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Agenda

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Energy Transition Today: Challenges, Solutions and Future Trends

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Day One | Tuesday, 28 October 2025

08:00 - 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
08:30 - 09:00	Press statements
09:00 - 09:05	Welcome - Jelena Bunčić, National Biomass Association "SERBIO"
09:05 - 09:30	Opening Ceremony - Maja Vukadinović, Acting Assistant Minister for Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, Ministry of Mining and Energy - Christof Sonderegger, Deputy Head of Infrastructure Financing, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) - Nenad Ivanišević, Provincial Secretary for Economy and Tourism, Provincial Secretariat for Economy and Tourism, AP Vojvodina
PANEL I	FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: ESCO MODELS, SUBSIDIES AND EU FUNDS
09:30 - 10:45 Duration: 1 h 15 min	The panel provides an overview of financing models that enable improvements in energy efficiency, the introduction of energy storage and digital solutions, and participation in renewable energy auctions - without major upfront investments. Participants will learn how ESCO contracts work, which subsidies and tax incentives are available, and what financing opportunities exist through EU funds, development banks and renewable energy auction mechanisms. Moderator: Bojan Bogdanović, Principal Fund Manager of the Renewable District Energy in the Western Balkans, EBRD Panelists: - Barbara Jäggin Sprenger, Senior Policy Advisor, SECO - Radomir Milovanović, Project Manager, UNDP - Dejan Stojanović, President, Association "Toplane Srbije" - Đorđe Karić, Director, JKP "Toplana-Šabac"
10:45 - 11:05	Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area (20 minutes)
11:05 - 11:20	Partner presentation: Rocco Fruggi, Client Manager, Oil & Gas Sector, PROINTER-ORCAN ENERGY
PANEL II	POWER-TO-HEAT: A PATH TOWARDS DECARBONISING INDUSTRY AND DISTRICT HEATING
11:20 - 12:35 Duration: 1 h 15 min	Thermal energy accounts for more than half of total industrial energy consumption and is crucial for reducing CO ₂ emissions. The panel will show how Power-to-Heat technologies enable surplus electricity from wind and solar to be converted into heat for industrial use and district heating. High-efficiency heat pumps, geothermal and solar heat, as well as the integration of renewable energy sources and energy storage into unified systems will be presented. Participants will discuss the technical, regulatory and investment aspects of these solutions, with examples of good practice from Europe and the region. Moderator: Dušan Macura, Head of Heat Production and Distribution Sector, Novosadska toplana Panelists: - Đorđe Popović, General Manager, RESALTA Serbia - Bojan Bogdanović, Principal Fund Manager of the Renewable District Energy in the Western Balkans, EBRD - Maja Vukadinović, Acting Assistant Minister for Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, Ministry of Mining and Energy - Miodrag Malinić, Process Engineer, Technical Department, Apatinska pivara
12:35 - 12:55	Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area (20 minutes)
Thematic discussion	Swiss Model of Sustainable Forest Management and Biomass Supply Chain Organisation
13:00 - 13:25 25 minutes	- Dr. sc. Peter Heusser, Schweizerischer Verband für Umwelttechnik, SVUT (Swiss Association for Environmental Technology) - Michael Tobler, IG Holzenergie Nordwestschweiz (Northwestern Switzerland Wood Energy Association) Moderator: Vojislav Milijić, Board Member, National Biomass Association "SERBIO"
PANEL III	BIOMETHANE - POTENTIAL, TECHNOLOGIES AND MARKET
13:25 - 14:40 Duration: 1 h 15 min	Panel introduction: Marko Radin, Regional Sales Manager, BIOGEST (15 minutes) Biomethane is one of the most promising renewable energy sources in the region, with enormous potential for converting agricultural residues, organic waste and manure into clean energy. The panel brings together companies and experts developing biogas plants and biomethane upgrading technologies, with concrete examples from Serbia and Europe. Participants will discuss technical solutions, the use of biomethane in industry and transport, existing and planned regulations, as well as financial instruments and support from international development funds. Special attention will be given to whether conventional biogas plants will gradually become a thing of the past, whether the future belongs exclusively to modern biomethane plants, or whether both solutions will coexist in the energy mix. Moderator: Đorđe Đatkov, Head of the Department of Biosystems Engineering, FTN Panelists: - Dejan Ostojić, Director of the Production Technical Affairs Sector, EPS AD - Marko Radin, Regional Sales Manager, BIOGEST - Rade Mrdak, Adviser to the Minister for Renewable Energy Sources, Ministry of Mining and Energy - Radomir Milovanović, Project Manager, UNDP - Lidija Zelić, Director, Association "Biogas Serbia"
14:40	Networking cocktail End of Day One

Day Two | Wednesday, 29 October 2025

08:00 - 08:45	Registration and welcome coffee, networking in the exhibition area
09:00 - 09:15	Partner presentation - Energotehnika Južna Bačka
PANEL IV	DECARBONISATION AS AN IMPERATIVE: INDUSTRY IN TRANSITION
09:15 - 10:30 Duration: 1 h 15 min	In an era of increasingly stringent climate policies, the European (and announced domestic) CBAM mechanism and sustainability reporting, Western Balkan industry faces the challenge of decarbonising production processes without losing competitiveness and jobs. The panel opens a discussion on the real experiences of companies already implementing decarbonisation, challenges in applying ESG standards, CBAM cost pressures and available financing mechanisms for green transformation. A special topic will be the current public debate on the draft law introducing a tax on imports of carbon-intensive products and the law on greenhouse gas emissions taxation, which will further define the obligations and challenges for the Serbian economy in the green transition process. Moderator: Danko Kalkan, Senior Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, E&Y; Panelists: • Dr Nenad Ristić, Senior Manager for Group R&D; Project Planning, ELIXIR Group • Marko Muhadinović, Technical Director, LAFARGE • Jelena Simić Jarić, Director of Large Corporates, Public Sector and Special Financing, Erste Bank • Teodora Kovačević, Sustainability Leader, IKEA Serbia • Miloš Tipsarević, CBAM Tracker
10:30 - 10:50	Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area (20 minutes)
PANEL V	BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE - INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS, RETURN ON INVESTMENT AND SECURITY OF SUPPLY
10:50 - 11:50 Duration: 1 h	Battery storage systems are becoming mandatory for the connection of new renewable energy projects and are a key link in the energy system of the future. The panel brings together companies already implementing BESS solutions - either standalone or within hybrid plants - with a focus on technical challenges, regulation, business models (peak shaving, load shifting, balancing services) and return on investment. The focus is on market reality - from underdeveloped rules and limited ancillary services to new opportunities for BRPs, traders and aggregators through flexible real-time energy management. Moderator: Goran Vukojević, Director, Go2Power • Miloš Kostić, Director, MT KOMEX • Gordan Vujičić, Director of Strategic Development Sector, ENEL PS • Marko Janković, Head of Electricity Market and Regulation Sector, CWP Europe • Dušan Đukić, Business Process Analyst for Planning and Investments, Elektrodistribucija Srbije
12:00	Panel changeover (5 minutes)
PANEL VI	DIGITALISATION OF SMALL-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS: SCADA, POWER PLANT CONTROLLER, ASSET MANAGEMENT, CYBER SECURITY
12:05 - 13:20 Duration: 1 h 15 min	How can smaller solar and hybrid power plants operate more profitably, safely and reliably? We discuss SCADA monitoring and control, optimal plant dispatch, compliance with grid requirements through power plant controller solutions, smart asset management and cyber security - everything that directly affects performance, availability and energy delivery. The focus is on SCADA systems, power plant controllers, advanced asset management tools and cyber security as key elements of reliable and optimal operation of solar and hybrid power plants. Moderator: Aleksandar Latinović, Director, Center for Energy Excellence Panelists: • Petar Tatomirović, Head of Controls and Digitalization, Siemens Energy • Nebojša Radmilović, Head of Complex Systems Regulation Department, Mihajlo Pupin Institute - Automation • Ksenija Karić, Head of Business and Strategy, PULSEC • Branko Tadić, Solution Architect, IBM
13:30	Networking lunch and closing of the conference programme