

2023 INFORMAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 29 June 2023 *Arrival at Uji Ftohte Tepelene (Albania)*

12:00 – 17:00 *Pick-up at the Mother Tereza airport in Tirana and transfer to the meeting venue*
 19:00 *Welcoming Dinner hosted by Presidency in office*

Friday, 30 June 2023 *Informal Ministerial Council Meeting*

08:00 – 09:00 *Breakfast*

1. Welcome by:

- *Belinda Balluku, Deputy Prime Minister, Albania*
- *Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania*
- *Kurt Vanderberghe, Director-General, DG CLIMA*
- *Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Deputy Director-General, DG ENER*
- *Artur Lorkowski, Director, ECS*

09:15 – 09:35

2. Implementation of the Energy Community Decarbonisation Roadmap: *Reflection on the way towards a regional emissions trading system*

09:35 – 12:00

Implementation of the Energy Community Decarbonisation Roadmap: next steps for the Contracting Parties	09:35–10:00	Artur Lorkowski, Director ECS Kurt Vanderberghe, DG CLIMA Mechthild Wörsdörfer, DDG, EC
Roundtable discussions on the next steps to be taken within the framework of the Energy Community Decarbonisation Roadmap: progressing on implementation of energy and climate legislation and development of carbon pricing (guiding questions distributed ahead of the meeting)	10:00 - 12:30	Contacting Parties
Wrap-up	12:30 -12:45	Artur Lorkowski, Director ECS

Working Lunch: *'Winter preparedness – lessons learned and next steps ahead of next winter'*

12:45 – 14:30

The European Commission and the ECS will present the overview of measures taken and lessons learned to ensure security of supply for winter 2022/2023 by the EU and the Energy Community Contracting Parties, as well as the risk preparedness measures ahead of next winter, specifically on security of supply, gas storage, demand reduction. Delegations will be invited to present the electricity and gas situation and exchange views on the measures they plan to take ahead of next winter to ensure security of supply both in the short and long-term.

3. Social Event in Gjirokastra district

14:30 – 18:00

20:00 – 22:00 *Working dinner in Gjirokastra*

Saturday, 1 July 2023

8:00 – 10:00 *Breakfast, farewell and transfer to Mother Tereza Airport*