



Conference

Unlocking the Potential for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in South-Eastern Europe

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Representation of the State of North-Rhine Westphalia to the European Union
Room Macke-Ernst
Rue Montoyer 47
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South Eastern Europe is a region gifted with a high potential to increase energy efficiency and to expand renewable energy resources.

This high-level conference, co-hosted by Members of the European Parliament Georgi Pirinski (S&D) and Claude Turmes (Greens/EFA), will gather key decision-makers and stakeholders from South-Eastern Europe and Brussels at the beginning of the legislative discussion on the Clean Energy for all Europeans – Package, to identify and debate measures and initiatives to enable the transition to a clean energy system in the region, as well as help inform the forthcoming Commission proposals on a revised European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI 2.0) and the EU's budget after 2020.

A distinguished set of high-level speakers will explain the regional context and important cooperation processes underway, present the latest findings on the available Renewables and Efficiency potential in the region, discuss challenges in ensuring energy security and consider how innovative financing could significantly reduce the costs of the energy transition in the region to the benefit of consumers and taxpayers alike.

REGISTRATION

The event will be held in English and is free of charge. Please register **by 20 March** on our website <http://www.agora-energiewende.de/en/events/>.

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AGENDA

8:30 am	Registration with welcome coffee and croissants
9:00 am	<p>Welcome note by host MEPs</p> <p>Georgi Pirinski, Member of European Parliament, S&D</p> <p>Claude Turmes, Member of European Parliament, Greens/EFA</p>
9:10 am	<p>SETTING THE STAGE – Keynote speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maroš Šefčovič, Vice President of the European Commission for Energy Union Nigel Jollands, Associate Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <p>Q&A facilitated by Christian Egenhofer, Director Energy Climate House, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)</p>
10:15 am	<p>SESSION 1 – RENEWABLE ENERGIES</p> <p>Moderator: Matthias Buck, Head of EU Energy Policy, Agora Energiewende</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential for renewable energies in South-Eastern Europe Gürbüz Gönül, Head of Regional Initiatives, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Developing renewable energy resources in South-Eastern Europe at lowest possible cost Ian Temperton, Independent Consultant to Agora Energiewende <p>Followed by discussion</p>
11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:15 am	<p>SESSION 2 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY</p> <p>Moderator: Julian Popov, Fellow, European Climate Foundation (ECF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to boost buildings’ efficiency in South East Europe Oliver Rapf, Executive Director, Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) Delivering on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI): Contribution to energy efficiency goals Juan José Febles Acosta, European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); European Investment Bank (Advisor) <p>Followed by discussion</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Wrap-up and closure of the meeting followed by light lunch</p> <p>Claude Turmes, Member of European Parliament, Greens/EFA</p>

