



BETTER REGIONAL WORKSHOP SERBIA

Bringing Europe and Third Countries Closer together
through Renewable Energies
July 2014, Belgrade, Serbia



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Renewable Energy cooperation between the EU and its neighbours - opportunities and challenges for the West Balkans –

4th July 2014, Venue: University of Belgrade
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This Workshop is part of the project BETTER (“Bringing Europe and Third countries closer together through renewable Energies (BETTER)”, started in July 2012 and carried out under the Intelligent Energy - Europe programme. (<http://better-project.net/>).

BETTER intends to address Renewable Energy (RES) cooperation between the EU and its neighbour countries. The starting point is given through the cooperation mechanisms provided by the EU Renewable Energy Directive, allowing EU Member States to achieve their 2020 RES targets in a more cost efficient way, and thereby including the possibility to cooperate with non-EU countries. Some of the West Balkan countries already have stated their interest to make use of the cooperation mechanisms. In addition the development of a South East Europe power market that is linked with the European one as well as a strong SEE grid may foster RES integration and energy security in the region and the EU. Some of the West Balkan countries have high-quality renewable energy potentials which could make them regional hotspots for future developments in this field. Aim of this workshop is to discuss **possible opportunities for cooperation between West Balkan countries and the EU** in the 2020 and 2030 context, the required framework conditions, barriers and concrete next steps. The outcomes of this workshop will contribute to an **action plan on RES cooperation for the entire West Balkan region**.

The Workshop builds upon conclusions reached at previous related events, notably the Executive Strategy Workshop on Renewable Energy in South East Europe organised by IRENA in Abu Dhabi in December 2013 and the Workshop on South East Europe Energy and Power Grid Cooperation organised by the European Climate Foundation in March 2014 in Brussels.

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08:30 - 09:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>	
09:00 - 09:30	INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE BETTER PROJECT	
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome speech & Objective of the workshop	Natalia Caldés, BETTER project coordinator (CIEMAT) and Branko Kovacevic, the Dean of the School of Electrical Engineering of University of Belgrade
09:15 - 09:30	BETTER project and its goals	Natalia Caldés, BETTER project coordinator (CIEMAT)
09:30 - 12:00	Prospects for RES in the West Balkans, CHAIR: WOLFGANG EICHHAMMER, FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE	
09:30- 09:45	Form current Energy Systems, Renewable Energy Action Plans to the cooperation mechanisms	Andreas Tuerk, JOANNEUM RESEARCH
09:45 - 10:05	Short-term and long-term model based perspectives for renewable energy in the West Balkans	Andre' Ortner, TU Wien
10:05 -10:25	Prospects for renewable energy expansion and cooperation for the WB countries – bottom-up economic assessment of Joint Projects	Dorian Frieden, Mak Dukan, Joanneum Research
10:25 - 10:45	Scenarios of the future West Balkan power system with a large share of RES - Investment needs in generation and grids	Gerhard Totschnig/Andre' Ortner (TU Wien)
10:45 - 11:10	Environmental and Socio economic impacts assessment of RES cooperation	Zoran Kordic, UNDP, Natalia Caldes CIEMAT
11:10 - 11:25	The West Balkans as provider of flexible energy to the EU	Ilija Batas Bjelic/University of Belgrade
11:25 - 12:00	Discussion How are the opportunities for RES cooperation within the regional and with the EU seen by different regional actors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision makers (representatives from Ministry of Energies) • Utilities and TSOs (EPS, EMS)
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

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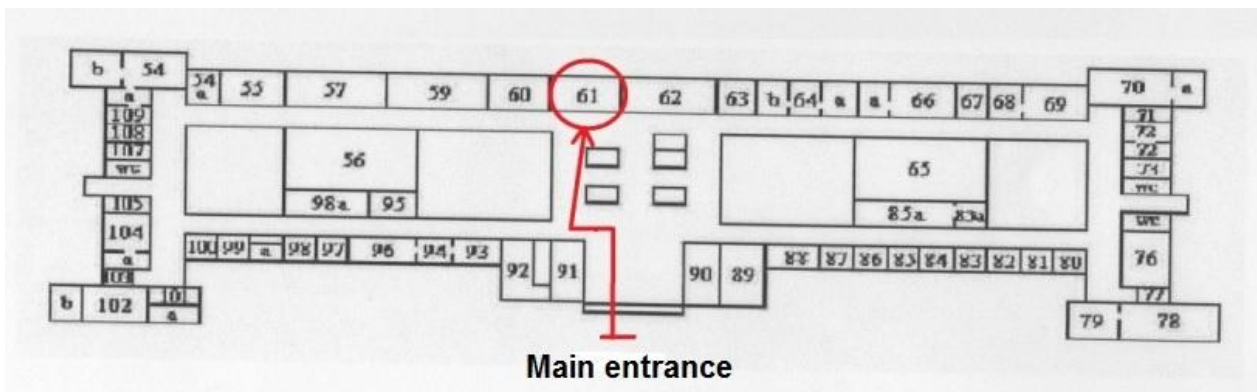
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13:00 - 14:45 Cooperating to Expand RE Markets in SEE: Chair, Jeffrey Skeer IRENA		
13:00 - 13:20	RE SEE Power Supply: Opportunities and Challenges	Jeffrey Skeer, IRENA
13:20 - 13:40	Energy Security Through Energy Cooperation. The case of South East Europe.	Julian Popov, European Climate Foundation
13:40 - 14:00	Opening the Dutch support scheme - A model for Joint Projects?	Karina Veum, ECN
14:00 - 14:20	Options for RES cooperation mechanisms in WB countries: a synthesis	Joanneum Research
14:20 - 14:45	Discussion	
ASSESSMENT OF RES COOPERATION IN REGION AND WITH THE EU – OPPORTUNITIES, BARRIERS AND NEXT STEPS, CHAIR: ILIJA BATAS BJELIC, ANDREAS TUERK		
14:45 - 15:45	Developing an SEE RES market: Opportunities and barriers of potential RES cooperation in the region and with the EU	Jeffrey Skeer, IRENA Ian Brown, EBRD Julian Popov, ECF Gabriela Cretu, Energy Community
15:45 - 16:00 Wrap-Up & Summary (JR, CIEMAT)		

16:00-16:30 Networking coffee



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