



Online workshop

NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS OF DANUBE REGION COUNTRIES

TARGETS, POLICIES AND PROJECTIONS

6 May 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

20 May 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Sustainable Energy Priority Area (PA2) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) has recently published the study "[NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS IN THE DANUBE REGION](#)", providing a **comparative assessment of the targets, measures and expected outcomes laid down in the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) of EU member states belonging to the Danube Region**, and the energy strategies of the non-EU Danube Region countries where NECPs are in progress. The analysis, prepared by the Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK) focuses on the planned development in the **most important areas of energy consumption: electricity and gas markets, heating and cooling, transport, buildings and the industry sector.**

At the two workshops we present the most important results of the analysis and discuss the lessons learnt with experts from the region. The insights and recommendations might provide useful assistance for the preparation of the upcoming NECPs of the non-EU Danube Region countries, as well as for the following updates/revisions of NECPs of EU member states.

The first workshop will focus on the ambitions and policy tools aimed at transforming the **electricity and gas markets** in the region, while the second workshop will cover two important energy policy areas largely influencing decarbonisation efforts in the (yet) non-ETS sectors: the deployment of **renewable energy in the heating and cooling sector, and the transport sector.**

The webinar is jointly organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and REKK.

Participation is free, please register on REKK's homepage.

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Electricity and Gas Markets

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Renewable Heating + Transport

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Agenda 1st Workshop

Electricity Markets and the Role of Renewable Electricity, Gas Markets and Sector Coupling, Main Lessons from NECPs

6 May, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- 10:00 – 10:10 Welcome by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and REKK, introduction to the study
- 10:10 – 10:30 Electricity Markets and the Role of Renewable Electricity in the Danube Region – the most important highlights from NECPs
Lajos Kerekes, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- 10:30 – 10:50 Gas Markets and Sector Coupling the Danube Region – the most important highlights from NECPs
Borbála Takácsné Tóth, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- 10:50 – 11:00 Q&A
- 11:00 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: The Future and Interrelations of Gas and Electricity Markets in the Danube Region
Moderator: László Szabó, Director, REKK
Panelists:
- *Pál Ságvári, Vice President for International Affairs, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HU) (to be confirmed)*
 - *Dr. Michael Paula, Head of the Department for Energy and Environmental Technologies, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (AT) (to be confirmed)*
 - *Karolina Cegir, Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat*
 - *Davor Bajcs, Electricity Infrastructure Expert, Energy Community Secretariat*
 - *Ognjen Markovic, Project Expert, Regional Cooperation Council (BiH)*
- 11:45 – 12:00 Q&A + Closing remarks

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Agenda 2nd Workshop

Renewable Heat and Biomass,

Road to a Sustainable Transport sector, Main Lessons from NECPs

20 May, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- 10:00 – 10:10 Welcome by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and REKK, Introduction to the study
- 10:10 – 10:30 Renewable Heat in the Danube Region – the most important highlights from NECPs
Bettina Dézsi and Gabriella Szajkó, REKK
- 10:30 – 10:50 The Road to a Sustainable Transport Sector in the Danube Region – the most important highlights from NECPs
András Vékony, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- 10:50 – 11:00 Q&A
- 11:00 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: The Role of Renewable Heating and Transport in Reducing GHG Emissions in the Danube Region
Moderator: Balázs Felsmann, Senior Research Associate, REKK
- Panelists:*
- *Biljana Grbić, Advisor, Energy Community Secretariat*
 - *Julian Popov, Fellow, European Climate Foundation*
 - *Tomas Smejkal, Head of the Strategy Unit, Ministry of Industry and Trade (CZ)*
 - *Martin Sambale, Expert, EZA - Energie- und Umweltzentrum Allgäu (DE)*
 - *Matjaž Vrčko, Head of Public Transportation Division, Ministry of Infrastructure (SI)*
- 11:45 – 12:00 Q&A + Closing remarks

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