

The new Croatian Energy Laws How to Ensure Citizens' Participation

March 17 – 19, 2022

Venue - Hotel Malin, ulica kralja Tomislava 23, Malinska

Thursday, March 17th

DAY 1

- 17:30 Arrival of participants at Hotel Malin in Malinska, Krk
- 18:00 Welcome to Krk and context setting
- *Aims of the workshop*
 - *Agenda*
- Dr. Sonja Schirmbeck, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Zagreb
Vjeran Piršić, President, Eko Kvarner
- 18:15 Panel discussion: News about the impacts of the war against Ukraine on European energy policies
Fred Matić, MEP
- 19:00 Introduction circles
All participants

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Participants will get to know who is present and in which role through a short interactive facilitated introduction session. No preparation required.
A welcome visual map will be co-created.
Brief context setting will be established for the workshop.

- 20:00 Dinner

Friday, March 18th

DAY 2 | ENERGY TRANSITION IN CROATIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

9:00-9:15

OPENING

Mirela Ahmetović, MPs and mayor of Omišalj

9:15-10:00

SETTING THE STAGE

Basic information about the main issues regarding energy transition in Croatia and Europe

Speakers:

Klaus Mindrup, energy expert, and former German Member of Parliament

Ana Maria Boromisa, The Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO)

- Visual representation of the problem

10:00-11:00

CHALLENGES AND POTENTIALS FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Topic-impulse presentations & panel discussion

Speaker 1 (group 1: Ana Maria Boromisa) – Law

Speaker 2 (group 2: Vjeran Piršić) – Civil society contribution, ENG/CRO

Speaker 3 (group 3: Goran Krajačić) – Smart grid

Speaker 4 (group 4: Sonja Risteska) – Political and policy practice

Speaker 5 (group 5: Reghina Dimitrisina) – Regional perspective

Each group leader will make a short pitch presentation in the form of a panel discussion, followed by a Q&A session – covering all 5 group topics.

11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-13:00

GROUP WORK

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Participants will be discussing specific topics in five different groups.

Each group leader will give a brief intro to the topic and facilitate the discussion toward the key insights.

GROUP WORK 1: Overview and challenges of the new Croatian Laws on Energy – what amendments do we need?

Ana-Maria Boromisa, The Institute for Development and International Relations

GROUP WORK 2: Challenges concerning citizens' participation in energy transition in Croatia and possible interventions to improve the current situation

Vjeran Piršić, President, Eko Kvarner

GROUP WORK 3: Issues regarding smart grids that need to be solved

Goran Krajačić, University Zagreb

GROUP WORK 4: Political and policy practice in different countries – what we can learn from it?

Sonja Risteska, Project Manager, Project Manager Southeast Europe at Agora Energiewende

GROUP WORK 5: Regional perspectives on energy transition, Reghina Dimitrisina, FES Bruxelles

13:00-14:15

Lunch break

14:15-16:30

GROUP WORK sharing and connecting the dots

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Each group will share they insights, to enable wider discussion on all topics.

16:30-16:45

Coffee break

16:45-18:15

EXCHANGES AMONG PRACTITIONERS – CONNECTING THE DOTS

How are topics connected? What can we see above and among the topics?

What are we noticing as important to make a great plan to move things forward?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

A light World Café style conversation – to reflect, connect the insights and feed forward the workshop agenda.

18:15-18:30

CLOSING OF THE DAY

20:00 -

Dinner and networking

Saturday, March 19th

DAY 3

ENERGY TRANSITION IN CROATIA – WHAT COULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY?

By 9:30

Check out of the hotel rooms (technical issue)

9:30-9:45

STARTING THE DAY

Brief introduction to the day
Participatory activity to bring the energy of the day 1

9:45-12:00

HOW TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD

Collection of possible actions /next steps
Discussion
Setting priorities, timeline, and roles

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Participants will discuss and draft a possible action plan collaboratively.

12:00-13:00

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Closing circle – all participants

Closing words

Dr. Sonja Schirmbeck, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Vjeron Piršić, President, Eko Kvarner

13:00-14:00

Lunch and End of the Conference