience in climate policy development at national, EU and international level and in both the public and non-profit sectors.



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**NIGEL JOLLANDS**  
**Associate Director**  
**EBRD**

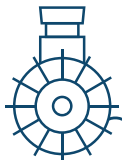
Mr. Jollands current role of Associate Director, Policy and Climate Finance, includes supporting the Bank's Green Economy investment programme through policy dialogue with governments in the Bank's area of operations (Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and North Africa). Prior to this role, he spent 5 years as the Head of the Energy Efficiency Unit at the International Energy Agency. His previous positions include Principal Ecological Economist in the New Zealand Centre for Ecological Economics (NZCEE), Senior Lecturer at Massey University, and senior policy analyst in New Zealand's capital at various Ministries (Ministry of Commerce; Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and Ministry for the Environment). Mr. Jollands has worked on sustainable energy and environmental policy for 23 years.



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**GARRET TANKOSIĆ-KELLY**  
**Founder and Principal**  
**SEE Change Net**

Mr. Tankosić-Kelly leads the regional think tank SEE Change Net, which deals with Energy, Sustainability and EU integration amongst other topics. SEE Change Net recently launched a unique set of energy models - the SEE2050 Carbon Calculator - which explores the cost and carbon impact of various policy pathways and is also partner in Horizon 2020 funded project European Calculator. As the former Head of United Nations in Montenegro, Mr. Tankosić-Kelly was the initiator of the world's first UN Eco Premises in Podgorica. He has worked in Ireland, Republic of South Africa, Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, USA, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Romania and Kosovo.



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## **DRAGUTIN DRAGO DJEKOVIC**

**Head Manager**  
City of Podgorica

Before his current position, Mr. Djekovic has been the European and International Advisor in the LGA (Local Government Association of England and Wales), based in London. Furthermore, he served as the Director of the Local Democracy Agency, a local development organization that worked under the auspices of the Council of Europe in Montenegro, and he was also the founder and Coordinator of the Nansen Dialogue Centre. His current responsibilities include strategic design and management of Podgorica capital projects, international cooperation and overall project coordination in the City.



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## **JASMINKA YOUNG**

**Co-Founder**  
RES Foundation

Ms. Young co-founded the RES Foundation and works as Program Director for Public Policy and Governance. She worked with the Government of Serbia as policy advisor, and was also appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to represent Serbia in many international working groups including UN Global Forum on Migration and Development and Council of Europe Committee on Migration in Strasbourg. Also, she worked with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and United Nations Development Program. Ms. Young's areas of expertise include climate and energy governance, policy entrepreneurship, policy evaluation, EU integration, environmental management and circular economy. She is the author of the book "Application of EU Environmental Standards in the Serbian Economy".





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**LUÍS CARVALHO**  
Senior Researcher  
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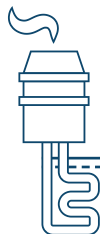
Mr. Carvalho is Senior Researcher at the European Institute for Comparative Urban Research, based at the University of Porto, and a visiting fellow at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. He is an expert in urban development, innovation and economic geography issues. His work has been published in scientific journals such as *Regional Studies*, *European Planning Studies*, *Environment & Planning-A* and the *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*. Over the last years Mr. Carvalho has carried out major international comparative studies on the link between cities, experimentation and energy transitions. His current research interests focus on the geography of smart city innovation.



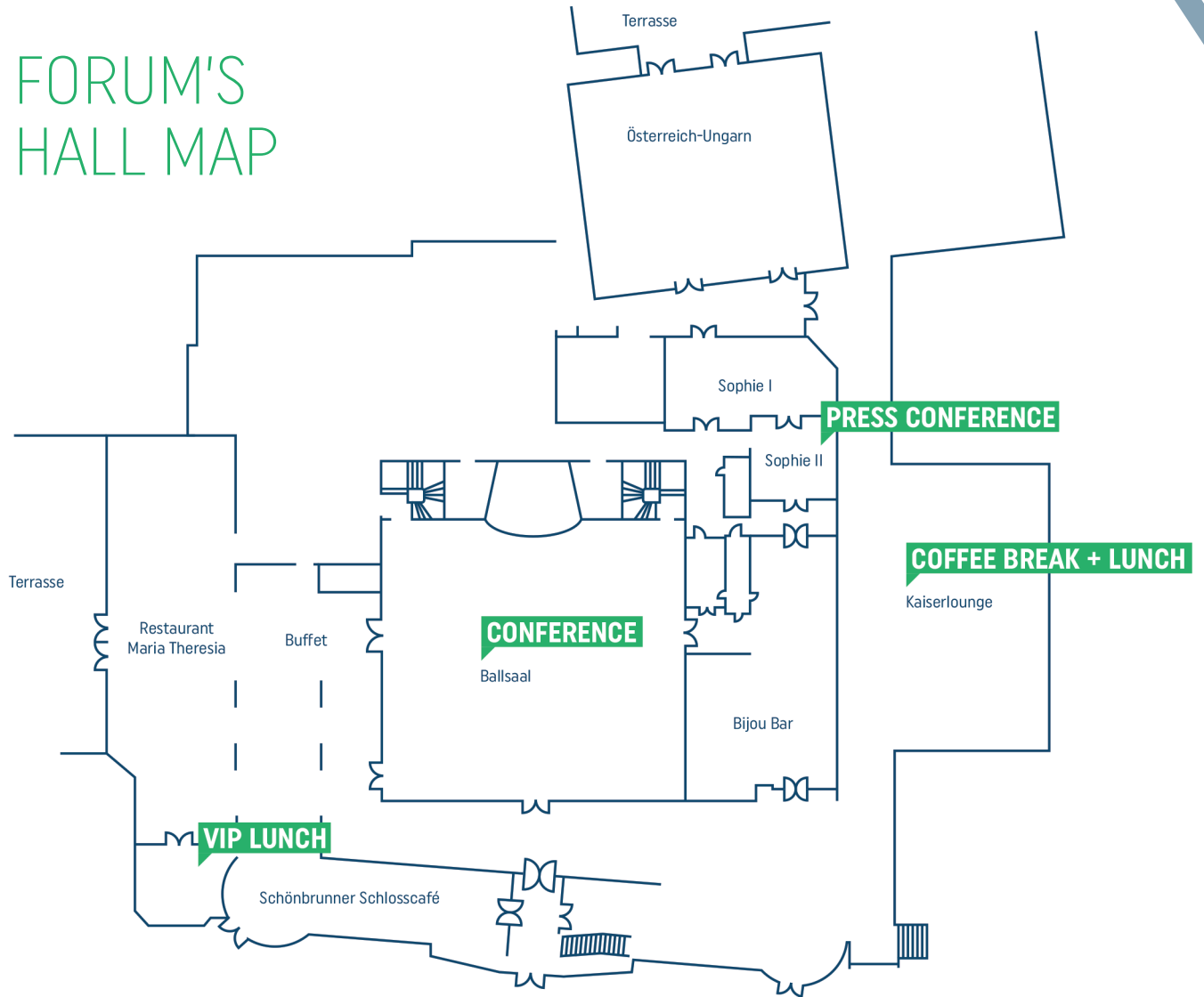
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**ANKICA BARBULOV**  
Managing Director  
GGE Serbia

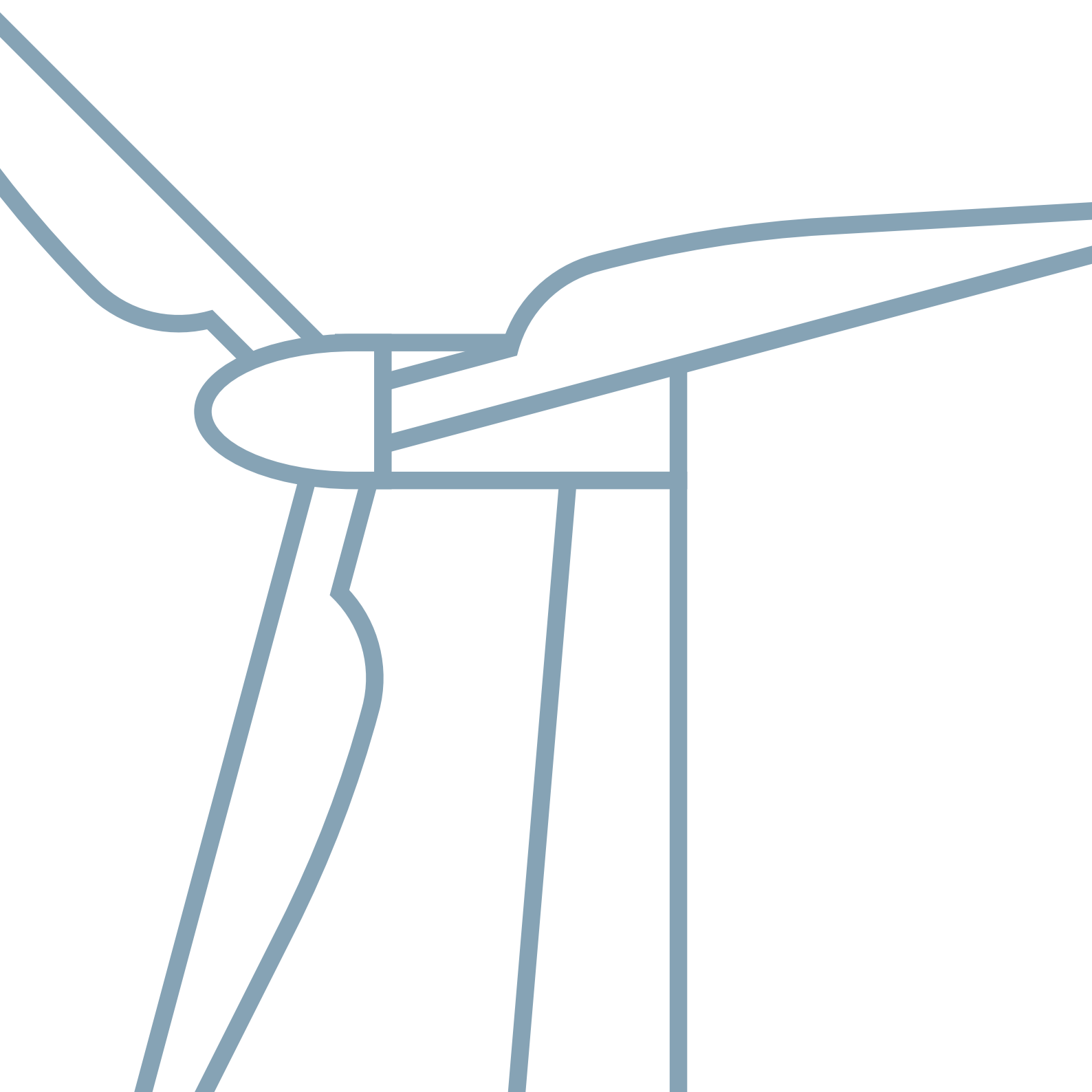
Ms. Barbulov has been leading GGE's efforts to improve energy efficiency in Serbia. Ms. Barbulov and her team have a growing portfolio of projects in the industrial and hospitality sectors and are also working towards improving Serbia's raising awareness of PPP and ESCO model possibilities. Prior to joining GGE, she was the Country Director for Gorenje Projekt, and spent ten years as a business consultant for Chinese firms given her fluency in mandarin (she has a degree in sinology from the University of Belgrade). A passionate advocate for sustainability and green energy, Ms. Barbulov is a reputed public speaker and holds an MBA from the IEDC Bled School of Management.



# FORUM'S HALL MAP



## PARKHOTEL SCHÖNBRUNN



# 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 25 EU laws have been incorporated into the Energy Community's legal framework, covering gas, electricity, security of supply, renewables, oil, energy efficiency, environment, competition and statistics.

As of October 2013, the Energy Community has nine members: the European Union and eight Contracting Parties - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. Georgia, Armenia, Norway and Turkey participate as Observers. Georgia is presently in the process of joining the Energy Community as a full-fledged member.



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.