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Capacity-Building Workshop: Youth Leadership for a Just Transition

Venue: Ramada by Wyndham, Podgorica, Montenegro

Date: 21 October 2026

Time: 9:00 – 14:30

1. Welcome and Brief Introductions

Hour: 9:00 – 9:15

Opening and introductions

*Ines Bulajic, GIZ BA
Marta Schulte-Fischedick,
Energy Community Secretariat
(EnCS)*

2. The Just Transition Journey

Hour: 9:15 – 09:45

Just Transition in the Energy Community: current state, challenges and opportunities and the role of Just Transition within the **global climate discussion**.

Monika Figaj, EnCS

3. How Young People Can Shape the Just Transition

Hour: 09:45 – 10:30

This session explores how young people can actively contribute to **energy transition planning and decision-making**, drawing on examples from local initiatives, youth councils, NGOs, volunteering and advocacy. It highlights **opportunities for young people's participation**, showcases community initiatives, youth policy recommendations and awareness campaigns, and explores how to **effectively engage decision-makers and energy stakeholders**.

*Bojana Lalatovic, Regional Youth
Cooperation Office (RYCO)*

Coffee Break: 10:30- 10:45



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4. Communicating for Impact

Hour: 10:45 -11:45

This session builds **skills to communicate, advocate and inspire action**, with a focus on understanding **climate disinformation and climate literacy** and the role of **advocacy in climate and energy issues**. Participants will strengthen their **public speaking and facilitation skills** and learn how to use **storytelling and evidence** to communicate effectively and influence decision-makers.

Eleonora Allena, CAN Europe

5. Group Work: Just Transition Card Game

Hour: 11:45– 13:10

Just Transition Card Game Simulation: Participants take on the role of local Just Transition Coordinators and navigate the phase-out of coal-fired power generation while balancing economic feasibility, social justice, stakeholder interests and uncertainty. Through a series of decision points, you will apply Just Transition principles and explore real-world trade-offs, followed by a worksheet connecting the simulation to your own regions and experiences.

- *Scenario presentation*
- *Group work*
- *Group presentations*

Marta Schulte-Fischedick, EnCS

Facilitators:

Ines Bulajic, GIZ BA
Hanna Claeson, EnCS
Nevena Smilevska, CEE
Bankwatch Network

6. Ask the Expert: Reflection, Examples & Q&A

Hour: 13:10– 13:25

An expert reflections on the simulation and emerged discussion, complemented by a short presentation of additional Just Transition examples from the region and an open Q&A.

Nevena Smilevska, CEE
Bankwatch Network

7. Wrap-up, Feedback Survey and Closing

Hour: 13:25

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Lunch: 13:30 – 14:30