



## WORKSHOP

### *The European Green Deal and the National Energy and Climate Plan in Slovakia*

Organized in cooperation with the Slovak Parliament

**5 April 2022**

**9.00 – 13.45**

#### Online Conference

*Working languages: English and Slovak  
with simultaneous interpretation provided*

#### Opening Session 9.00 – 9.30

- **9.00 – 9.10**      **Opening words**  
Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES
- **9.10 – 9.20**      **Welcoming speech**  
Miroslav Žiak, Member of the Slovak Parliament
- **9.20 – 9.25**      **The Slovak Student Climate Justice Collective**  
"Z lavíc do ulíc"  
Alžbeta Ľudmová, Young climate activist
- **9.25 – 9.30**      **The voice of the younger generation in Slovakia**  
Karolina Galeková, Primary school climate activist

#### Session 1: Renewable energy and energy efficiency 9.30 – 10.20

##### Setting the ambition for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Slovakia

The session will present the current situation for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Slovakia, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the renewable energy and energy efficiency system of the future for Slovakia.

#### Input speeches

- **9.30 – 9.40**      **The role of energy efficiency and renewable energy for a Sustainable recovery and economy in Slovakia**  
Karol Galek, State Secretary for Energy, Ministry of Economy

- **9.40 – 9.50**      **The challenges within the European energy union for the integration and development of a sustainable energy system: A special focus on Slovakia**  
Hans van Steen, Principal Adviser for an integrated renewable energy strategy towards the 2050 carbon neutrality objective, DG ENER, European Commission
- **9.50 – 10.00**    **The green transition from the perspective of the Presidential Office**  
Norbert Kurilla, President Adviser on Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Business Environment, Office of the President
- **10.00 – 10.10**    **The impact of EU’s Clean Energy Package & the European Green Deal on the green energy transition of Slovakia**  
Martin Hojsík, Member of European Parliament

**10.10 – 10.20 Questions and Answers**

10.20 – 10.30 Break

**SESSION 2: Energy Efficiency 10.30 – 11.20**

**EU energy efficiency policy implementation in Slovakia**

This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Slovakia and good practices for boosting investments. Held as part of the Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective policies.

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **10.30 – 10.40**      **The challenges of building renovation for energy efficiency and sustainability building principles**  
Katarína Nikodemová, Director, Buildings for the Future Slovakia
- **10.40 – 10.50**      **Investments into energy efficiency and heat distribution systems**  
Kvetoslava Šoltésová, Head of Department, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency
- **10.50 – 11.00**      **Slovakia’s energy saving potential and action plan in the public building sector**  
Alena Ohradzanska, Director, Construction Department, Ministry of Transport and Construction
- **11.00 – 11.10**      **Energy Performance Contracting in Slovakia – results, barriers and challenges**  
Marcel Lauko, Managing Director, Energy Centre Bratislava

**11.10 – 11.20 Questions and Answers**

## SESSION 3 Energy Efficiency 11h20 – 12h15

### Enabling factors and barriers for implementing energy efficiency in Slovakia

The Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project tries to create a better understanding of the national debate and motivation on efficiency policies and good practices. This session focuses on the influential narratives in Slovakia. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will form part of the discussion.

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- **11.20 – 11.30**                      **Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 survey results and the impact of narratives on effective policy implementation**  
**Malte Gephart**, Associate Director Energy, Sustainability and Infrastructure, Guidehouse
- **11.30 – 12.00**                      **Expert Panel**

**Moderator: Malte Gephart**, Associate Director Energy, Sustainability and Infrastructure  
Guidehouse

- **Jana Bendžalová**, Executive Manager, Environment and Building Energy Efficiency
- **Richard Paksi**, Analyst, Platform Buildings for the Future

**12.00 – 12.15 Questions and Answers**

12h15 – 12h30 Break

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 have been organized in the framework of the [Energy Efficiency-Watch 4](#) project. Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 (EEW4) is a HORIZON 2020 project, coordination, and support action, aiming at supporting policy makers in EU MS in improving the degree of a successful implementation of policy instruments for energy efficiency, and thus contributing to reaching the target of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).

## SESSION 4: Renewable Energy 12.30 – 13.20

### Towards a new and sustainable Slovak energy system

This session will discuss the trends of the new energy system and energy markets in Slovakia. Innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors will be presented to show how different actors are implementing solutions, overcoming the challenges faced by the traditional energy system and thereby shaping the future Slovakian energy system.

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **12.30 – 12.40**                    **Overview and outlook of solar and wind energy in Slovakia**  
**Jan Karaba**, Director of the Slovak Association of the Photovoltaic Industry and RES (SAPI)
- **12.40 – 12.50**                    **Capacities as a determining factor for the decarbonization of regions**  
**Juraj Zamkovsky**, Executive Director, CEPA-Friends of the Earth
- **12.50 – 13.00**                    **Barriers to Permission and Administrative Procedures in Slovakia**  
**Boris Valach**, Energy Consultant, Eclareon

**13.00 – 13.15 Questions and Answers**

13.15 – 13.20 Break

## SESSION 5: Renewable Energy 13h20 – 13h45

### Open discussion: Shape and Fund the renewable energy transition in Slovakia

This session intends to discuss the financial opportunities for the energy transition and renewable energy sources in Slovakia, as well as the different existing initiatives to develop renewable energy projects at local, regional, or national level, and through public, private, or collaborative funding.

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **13.10 – 13.20**                    **The Slovak economic perspective on energy efficiency and renewable energy to achieving a climate neutral energy system**  
**Karol Galek**, State Secretary for Energy, Ministry of Economy
- **13.20 – 13.30**                    **Expert Panel**

**Moderator: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General EUFORES

- **Dorota Osvaldova**, Climate and Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace Slovakia
- **Rastislav Hanulak**, Advocate, Capital Legal Group

### 13.30 – 13.40: Questions and Answers

- **13.40 – 13.45**                    **Closing Remarks**  
**Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

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