Good Energy Conference 2025: Re-Arm With Good Energy

Zagreb, October 23, 2025

Draft Program

Goals:

- Contribute to the increasing security of supply and resiliency through boosting community energy; and
- Share experience and knowledge of what is going on in practice and how to facilitate the community energy uptake.
 - Sharing experiences from Croatia, Slovenia, Austria and Czech Republic with the countries in SE Europe.

9:00 h MORNING SESSIONS

1. Welcome and setting the scene: Keynote session on the EU policy & Citizen Energy Package in preparation by ResCoop Europe, Ministry of Economy Croatia (TBC), City of Zagreb (TBC) and ZEZ.

2. Forwarding community energy in SE Europe

Overview by the projects working on empowering energy communities from SE Europe – (how) does it work? What models do we have in practice, what works, what doesn't, why and how?

COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

3. Stories from reality - Community energy in practice (bottom-up)

Invited energy communities and initiatives from neighboring countries will present their story in a 5-minute pitch. Invited initiatives include Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, Slovenia and Croatia. The pitch will address the following three questions:

- What is your motivation to do it?
- What made it a success (or a fail)?
- What are your pain points?
- **4.** "World Cafe" format dialogue continues between initiatives presented through pitches. The goal is to share knowledge and identify needs, enabling replication and acceleration of community energy.
- **5. Panel discussion** reflecting on what has been said so far: What do we need to upscale, replicate and accelerate community energy? Creating a message from practitioners to decision-makers, policymakers and energy market operators.

15:00 h AFTERNOON SESSIONS

6. Examples of successful country-level approaches to community energy - How did we do it? (top-down)

Presentation of a successful applicable model from the countries of the region with functional energy communities Czech Republic, Slovenia, Austria (TBC)

7. Panel discussion with the representatives of public institutions, legislative and regulatory bodies, cities and municipalities.

We want to hear those that already facilitate community energy and the ones who are just starting, to share their motives, success stories, and key activities helping to grow the community energy movement.

Discussion will include technical and operational barriers to the energy transition with a focus on communities based on what was presented in the previous session

8. Conclusions of the conference and a joint statement

Fostering cooperation between countries and knowledge sharing.

The role of EU directives and how to implement them in practice.

17: 30 - 19: 00 h COCKTAILS & NETWORKING

End of the conference