



# **Stakeholder workshop on governance practices in the transition to a low-carbon future | Sofia**

**AGENDA | 13.06.18 – 14.06.18**



## LOCATION

Best Western CITY hotel  
6, Stara Planina Street, Sofia  
Sofia Hall

Wednesday, 13-06-2018

TIME	TOPIC
13:30	<b>Registration</b>
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Welcome, round of introduction and workshop's overview</b> <b>PLENARY SESSION</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Governance practices as drivers and obstacles for public acceptability of low-carbon energy transition in the areas of heating and cooling and prosumers-practices</b> ENABLE.EU team - Preliminary research findings and conclusions Short presentations from participants, highlighting both existing governance practices and options for future policy actions
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	Short presentations from participants, highlighting both existing governance practices and options for future policy actions (continue)
17:30 – 18:00	Summing up the presentations to create a list of options and areas for future policy actions

Thursday, 14-06-2018

TIME	TOPIC
	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Discussion on the list of policy options</b> and areas for future policy actions, aiming at grouping them into 3-4 sub-domains for policy interventions
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Work in 3-4 small groups</b> according to identified domains for policy interventions to discuss possible influence of expected and unexpected local or global phenomena and to provide options for policy actions within short- and mid-term horizon aligned with them
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15 - 12:00	<b>Presentations of groups' results and plenary feedback on them</b>
12:00 - 12:30	Closing remarks
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Buffet lunch at the Best Western CITY hotel (offered by the project)</b>



**Aim of the workshop:** To discuss with relevant stakeholders governance practices and quality of governance as drivers or obstacles for public acceptability of low-carbon energy transition in the areas of heating and cooling and prosumers-practices.

**Workshop specific objective:** Using specialized methodology for stakeholder engagement in the process of policy formulation (customized ‘Deliberative workshop’ method), the participants will identify and discuss options and areas for future policy actions in line with expected and unexpected local or global phenomena, e.g. breakthrough in novel energy technologies, shocks in energy prices, financial volatility on country/EU level, increased geo-political controversies, etc. within two time horizons – short-term (up to 3-5 years) and mid-term (up to 5-10 years).

**Workshop expected outcomes:** Formulated options and recommendations for future policy actions regarding governance practices as drivers or obstacles for public acceptability of low-carbon energy transition in the areas of heating and cooling and prosumers-practices in short- and mid-term horizons.

**Working language:** English

**Background information on workshop methodology:** The stakeholder workshop employs a customized version of the Deliberative Workshops methodology. These workshops are a form of facilitated group discussions that provide participants with the opportunity to consider an issue in depth challenge each other’s opinions and develop views and arguments to reach an informed position. They allow the workshop’s organizers to have a greater understanding of what may lie behind the experts’ opinion or how experts’ views change as they are given new information or deliberate on an issue. The selection of workshop’s participants aims at bringing together a group of experts, which reflects the community of all relevant stakeholders, dealing with policy design, implementation and impact assessment. The workshop format includes research and practitioners’ findings and conclusions, setting the key topics to be further discussed by the workshop’s participants. The majority of time is allocated to participants’ discussions. It takes the form of plenary and small group discussions. A facilitator ensures there is enough time for everyone to express their views and that all views are valued equally. The participants express their views throughout the whole workshop process, applying different methods – collectively in group discussions and individually through voting, flipcharts and post-it notes. Plenary feedback and summing up is used so that participants can check and validate points that are being interpreted as the main results. After the workshop, the organisers send the workshop’s outcomes, incl. formulated policy recommendations on the basis of workshop results, to all participants for final review and feedback.