

Workshop on EU Green Taxonomy in the energy and building sectors

Thursday, 30th September 2021 (9:30 - 12:00)

Location: WebEx meeting (online!)

WebEx link opens at 9:00

The first Workshop on Green Finance in the Energy Community has introduced and discussed the EU Green Taxonomy Regulation. Since then more information is available and more work has been done on the detailed rules (through the so-called delegated acts) of the EU Taxonomy. The delegated acts provide an overview on the future requirements in order to decarbonise the continent. This workshop will look into the implications of the new delegated acts on the energy and buildings sectors.

1. Welcome and introduction

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09.30-09.40

Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat

2. Greening the energy sector - introduced and moderated by Ema Potocnik, Vienna International Arbitral Centre

One of the cornerstones to reach a climate neutral future is the decarbonisation of the energy sector. Some effects of the energy transition in the European Union, for example the pricing of CO2 emissions have already started to spill over to the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community. A similar effect can be expected from the new rules under the EU Green Taxonomy Regulation. This section will look into more detail on what effects the delegated acts of the Regulation can have on the day-to-day activities of energy sector and provide some insight on their future operations from stakeholders.

EU Taxonomy Explored: Electricity & Energy

09.40-10.00

Brigitte Bichler, Head of OMV Carbon, Energy and ESG Management, Member of the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance

The implications of the EU Taxonomy for power generation

10.00-10:20

Dr. Andreas Niehoff, Head of Sustainability & Systems, Uniper (TBC)

The implications of the EU Taxonomy for grids and renewable energies

10.20-10.40

Viola Rocher, Head of EU Representation Brussels; Dr. Lothar Rieth, Group expert on sustainability EnBW

Q&A

10:40-11:00

Contracting Parties

3. **Greening the buildings sector** - introduced and moderated by *Violeta Kogalniceanu, Energy Community Secretariat*

In order to make the region's economies truly energy efficient, the countries need to harvest the potential for increasing energy efficiency in the building sector, as the largest final energy consumer with approximately 43% of total energy consumption and an energy saving potential as high as 40%. Nevertheless, the amount of investments needed exceeds by far the current rate of deployment. This section will look into the implications of the EU Taxonomy on the buildings sector and provide some possible greening options.

Sustainable finance of buildings – EU Taxonomy in the building sector	11.00-11.20	Emese Kovács, Partner, MN6 Energy Agency Hungary
EU Sustainable Finance in external action: an opportunity to promote sustainable buildings?	11.20-11.40	Helen Naser, Programme for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (PEEB)
Q&A and roundtable discussion	11:40-12:00	Contracting Parties

4. **Wrap-up**

The Energy Community Secretariat will summarize the main conclusions of the event, share information where its publication can be accessed and provide an update on the next steps under the Green Finance Initiative.

Wrap-up	12.00-12.10	Tibor Schaffhauser, Climate Policy Advisor, Energy Community Secretariat
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