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Just Transition Forum 2026

Venue: Ramada by Wyndham, Podgorica, Montenegro

Date: 20 October 2026

Time: 9:30 – 17:00

Exhibition: Women Powering Energy: A Photo Exhibition from the Energy Community Region

Registration: 09:00 – 9:30

1. Welcome and opening session

Hour: 9:30 – 10:30

Welcome address

Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat

Admir Šahmanović, Minister of Energy and Mining, Montenegro (tbc)

Edgar Alfred Gansen, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Montenegro (tbc)

Keynote

DG ENER, European Commission (tbc)

Sladana Kaluđerović, Chairperson of the Green Parliamentary Group and Member of the Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum, Parliament of Montenegro

Dubravka Bošnjak, Project Leader, Just Transition in the Western Balkans, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Policy recommendations on how to institutionalise youth participation in Just Transition processes in WB coal regions

WB youth representative

2. Case study: Just Transition in Pljevlja?

Hour: 10:30 – 11:45



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This roundtable will bring various stakeholders to explore the different aspects of just transition in Pljevlja, the need for it, as well as the challenges and opportunities it brings.

Moderator: Monika Figaj, Energy Community Secretariat

Ljiljana Djondovic, Municipal Manager, Pljevlja municipality (tbc)

Diana Milev Čavor, Climate and Energy Programme Coordinator, NGO Eco-team

Miladin Sekulić, Coordinator for International Cooperation and Just Transition, Trade Union Organization of the Pljevlja Coal Mine

Jente Mork, Consultant for the Just Transition Plan project for the Pljevlja coal region, Berlin Economics

Milan Dragašević, Director of the Strategic Management and Business Transformation Department of the Pljevlja Coal Mine (RUP)

Coffee break and opening of the Women in Energy Photo Exhibition: 11:45 – 12:15

3. Pulse Talk: Turning Change into Opportunity

Hour: 12:15 – 12:30

Communicating Just Transition: How visibility, storytelling and trust shape public acceptance and political will for energy reforms

Jelena Mikić, Communications and Visibility Consultant for Regional Energy Efficiency Programme

4. Young Voices of Transition: What Just Energy Means to Us and Our Community

Hour: 12:30 – 13:30

Video presentations and reflections on youth engagement in Just Transition

Moderator: Marta Schulte-Fischedick, Energy Community Secretariat

*Anna Shvets
Francesca Ceban
Alexandru Fedaş*

Lunch: 13:30 – 14:30



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5. Panel Discussion: Diversifying Tools to Tackle Energy Poverty

Hour: 14:30 – 15:30

A discussion on how the tools proposed by the EU Citizen Energy Package can support designing targeted measures to alleviate energy poverty, such as through citizen energy initiatives, energy communities, local government action, innovative financing mechanisms, and National Energy Poverty Observatories.

Moderator: Branislava Maksimovic, Energy Community Secretariat

Olivian Balan, Head of Head of Programme and Implementing Unit, National Center for Sustainable Energy, Moldova

Valentina Stardelova, Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources, North Macedonia

Caroline Nwafor, Director, Austrian Observatory, National Energy Poverty Office

6. Roundtable on Just Transition Financing: taking a deep dive into domestic sources, such as carbon pricing, as well as other financing streams

Hour: 15:30 – 16:30

Roundtable on use of revenues from all sources, especially domestically generated ones, to finance Just Transition

Moderator: Adam Cwetsch, Energy Community Secretariat

Christian Egenhofer, Senior Fellow, European University Institute

Ivan Mrvaljević, Executive Officer, EPCG

Biljana Ramic, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia (tbc)

Ognjan Pantić, Expert, Belgrade Open School

Babette Stein von Kamienski, Head of Energy Division for South-East Europe, KfW

Chiara Giamberardini, Secretary, Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition, UNECE

7. Conclusions

Hour: 16:30 – 16:45

Adam Cwetsch, Head of Unit, Energy Community Secretariat



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Refreshments starting from 16:45

