AGENDA

Pilot Projects: Results and Ways Forward

Accelerating Renewable Energy Deployment and Just Transition in the Western Balkans

Venue: Online
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2026
Time: 10:00 – 12:00 CET

1. Opening Remarks and Objectives of the Event

Hour: 10:00 – 10:10

Moderator: Svitlana Karpyshyna, Head of Project Management Unit, Energy Community Secretariat

- Naida Hausmann, Head of Renewables Unit at Energy Community, Energy Community Secretariat
- Aleksandra Bujaroska, Senior Expert in Environmental Governance, Permitting and Planning Lead of the Centre for Renewables Acceleration, Energy Community Secretariat
- Dritan Nelja, Team Leader - Twin Transition Program, Open Society Foundations - Western Balkans (TBC)
- Representatives of the Municipality of Bitola, North Macedonia and the Municipality of Elbasan, Albania (optional)
- Representation of Open Society Foundations – Western Balkans (Optional)

2. Presentation and Validation of Screening Results

Hour: 10:10 – 10:25

Recommendations on renewable energy development opportunities and constraints, and identification of further assessments and actions required to support future RAA designation.

- Božidar Pavlović, Technical Experts for GIS Screening and Spatial Analysis of Renewables Acceleration Areas
- Biljana Medenica, Technical Experts for GIS Screening and Spatial Analysis of Renewables Acceleration Areas (RAAs)

3. Practical Training for Relevant Authorities

Hour: 10:25 – 10:55

This GIS-based training helps municipalities understand and use the developed screening layers and mapping outputs.

- Božidar Pavlović, Technical Experts for GIS Screening and Spatial Analysis of Renewables Acceleration Areas
- Biljana Medenica, Technical Experts for GIS Screening and Spatial Analysis of Renewables Acceleration Areas (RAAs)

4. Guided Validation and Feedback

Hour: 10:55 – 11:35

Opportunity for local stakeholders to request further clarifications and technical assistance, as well as to provide their feedback on the pilot mapping outputs.

- Local stakeholders
- All participants

5. Evaluation and Reflection on Pilot Activities

Hour: 11:35 – 11:55

Presentation of lessons learned and opportunities for scaling.

- Dr Dirk Buschle, Delegated Expert, Becker Büttner Held
- Johannes Vollmer, Delegated Expert, Becker Büttner Held

6. Conclusions and Agreed Follow-Up

Hour: 11:55 – 12:00

Summary of the event and next steps.

- Aleksandra Bujaroska, Senior Expert in Environmental Governance, Permitting and Planning Lead of the Centre for Renewables Acceleration
- Dritan Nelja, Team Leader - Twin Transition Program, Open Society Foundations - Western Balkans (TBC)