

## On the road to greening economies in Southeast Europe: Options for economic recovery and renewables deployment

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Less than 10 years from 2030, countries throughout Southeast Europe (SEE) still have high shares of lignite-fired electricity in the mix, generated by an ageing fleet of power plants. However, the landscape for our energy system is a very dynamic one: the EU adopted a higher emission reduction target for 2030 (-55 per cent compared to 1990) and a target to be climate-neutral by 2030. Zooming into the region, Greece announced to phase out its entire coal fleet by 2028. Clearly, all this is a comprehensive and challenging task ahead of the EU-27.

During this online event we will discuss opportunities and challenges in the power sector of SEE EU Member States and lay out possible paths forward for Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece and Romania for greening their economies. We will focus on options for a green recovery after the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and for rapidly scaling up renewables in their power systems. The event shall support a fact-based dialogue on the implementation of the EU Green Deal in Southeast Europe and create a space for making inclusive alliances comprised of governments, EU institutions, utilities, think-tanks, NGOs and citizens.

With this event we are closing a three and half years multi-country energy transition project: The *Southeast Europe Energy Transition Dialogue*. The project was led by Agora Energiewende and implemented with our national think-tank partners from the Southeast Europe Energy Transition Network.

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10:45-11:00	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nikola Bock</b>, Agora Energiewende</li> </ul>
11:00-12:00	<p><b>Financing green recovery – making post-pandemic growth sustainable</b></p> <p>EU countries still face a public health and economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Multiannual Financial Framework and Next Generation EU should assist them to couple economic growth with reaching 2030 and 2050 targets. This session gives room for discussion on perspectives for this and what SEE countries should change in the approach to green financing.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Christian Redl</b>, Agora Energiewende</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Green recovery plans in Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece and Romania by <b>Ra-dostina Primova</b>, Center for the Study of Democracy</li> <li>2. Commentary by <b>Michaela Holl</b>, Agora Energiewende</li> <li>3. Q&amp;A</li> </ol>
12:00-12:05	<p>Short break for stretching and tea/coffee refill</p>
12:05-13:05	<p><b>Accelerating renewables deployment – solar PV as catalysator for commercial prosumers in Southeast Europe</b></p> <p>The commercial sector in SEE could fully benefit from falling technology prices and the region's vast solar potential if the regulatory, policy &amp; financial environment triggering investments was improved. This focuses on the status quo of roof-top solar deployment in the region and what kind of enabling policy and regulatory framework for its uptake is needed.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Hrvoje Dorotić</b>, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boosting commercial PV prosumers in SEE by <b>Toby Couture</b>, E3Analytics</li> <li>2. Commentary by <b>Zsuzsanna Pató</b>, Regulatory Assistance Project</li> <li>3. Q&amp;A</li> </ol>
13:05-13:15	<p>Summary reflections and closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sonja Risteska</b>, Agora Energiewende</li> </ul>

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