

Social Innovation in Energy Transitions in Central and Eastern Europe

Thursday, 27 January 2022

10:00–13:15 CET (UTC+1)

SONNET on Tour in Warsaw: hosted on Zoom

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10:00–10:45

ENERGY TALK: Social innovation in energy transitions in Central and Eastern Europe

What is the status of social innovations in energy (SIE) in Central and Eastern Europe? What are their characteristics and needs? What helps them develop and thrive?

Mariya Trifonova, Sofia University; Sabine Hielscher, University of Sussex; Arthur Hinsch, ICLEI
Moderator: Agata Stasik, Kozminski University

10:45–11:15

KEYNOTE: How cities can support social innovations in energy – lessons from Warsaw

How does the City of Warsaw support social innovation in energy transitions? How does the municipality collaborate with diverse energy actors and facilitate the knowledge exchange between them? How does the city want to include SIEs in its future action plans and strategies?

Jacek Kisiel, Deputy Director, Office of Air Protection & Climate Policy, City of Warsaw

11:15–11:45

Q&A SESSION: Discuss with the morning's speakers

Coffee break

12:00–12:45

SIEs UNDER A MICROSCOPE: Follow the story of your choice

Initiatives from across Central and Eastern Europe will present their ideas and actions to make local energy systems greener and more sustainable. They will shed light on the opportunities and challenges facing social innovations in energy in Central and Eastern Europe. What is their potential to transform energy systems in the region? How to enable the development of SIEs? How can we support social innovation and ensure just energy transition for all? Participants will be able to select which discussion they want to join, and participate in a discussion with the speakers.

Initiatives include: oPEN Lab in Tartu (Estonia); ZKlaster in Zgorzelec (Poland)

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LOOKING AHEAD: Takeaways from the discussion

Reflection on what has been discussed throughout the day to collaboratively draw key conclusions and takeaways.

Moderator: Olga Krajewska

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