

Good Energy Conference

Re-Arm with Good Energy

23.10.2025. Zagreb

The conference aims to contribute to increasing the security of supply and resiliency through community energy. Unpacking what is going on in practice and how to facilitate the community energy uptake.

Program

08:30 – 9:00 **GATHERING OF PARTICIPANTS AND MORNING COFFEE**

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome address

- **ZEZ** – Conference organizer
- Ministry of Economy (TBC)

09:15 – 09:45

1. Setting the scene: Keynote session on EU policy & Citizen Energy Package in preparation

- **European Commission Representation in Croatia** - *Judita Cuculić Župa* – “Citizen Energy package”
- **REScoop.EU** - Josh Roberts – “What future holds for energy communities” - vision, goals, challenges, gaps

09:45 – 10:45

2. Forwarding community energy - How does it work?

Presentation of current projects, models and approaches to address community energy challenges in the region of SE Europe.

- **ZEZ – Life COMET** – Coalitions for Community Energy Catalyzation in Eastern EU; Community energy Service points – CESP; Forum of energy communities in Croatia.
 - Paula Damaška, ZEZ
- **IPE - DBU/ECF – Fast forwarding energy communities** – working on removing obstacles and creating enabling conditions for the development of energy communities in Croatia.
 - Vedran Horvat, IPE
- **REGEA - Citizen-Led Renovation Initiative** – Supporting citizen-led energy renovations through local enablers empowering communities with tailored services and knowledge sharing
 - Slavica Robić, REGEA
- **KLIK/OTRA Cres - DECA project** - Danube Energy Communities Accelerator project aims to test how citizen-led renewable energy actions can be accelerated across the Danube Region
 - Martina Nemčić (KLIK) i Luka Cergolj (OTRA)
- **NGO Without Borders - Life DISCOVER** – Developing Integrated Services for Community energy to accelerate Valid Energy Transition
 - Damir Medved, NGO Without borders
- **TU Berlin/DBU – Citizen Energy in Central and Eastern European Countries project** – exploring to what extent the countries of Central and Eastern Europe are ready for citizen/community energy approaches, what approach is needed and how they can be supported.
 - Saeed Najd Ataei Sarkarabad, TU Berlin / DBU project

10:45 – 11:15

COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 – 12:00

3. Community energy in practice

Invited energy communities and initiatives from neighboring countries will have the opportunity to present their story in a **5 min pitch**.

The pitch will address the following questions:

- What is your motivation to do it?
- What made it a success (or a fail)?

Pitches:

- **(HR) ZEZ Sunce**
- **(HR) Energy community of North Adriatic**
- **(SLO) Sončna zadruga**
- **(SRB) Elektropionir**
- **(HR) Energy community SAVA**
- **(BiH) Kakanj Municipal REC - pilot initiative**
- **(SRB) Magdon Energy community Niš**

12:00 – 12:45

4. Open dialogs between initiatives

Gather around high tables in smaller groups and continue talking informally and in open format.

The goal is to share knowledge, success and challenges, identify elements needed for faster replication and acceleration of community energy.

Participating initiatives:

- **ZEZ Sunce** (HR)
- **Apsyrtides** (HR)
- **Energy community of North Adriatic** (HR)
- **Sončna zadruga** (SLO)
- **Elektropionir** (SRB)
- **Magdon Energy community Niš** (SRB)
- **Modriča Municipal REC** (BiH)
- **Mostar Municipal REC** (BiH)
- **Kakanj Municipal REC** (BiH)

12:45 – 13:45

5. Panel / Discussion – What do we need to upscale, replicate and accelerate community energy in SE Europe?

- Moderator: Vedran Horvat, IPE

Goal: Identify a key message to decision makers, policymakers and operators.

The panel is to answer the following questions:

- What do we need to do better?
- What do we need to replicate?
- Can we replicate/transfer approaches from neighboring countries?

Panel participants:

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| • Forum of energy communities in Croatia; | Damir Medved |
| • REGEA (HR); | Slavica Robić |
| • Representative of communities from: | |
| o ZEZ Sunce (HR) | Mislav Kirac |
| o Mostar Municipal REC (BiH) | Darko Knezović |
| o Sončna zadruga (SLO) | Kajetan Zver |
| • RES foundation (SRB) | Aleksandar Macura |

13:45 – 15:00

LUNCH & NETWORKING BREAK

15:00 – 16:00

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

Presenters:

- **“Energy communities in Austria” - Michaela Niederhofer** - Austrian Coordination Center for Energy Communities and **Celin Gutschi** – Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism
 - Via video link

- **“Community energy projects, support mechanisms and legislation in Slovenia” – Dr. Tomislav Tkalec**, Head of the Renewable Energy Sector at the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy.
- **“The Czech way to community energetics” – Jana Vráňková** - Business Analyst; Electroenergetic data center, a.s. (EDC)

16:00 – 17:00

7. Panel / Discussion - What should we do to make community energy work in a non-functional environment?

- Moderator: Bruno Korica, FES Zagreb

Goal: To hear those who 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.

Open exchange of practices, obstacles and options for improvement of approaches:

- Policy point of view
- Operators' point of view
- How to ensure the further growth of citizen energy in challenging environments?

Panel participants:

- **Slovenian Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy – Dr. Tomislav Tkalec** - Head of the Renewable Energy Sector
- **Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency (HERA) – Snježana Blagajac** – specialist in tariff systems and the electricity market
- **Czech Electroenergetic data center (EDC) – Jana Vráňková** - Business Analyst
- **Kosovo - Ministry of Economy - Rina Lluka**, Senior Officer for Energy Markets
- **BiH – Ministry of Energy, Mining, and Industry of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Mr. Sanjin Habul** – Energy and Renewable Energy Advisor
- HEP ODS – representative (TBC)

17:00

8. Wrap-up of the conference

- Key points and messages to institutions, initiatives and partners

17:15 – 19:00

COCKTAILS & NETWORKING

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!