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Work Agenda Energy Transition Today: Challenges, Solutions and Future Trends

October 28-29, 2025

Master Center, Novi Sad, Serbia

First day | Tuesday, October 28, 2025

08:00 – 08:45	Registration and welcome coffee.
08:30 – 09:00	Press statement
09:00 – 09:05	<i>Welcome - Jelena Bunčić, National Biomass Association "SERBIO"</i>
09:05 – 09:30	<p><i>Opening Ceremony</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maja Vukadinović, Acting Assistant Minister of Mining and Energy for Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, Ministry of Mining and Energy • Christof Sonderegger, Deputy Head of Infrastructure Financing Division, SECO • Nenad Ivanišević, Provincial Secretary for Economy and Tourism, Secretariat for Economy and Tourism of AP Vojvodina
PANEL I	FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: ESCO MODELS, SUBSIDIES AND EU FUNDS
09:30 – 10:45 Duration: 1h 15min	<p>How to Finance the Energy Transition: ESCOs, Subsidies, Funds, and Auctions in Practice</p> <p>The panel provides an overview of financing models that enable companies and institutions to improve energy efficiency, introduce energy storage and digital solutions, and participate in market auctions — all without large upfront investments. Participants will gain insights into how ESCO contracts work, what subsidies and tax incentives are available, and how to access financing through EU funds, development banks, and renewable energy auction mechanisms.</p> <p>Moderator: Bojan Bogdanović, Principal Fund Manager, Renewable District Energy in the Western Balkans, EBRD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Jäggin Sprenger, Senior Policy Advisor, SECO • Radomir Milovanović, Project Manager, UNDP • Dejan Stojanović, President, Association "District Heating of Serbia" • Đorđe Karić, Director, PUC "Toplana-Šabac"
10:45 – 11:05	Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area (20 minutes)
11:05 – 11:20	<i>Partner company presentation: PROINTER - ORCAN ENERGY, Mr. Rocco Fruggi, Key Account Manager Oil & Gas</i>
Panel II	POWER-TO-HEAT: THE PATH TO DECARBONIZATION OF INDUSTRY AND DISTRICT HEATING
11:20 – 12:35 Duration: 1h 15 minutes	<p>Thermal energy accounts for more than half of total industrial consumption and plays a key role in reducing CO₂ emissions. This panel will showcase how Power-to-Heat technologies enable the conversion of excess electricity from wind and solar into heat for industrial applications and district heating systems.</p> <p>High-efficiency heat pumps, geothermal and solar heat solutions, as well as the integration of renewables and energy storage into unified systems, will be presented. Participants will discuss technical, regulatory, and investment aspects, supported by examples of good practice from Europe and the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Dušan Macura, Head of the Sector for Production and Distribution of Thermal Energy, Novi Sad Heating Plant</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Đorđe Popović, generalni direktor, RESALTA Serbia • Bojan Bogdanović, Principal Fund Manager of the Renewable District Energy in the Western Balkans, EBRD

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12:35– 13:15	Cocktail networking in the exhibition area (40 minutes)
Thematic conversation	THE SWISS MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND BIOMASS SUPPLY CHAIN ORGANIZATION
13: 15 – 13:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. sc. Peter Heusser, Swiss Association for Environmental Technology, SVUT, (Švajcarski savez za ekotehnologiju) • Michael Tobler, IG Holzenergie Nordwestschweiz (Wood Energy Association of Northwest Switzerland) <p>Moderator: Vojislav Milijić, Board of Directors, National Biomass Association "SERBIO"</p>
Panel III	BIOMETHANE – POTENTIAL, TECHNOLOGIES AND MARKET
13:40 – 14:55 Duration: 1h 15 minutes	<p><i>Introduction to the panel:</i> Marko Radin, Regional Sales Manager, BIOGEST (15 minutes)</p> <p>Biomethane is emerging as a key renewable energy source with strong potential to turn agricultural residues and organic waste into clean energy. The panel will explore technologies for upgrading biogas to biomethane, its use in industry and transport, and the evolving regulatory and financial landscape.</p> <p>Can traditional biogas plants and modern biomethane systems coexist — or does the future belong to the next generation of plants?</p> <p>Moderator: Djordje Djatkov, Head of the Department of Biosystems Engineering, FTN Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko Radin, Regional Sales Manager, BIOGEST • Dejan Ostojić, Director of the Technical Production Department, EPS AD • Rade Mrdak, Advisor to the Minister for Renewable Energy Sources, Ministry of Mining and Energy • Radomir Milovanović, Project Manager, UNDP • Lidija Zelić, Director, Association "Biogas Serbia"
16:15 – 17:00	Cocktail networking and the end of the first day

Day Two | Wednesday, October 29, 2025

08:00 – 08:45	Registration and welcome coffee, networking in the exhibition area
09:00 – 19:15	<i>Partner company presentation: Energotehnika Južna Bačka</i>
PANEL V	DECARBONIZATION AS AN IMPERATIVE: INDUSTRY IN TRANSITION
09:15 - 10:30 Duration: 1h for 15 min	<p>In an era of increasingly stringent climate policies, the European (and the upcoming national) CBAM mechanism, and mandatory sustainability reporting, the Western Balkan industry faces the challenge of decarbonizing production processes without losing competitiveness or jobs.</p> <p>The panel opens a discussion on real experiences of companies already implementing decarbonization, challenges in applying ESG standards, cost pressures of CBAM, and available financial mechanisms for green transformation. A special topic will be the ongoing public debate on the draft laws introducing a tax on the import of carbon-intensive products and a tax on greenhouse gas emissions, which will further define the obligations and challenges for Serbia's economy in the green transition process.</p> <p>Moderator: Danko Kalkan, Senior Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability Services , E&Y Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nenad Ristić, Senior Manager for R&D Planning of the Group, ELIXIR Group • Marko Muhadinović, Technical Director, Lafarge • Miloš Tipsarević, director, CBAM Tracker • Teodora Kovačević, Sustainability Leader, IKEA Serbia • Jelena Simić Jarić, Director of the Sector for Large Legal Entities, Public Sector and Special Finance, Erste Bank

10:15 – 10:40	Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area (20 minutes)
PANEL VI	BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE – APPLICATION IN INDUSTRY AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT, SECURITY OF SUPPLY
10:40- 12:00 Duration: 1h 20 minutes	<p>In the era of increasingly stringent climate policies, the European CBAM mechanism, and ESG reporting requirements, the Western Balkan industry faces the challenge of decarbonizing production processes without losing competitiveness or jobs.</p> <p>The panel will discuss real experiences from companies already implementing decarbonization, challenges in applying ESG standards, the cost pressures of CBAM, and available financial mechanisms for green transformation. A special topic will be the ongoing public debate on the draft law introducing an import tax on carbon-intensive products, which will further define obligations and challenges for Serbia's economy in the green transition process.</p> <p>Moderator: Goran Vuković, director, Go2Power</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miloš Kostić, direktor, MT KOMEX • Gordan Vujičić, Director of the Strategic Development Sector, ENEL PS • Marko Janković, Head of Electricity Market Affairs and Regulation, CWP Europe • Dušan Đukić, Business process analyst for planning and investments, Electric Power Distribution of Serbia
12:00– 12:02	Smena panelist (5 minutes)
Panel VII	DIGITALIZATION OF SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS: SCADA, POWER PLANT CONTROLLER, ASSET MANAGEMENT, CYBER SECURITY
12:05 – 13:20 During: 1h 15 min	<p>How can smaller solar and hybrid plants operate more profitably, safely, and reliably? The discussion will focus on SCADA monitoring and control, optimal plant utilization, compliance with grid requirements through power plant controller solutions, smart asset management, and cybersecurity — all factors that directly influence performance, availability, and energy delivery.</p> <p>Key topics include SCADA systems, power plant controllers, advanced asset management tools, and cybersecurity as essential components of reliable and optimized operation of solar and hybrid power plants.</p> <p>Moderator: Aleksandar Latinović, Director, Center for Energy Excellence</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petar Tatomirović, Head of Controls and Digitalization, Siemens Energy • Nebojša Radmilović, Head of the Department for Regulation of Complex Systems, Mihajlo Pupin Institute – Automatics • Ksenija Karić, Head of Business and Strategy, PULSEC • Branko Tadić, Solution Architect, IBM
13:30	Networking lunch and closing of the conference program