

# TAIEX TRATOLOW Regional workshop on synergies and opportunities: drafting National Energy and Climate Plans of Energy Community Contracting Parties

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*Transition towards Low Emissions and Climate Resilient Economy in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (TRATOLOW)*

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*Energy Community Secretariat*

**15 May 2024**

**Venue:**

*Hotel Radon Plaza  
Dzemala Bijedica St 185  
Sarajevo 71000*

**Beneficiary:**

*Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*,  
Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye*

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## Aim of the Workshop:

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The workshop is to facilitate the exchange of information regarding the main relevant issues with cross-border / regional impact identified in the draft NECPs. Presentations by selected representatives of the relevant ministries of TRATOLOW Beneficiaries will demonstrate the main elements, assumptions and trajectories of their draft NECPs and those policies and measures, which they consider of cross-border interest. The Energy Community Secretariat will give an overview of the main identified issues related regional synergies in the draft NECPs. During the breakout sessions, participants will be invited to discuss and explore solutions together with their neighbours – using the policies and measures in their draft NECP – to address previously identified opportunities and challenges of cross border nature. This exercise is expected to raise awareness of the impacts of the individual policies and measures on neighbouring countries as well as the need to coordinate assumptions and expectations. By the identification of cross-border issues and the triggering of a common consideration to find solutions, the quality of NECPs is expected to significantly improve and the exercise is expected to have a positive impact on peer-to-peer working relations in public authorities across the region.

## Speakers:

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- **Ms Branka Knežević**  
Head of Department for Primary Energy and Policy  
Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - **Ms Violeta Philippitsch**  
TRATOLOW team lead  
Environment Agency Austria
  - **Mr. Adam Cwetsch**  
Head of European Green Deal Unit  
Energy Community Secretariat
  - **Mr. Peter Pozsgai**  
Lead of the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Readiness Task Force,  
Governance expert  
Energy Community Secretariat
  - **Ms Anja Rosenberg**  
Technical Advisor  
Energy Community Secretariat
  - **Ms Elisabeth Rigler**  
Head of Unit Climate Policy & Climate Mitigation  
TRATOLOW expert (Environment Agency Austria)
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- **Ms Bernarda Rožman**  
Senior Advisor - Specialist  
Directorate for Climate Action  
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development Croatia
  - **Mr. Danijel Crnčec**  
Legal and International Energy Affairs, Energy Directorate  
Ministry of Environment, Climate and Energy Slovenia
  - **Ms Arberesha Isufi**  
Expert  
Ministry of Economy Kosovo
  - **Ms Sanja Kapetina**  
Head of Department for Secondary Energy and Projects  
Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH
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## Day 1: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Chair: Ms Violeta Philippitsch

Venue: Hotel Radon Plaza, Dzemala Bijedica St 185, Sarajevo 71000

Interpretation available

Local time 09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration and connecting participants. Welcome coffee.</i>
9:30 – 09:50	<b>Welcome, introduction and objectives of the meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Branka <b>Knežević</b></li><li>• Ms Violeta <b>Philippitsch</b></li><li>• Mr. Adam <b>Cwetsch</b></li></ul>
9:50 – 10:20	<b>The importance of the regional dimension in the development and implementation of the NECPs – lessons learned from the draft NECPs submitted to EnCS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Anja <b>Rosenberg</b></li></ul>
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Question and Answers</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Case study 1 – the regional dimension in Croatian draft NECP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Bernarda <b>Rožman</b></li></ul>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Case study 2 – the regional dimension in Slovenian draft NECP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Danijel <b>Crnčec</b></li></ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Case study 3 – the regional dimension in Bosnia and Herzegovina's draft NECP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Sanja <b>Kapetina</b></li></ul>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Case study 4 – the regional dimension in Kosovo*'s draft NECP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Arberesha <b>Isufi</b></li></ul>
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A related to the case studies</b>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Presentation of the identified cross-border dilemmas and the working method for the breakout sessions</b>  <b>Speaker and moderator: Mr. Peter Pozsgai</b>
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Breakout sessions – bi – or multilateral discussions among CPs addressing the cross-border dilemmas</b></p> <p>All participants</p>
15:00 – 15:20	<p><b>Reports from the breakout sessions (part 1)</b></p> <p>Speaker: Representatives of the breakout groups</p>
15:20 – 15:30	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
15:30 – 15:50	<p><b>Reports from the breakout sessions (part 2)</b></p> <p>Speaker: Representatives of the breakout groups</p>
15:50 – 16:20	<p>Challenges of the Member States drafting the NECP</p> <p>Lessons learned from the project ‘Support to the assessment of the Member States’ biennial energy and climate progress reports, the preparation of the Commission’s progress assessment report under the Governance Regulation and under the Climate Law and the Commission’s assessment of the draft and final updated national energy and climate plans’ and regional consultations approach in Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Elisabeth <b>Rigler</b></li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:30	<p>Wrap up and end of the workshop.</p>



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