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Cross-Border Sustainable Renewable Acceleration Areas in Ukraine – PHASE II

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

Stakeholder Discussion Session

Venue: Online on Zoom
Date: 23 October 2026
Time: 10:00 – 12:00 EEST (9:00 – 11:00 CET)

CONCEPT

As nations accelerate the energy transition, the designation of Renewables Acceleration Areas (RAAs) has emerged as a key mechanism to streamline permitting for solar, wind, and grid infrastructure. In this regard Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have become essential to grid stability, peak shaving, and curtailment mitigation. However, successfully integrating BESS within these designated zones presents distinct regulatory, environmental, and engineering challenges. Strategic siting is no longer just about geographic proximity to generation – it requires an integrated approach that balances environmental safeguards with robust infrastructure capabilities.

This session aims 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. The session focuses on unpicking the complex tensions between accelerated permitting timelines, stringent environmental protections, thermal safety standards, and local land-use constraints. Through structured dialogue and collaborative problem-discussing, participants will collectively identify systemic gaps, evaluate emerging trade-offs, and look for actionable best solutions for building resilient, future-ready energy storage infrastructure within accelerated zones.

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1. Welcoming remarks

10:00 – 10:05

- Ms. Svitlana Karpyshyna, Head of PMU, Energy Community Secretariat
- Ms. Oksana Aliieva, Senior Associate, European Climate Foundation
- Ms. Iryna Sysoieva, Head of the Renewable Energy Expert Group, Directorate for Electric Power Complex and Electricity Market Development, Ministry of Energy of Ukraine (tbc)

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2. Infrastructure & Grid Synergy

10:05 – 10:35

Lessons learned from recent co-location and standalone storage developments	Ms. Sonja Risteska, Head of Battery Storage Europe Platform (BSEP) SolarPower Europe

3. Regulatory Framework

10:35 – 11:00

Review of national regulations on BESS placement, assessment of RAAs projects in RAAs with co-located BESS and without them	Mr. Valentyn Didyk, renewable energy expert, LLC "AGEORA"

4. Environmental Considerations

11:00 – 11:30

Environmental risks associated with BESS placement, outcomes of environmental impact assessments experience, and best practices for mitigating possible risks	Mr. Petro Tiestov, analytic, Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group

5. Discussion Panel

11:30 – 12:00

Moderated discussion related to the topic	Moderator – Mr. Viktor Putrenko, Director of the Geospatial Solutions Agency "AGEORA"