

4th Conference on Advancing Renewable Investments

Venue: Hotel InterContinental, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Date: 10 & 11 December 2026

DAY 1 10 December 2026

11:30 – 12:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee

12:30 – 13:00 Opening Remarks:

Ms. Céline Gauer – Director General for Energy, European Commission (TBC)

Dr. Tomaž Žagar – State Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy of the Republic of Slovenia

Mr. Artur Lorkowski – Director, Energy Community Secretariat

13:00- 13:30 Fireside Chat - Financing the Pre-Accession Energy Transition: From EU Alignment to Bankable Investment

13:30 – 14:30 Panel Debate I - Accelerating Renewables in the Energy Community: the Role of the Electricity Market Integration and Flexibility

14:30 – 15:15 Networking Coffee & Light Bites

15:15 – 16:15 Panel Debate II - Guarantees of Origin: Unlocking Market Opportunities through Mutual Recognition

16:15 – 17:15 Panel Debate III - Unlocking Renewable Growth: Streamlining Permitting to Accelerate Deployment

17:15 – 17:30 Close of Day 1

19:00 Evening Reception and Dinner

- *Hosted by the Slovenian Government*

DAY 2 11 December 2026

09:30 – 12:00 Community Energy Café: Local Energy, Lasting Impact

How Renewable Energy Communities (RECs) Can Tackle Energy Poverty and Transform Biomass Use for Sustainable Heat (interactive workshop including networking coffee break)

This interactive Community Energy Café will combine guided discussions, peer exchange, and informal networking over coffee, providing a space to share experiences, discuss challenges, and identify practical approaches to delivering sustainable heat, promoting the sustainable use of biomass, and tackling energy poverty through RECs.

Participants will explore:

- The role of RECs in delivering affordable and sustainable energy
- Sustainable heat solutions and the role of biomass in local energy systems
- Community-led approaches to addressing energy poverty
- Key regulatory, financing, and market conditions for scaling local energy projects
- Success stories and practical examples from across Europe, including Energy Community Contracting Parties
- Common barriers to implementation and lessons learned on how to overcome them

12:00 – 13:00 Farewell Lunch