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CROSS-BORDER SUSTAINABLE RENEWABLES ACCELERATION AREAS IN UKRAINE – PHASE II

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Establishing Stakeholder Engagement Platform

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Stakeholder Engagement Platform

A dialogue space for shaping RAA planning in Ukraine

Inclusive Multi-Level Continuous Dialogue

Connecting national authorities, regional administrations, local hromadas, and international experts

5
stakeholder sessions, June – November 2026

552
contacts in the stakeholder list

8
stakeholder groups

Targeted Pilot Regions

Active engagement across Lvivska, Zakarpatska, Ivano-Frankivska, Chernivetska, and Vinnytska oblasts

Purpose

- Discuss the issues that shape RAA designation and projects
- Identify regulatory, institutional and data gaps
- Build a shared understanding of what RAA designation means
- Incorporate expert knowledge and local experience into the Project outputs

Map the stakeholders

A list of 550+ contacts from authorities, business, science and civil society

Select the topics

Land, permitting, storage and the institutional pathway to RED III

Convene

Online stakeholder sessions on Zoom, each with a moderated discussion panel

Feed the outputs

Consultation results feed the project outputs and the final report

Stakeholders Mapping

State Authorities

National & Regional

Civil Society

Environmental & energy NGOs

Local Authorities

Territorial Hromadas

Spatial planners

Documentation developers

RES developers

RES Project Designers & Energy Companies

Education institutions

Leading universities

Transmission & Distribution Operators

National & Regional

Expert community

Geography, ecology, energy, development

Engagement programme

Five stakeholder sessions, online, June – November 2026

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08 Jun
Session 1

Starting stakeholder engagement, overview of the Phase II scope

Discussion session

2

25 Aug
Session 2

Degraded Agricultural Lands as a Priority Sites for Renewables Acceleration Areas

Discussion session

3

24 Sep
Session 3

Renewables Acceleration Areas One-Stop Shop: Planning Risks, Institutional Setup, and Coordination

Discussion session

4

23 Oct
Session 4

Siting Energy Storage in Renewables Acceleration Areas: Environmental and Infrastructure Frameworks

Discussion session

5

06 Nov
Session 5

Introduction of Renewables Acceleration Areas in Ukraine: institutional, regulatory and awareness issues on the pathway to EU RED III implementation

Today

Session 1: Launch engagement

Starting stakeholder engagement, overview of the Phase II scope

8 June 2026 | **Online on Zoom**

Concept

Aimed to present the vision of the second phase of implementation of Cross-Border Sustainable Renewables Acceleration Areas in Ukraine Project, as well as to discuss the prospects of refining the defined RAAs' criteria, approaches on RAAs planning procedures, data collection and integration for the purposes of RAAs planning

Agenda

1. **Opening/ welcoming**
   Ms. Svitlana Karpyshyna, Head of Project Management Unit, Energy Community Secretariat
2. **Presentation of the project**
   Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, Energy Community Secretariat · Ms. Anastasiia Oleshchenko & Mr. Viktor Putrenko, Project Consultants
3. **RAA development: Setting RAA-s**
   Mr. Mate Zec, The Nature Conservancy
4. **Q&A**
   Moderated discussion related to the topic · Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, Energy Community Secretariat / All participants

Focal Points



- necessity of land ownership considering
- collocated storage as the necessary component of RAAs
- integration of collocated storage and bidirectional grid capacity optimization
- considering brownfields for the purposes of RAAs planning
- incorporating sensitivity mapping and local stakeholder tools to bridge data gaps
- aligning national renewable targets with local-level validation and feedback

Key idea from the discussion

Targeted work at the local level to assess potential territories for the RAAs designation as well as institutional capacity building are required

Session 2: Degraded agricultural lands

Degraded Agricultural Lands as a Priority Sites for Renewables Acceleration Areas

25 August 2026 | **Online on Zoom**

Concept

Aimed to discuss the issues of defining “degraded” lands, legal regulation of the issue, access to databases of “degraded” lands, their potential efficiency for RAAs given the higher costs of grid connection in rural areas and the operational balance between clean energy production and dual-use models such as agrovoltaics

Agenda

1. **Welcoming Remarks**
   Ms. Svitlana Karpyshyna, Energy Community Secretariat · Ms. Oksana Aliieva, European Climate Foundation
2. **Agricultural Lands RAAs Criteria Assessment in Ukraine**
   Viktor Putrenko, Director of the Geospatial Solutions Agency “AGEORA”
3. **Degraded Lands Assessment**
   Erica Ruhl Zell, the World Bank
4. **Renewable Energy Land Request**
   Cosimo Tansini, Policy Officer for Renewables, European Environmental Bureau
5. **Discussion Panel**
   Moderator – Sergii Gapon, coordinator of innovative solutions branch of the Geospatial Solutions Agency “AGEORA”

Focal Points



- approaches used for considering agricultural lands as a criterion in RAAs planning at the regional level
- questionable nature of the criterion due to fragmentation of the degraded lands
- multifunctional usage of the area and collocated sitting of RES facilities adjust to agricultural fields
- spatial requirements for a sustainable energy transition in Europe

Key idea from the discussion

Degraded agricultural lands are a priority option for RAAs only provided that the term "degraded lands" is clearly legally regulated, and an accessible, up-to-date database on soil conditions is established

Session 3: RAA One-Stop Shop

Renewables Acceleration Areas One-Stop Shop: Planning Risks, Institutional Setup, and Coordination

24 September 2026 | **Online on Zoom**

Concept

Aimed to discuss the institutional complexities of creating a functioning RAA One-Stop Shop, including structuring and clarification of current RES placing permitting algorithm established in Ukraine, the balance of powers between local and national authorities, setting up a digital infrastructure, and the legal reliability of expedited permitting, environmental and spatial planning risks

Agenda

1. **Welcoming Remarks**
   Ms. Oksana Aliieva, European Climate Foundation · Ms. Svitlana Karpyshyna, Energy Community Secretariat · Kasandra Dropuljic, The Nature Conservancy
2. **Policy & Implementation Strategies**
   Aleksandra Bujaroska, Energy Community Secretariat · Dirk Buschle, BBH, Delegated Expert to the Centre for Renewables Acceleration
3. **Permitting protocol**
   Biljana Grbic, The Nature Conservancy
4. **Digitalization & Process Transparency**
   Yuliia Polishchuk, Head of the User Support Department, the Administrator of the State Spatial/Urban Planning Cadaster
5. **Discussion Panel**
   Moderator – Maryna Zerkal, coordinator of environment protection and integrative planning branches, LLC “AGEORA”

Focal Points



- RES development in line with general EU trends of simplification and acceleration in processes linked to climate change mitigation
- supporting both the permits granting authorities and the applicants in permitting procedure passing as a key purpose of RAAs OSS
- the State Spatial/Urban Planning Cadaster as an example of acting state permitting digital system
- interconnections with information systems and relevant authorized authorities, legislative and state budget changes, time and funding as prerequisites of OSS functioning

Key idea from the discussion

A One-Stop Shop needs clear roles, institutional cooperation & coordination, and digital tools behind it

Session 4: Energy storage in RAAs

Siting Energy Storage in Renewables Acceleration Areas: Environmental and Infrastructure Frameworks

23 October 2026 | **Online on Zoom**

Concept

Aimed to discuss the issue of the needs of the Ukrainian energy system in modern technical solutions of energy storage assets, locating energy storage assets within the RAAs, while maintaining a balance between regulatory compliance, environmental protection, and infrastructure optimization

Agenda

1. **Welcoming remarks**
   Ms. Svitlana Karpyshyna, Energy Community Secretariat · Ms. Oksana Aliieva, European Climate Foundation
2. **Infrastructure & Grid Synergy**
   Ms. Sonja Risteska, Head of Battery Storage Europe Platform (BSEP) SolarPower Europe
3. **Regulatory Framework**
   Mr. Valentyn Didyk, renewable energy expert, LLC “AGEORA”
4. **Environmental Considerations**
   Mr. Petro Tiestov, analytic, Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group
5. **Discussion Panel**
   Moderator – Mr. Viktor Putrenko, Director of the Geospatial Solutions Agency “AGEORA”

Focal Points



- advantages of hybridisation and co-location solutions in renewable energy sphere
- Ukrainian legislation on energy storage systems
- comparison of Projects in RAAs with and without nearby BESS
- risks of siting and operation BESS
- feasibility of developing national criteria and requirements for the siting of BESS
- methodological issues of reflection of RAAs in spatial planning documentation

Key idea from the discussion

Storage siting in RAAs increases the efficiency of using available RES and don’t cause sufficient additional risks

Experts and partners

Who brought knowledge to the sessions

Energy Community and donors

- Energy Community Secretariat: Project Management Unit, Centre for Renewables Acceleration, Kyiv Office
- European Climate Foundation

Project team, AGEORA

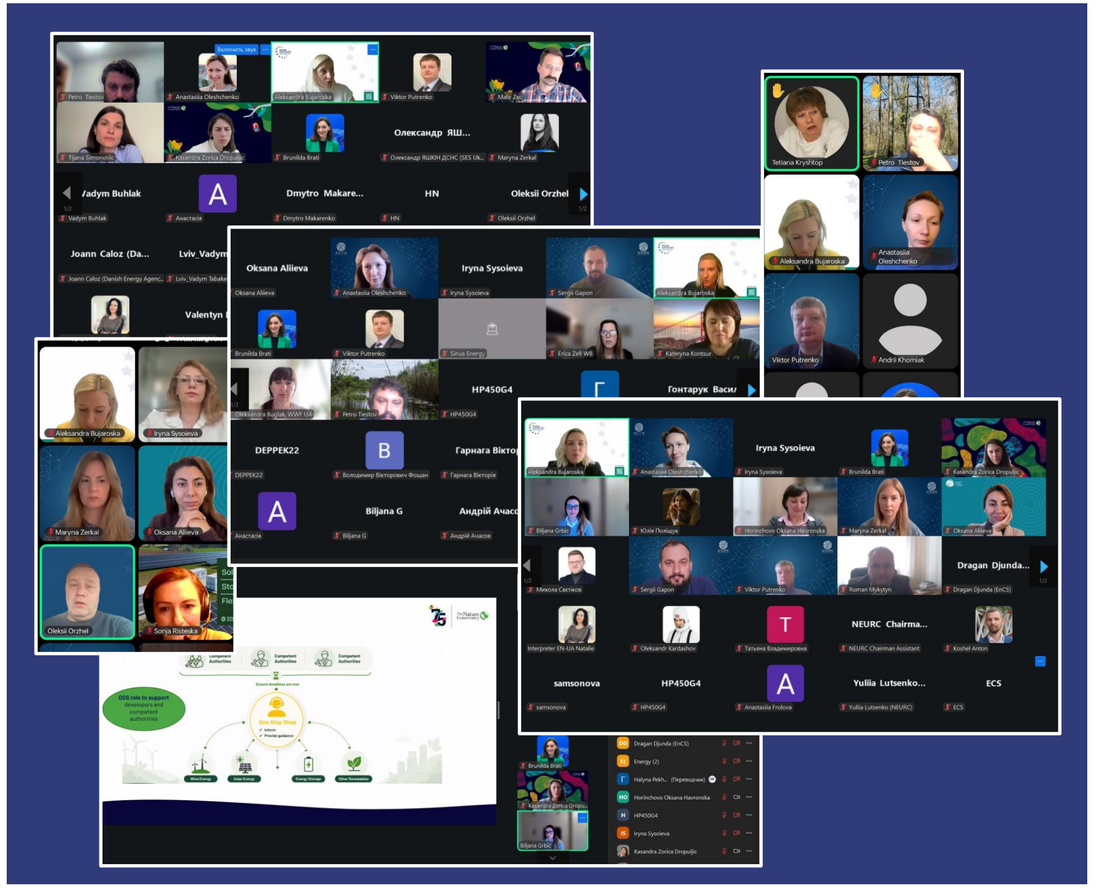
- Viktor Putrenko, Director
- Maryna Zerkal, coordinator of environment protection and integrative planning branches
- Anastasiia Oleshchenko, coordinator of spatial planning branch
- Sergii Gapon, coordinator of innovative solutions branch
- Valentyn Didyk, renewable energy expert

International and EU expertise

- World Bank
- European Environmental Bureau
- The Nature Conservancy
- SolarPower Europe, Battery Storage Europe Platform
- BBH, delegated expert to the Centre for Renewables Acceleration

Ukrainian institutions

- Ministry of Energy of Ukraine
- Administrator of the State Spatial/Urban Planning Cadaster
- Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group
- Oblast administrations and hromadas



Every stakeholder session: expert presentations followed by a moderated discussion

From consultations to project products

Stakeholder input is reflected across the outputs of the project

Consultation themes

1. 1st Webinar on stakeholder engagement
2. Degraded Agricultural Lands
3. RAAs One-Stop Shop
4. Siting Energy Storage in RAAs
5. Institutional, regulatory and awareness issues

Regional Concept Notes

Guiding Note on planning RAAs

Training programme

Digital manual

Final Stakeholder Feedback Report

The outcomes of all consultations with stakeholders will be consolidated in the final Stakeholder Feedback Report

Session 5: Launch engagement

Introduction of RAAs in Ukraine: institutional, regulatory and awareness issues on the pathway to EU RED III implementation

Today | **Online on Zoom**

Concept

Aimed to discuss existing achievements in the sphere of RAAs planning in general and within the second phase of the Project “Cross-Border Sustainable Renewable Acceleration Areas in Ukraine” in particular, as well as identify further steps in supporting the RED III requirements implementation in Ukraine

Agenda

1. **Welcoming Remarks**
   Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, Centre for RES Acceleration, Energy Community Secretariat · Ms. Oksana Aliieva, European Climate Foundation · Mr. Oleksii Orzhel, Kyiv Office, Energy Community Secretariat
2. **Ukraine’s RAAs Progress and Prospects**
   Ms. Iryna Sysoieva, Ministry of Energy of Ukraine
3. **RAA in Ukraine PHASE II - Project Achievements**
   Maryna Zerkal, Viktor Putrenko, Anastasiia Oleshchenko, LLC “AGEORA”
4. **Regional & Local Considerations**
   Olena Vasylko (Lvivska Oblast) · Volodymyr Stratiy (Vinnytska Oblast) · Oleh Horbatiuk (Chernivetska Oblast) · Serhii Tymoshchenko (Zakarpatska Oblast) · Bohdana Stoian (Ivano-Frankivska Oblast)
5. **Discussion Panel**
   Moderator – Anastasiia Oleshchenko, coordinator of spatial planning branche, LLC “AGEORA”

EXPECTATIONS

- **vision and requirements for RAA planning from the bottom up**
- **comments on the Project outputs**
- **recommendations regarding further supporting the RED III requirements implementation in Ukraine**
- **request for cooperation**
- **reflections / expectations / wishes**

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