

# 4<sup>th</sup> Energy and Climate Technical Working Group

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Energy Community Secretariat, Am Hof 4, Vienna (Austria) – Meeting room 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Thursday, 21 November 2019, 9.00-17.30

Registration opens at 9:00

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**Welcome remarks**

9.20-9.30

Janez Kopac, Director, Energy  
Community Secretariat

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## 1. 2030 targets for the Energy Community – Recent developments

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In accordance with the General Policy Guidelines on the 2030 Targets for the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community, adopted at the 16th Ministerial Council held in Skopje in November 2018, three distinct 2030 energy and climate targets should be established: a target for energy efficiency, a target for the contribution of renewable energy sources, and a greenhouse gas emission reduction target. These targets should be in line with the EU targets for 2030, represent an equal ambition for the Contracting Parties and take into account relevant socio-economic differences, technological developments and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The Energy Community Secretariat was tasked to develop proposals for the Ministerial Council based on a methodology developed by a technical study, prepared in close cooperation with the European Commission, finalized in June 2019 and discussed during previous TWGs. Since the political discussion on 2030 targets is still open in the Energy Community, how the European Commission envisages to support CPs in setting their targets? Which timeframe of action can be expected?

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**EU perspective**

9.30-10.00

Tomasz Jerzyniak, International  
Relations Officer, DG ENER,  
European Commission

**ECS**

Irina Lazzarini, Sustainable Energy  
Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

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**Contracting Parties**

10.00-10.45

Contracting Parties and Observers

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**Coffee/tea break**

10.45-11.00

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## 2. *National Energy and Climate Plans – Progress and consolidation of planning processes*

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National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) represent an opportunity for EU Member States and Contracting Parties alike to streamline cumbersome administrative procedures, exploiting the synergies between similar energy reporting processes and for a more efficient development of cross-sector planning towards commonly agreed objectives for climate and energy. On the other hand, there are considerable opportunities to come up with clear objectives for low-carbon transition and concrete investments.

Which lessons learned on the revision process can be shared with our Contracting Parties? Where are CPs standing with their preparatory work on the plans and which challenges are they encountering so far? How can CPs effectively streamline, harmonize and consolidate their multiple climate change and energy planning processes?

<b>EU perspective</b>	11.00-11.15	DG ENER
<b>Contracting Parties experience</b>	11.15-11.45	North Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania,
<b>Outlook towards 2050 – the preparation of Long-Term Strategies</b>	11.45-12.00	Tibor Schaffhauser, Climate Policy Advisor, Energy Community Secretariat
<b>Consolidation of energy and climate planning processes</b>	12.00-12.15	Thomas Day, Founding Partner, NewClimate Institute
<b>Energy modelling, data and capacity building</b>	12.15-12.30	Mario Tot, Energy System Analyst, IAEA
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	12.30-13.00	Contracting Parties and Observers GIZ ECF, CAN, TNC

**Lunch**

**13.00-14.00**

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## 3. *NDCs revision by 2020*

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The Paris Agreement asks governments to strengthen their contributions, and set out goals for 2050, by the end of 2020. The upcoming COP25 is an opportunity for countries to transition from climate governance to effective implementation, to come out ahead of 2020 with their improved goals (NDCs) to reduce GHG emissions, or to declare their intention to do so in 2020 before COP26. Which are the main milestones and challenges ahead of COP25? Where are Contracting Parties standing with the revision and implementation of NDCs?

<b>EU perspective</b>	14.00-14.15	Stine Rasmussen, Policy Officer, DG Clima, European Commission
<b>Introduction to mitigation: what are NDCs?</b>		Monika Figaj, PhD, Chief Specialist COP24 Presidency
<b>Framework for NDC revision and submission</b>	14.15-14.30	Karen Ortega, Programme Officer, Mitigation, Data and Analysis, UNFCCC
<b>Formulating just transition plans for coal regions and beyond</b>	14.30-15.00	Artur Lorkowski, Ambassador, Special Envoy on Climate COP24 Presidency
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	15.00-15.30	Contracting Parties and Observers GIZ, ECF, CAN

**Coffee/tea break**

15.30-15.45

**4. Towards effective decarbonization**

With ever more stringent emission rules and future carbon price, the profitability of coal-fired power plants is being increasingly questioned. Also, the region's huge untapped potential for renewables and energy efficiency strengthens the business case in favour of low-carbon solutions. Nonetheless, instead of fully exploring RES potential, a number of countries are still financing conventional fossil fuel projects in the Energy Community region. Where are new opportunities arising? Is there a chance to shift towards green investments?

<b>Carbon pricing</b>	15.45-16.00	ECS
<b>Green Finance for the Western Balkans</b>	16.00-16.15	László Örlös, Director, Western Balkans Green Centre
<b>Energy Policy Solutions</b>	16.15-16.45	Juan Carlos Altamirano, Senior Economist, World Resource Institute
<b>Strategic investment support</b>	16.45-17.00	Jozsef Feiler, Director for South East Europe and Hungary European Climate Foundation
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	17.00-17.20	Contracting Parties and Observers

**5. Conclusions**

17.20-17.30