



## WORKSHOP

### *“Renewable Energies in Slovakia - Opportunities and Challenges ahead”*

Organised in cooperation with the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Online Conference

15 October 2020

9.30 – 13.30

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

#### SESSION 1

9.30 – 10.15

High-level opening

**9.30 – 9.40: Opening words**

Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

**9.40 – 9.45: Welcoming speech**

Miroslav Žiak, Member of Parliament, National Council of Slovakia

**9.45 – 9.50: Welcoming speech**

Norbert Kurilla, Advisor to the President of Slovakia

**9.50 – 10.00: Renewable Energy Sources in Slovakia: a big challenge for the new Government**

Karol Galek, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy

**10.00 – 10.15: The impact of the EU’s Clean Energy Package & the European Green Deal on Slovakia’s energy transition**

Hans Van Steen, Director RES & EE, DG Energy, European Commission

#### SESSION 2

10.15 – 11.15

**“Setting the Ambition for Renewable Energies in Slovakia”**

*The session will present the current situation of renewable energies in Slovakia and how it will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans, considering the EU’s clean energy package and the European Green Deal. The session intends to set the picture of the present to discuss the development of policies for the Slovak renewable energy system of the future.*

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**10.15 – 10.30: The role of Renewable Energies for a Sustainable Recovery and Economy in Slovakia**

**Juraj Smatana**, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of Slovakia

**Expert Panel**

- **Martin Hojsík**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Anna Zemanová**, Member of the National Council of Slovakia
- **Dörte Fouquet**, Director, European Renewable Energy Federation
- **Kvetoslava Šoltésová**, Head of Department, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency, SIEA

**11.00 – 11.15: Discussion with Members of the National Council of Slovakia**  
**Questions from participants**

### SESSION 3

**11.15 – 12.15**

**“Towards a Renewable Energy System and Energy Market in Slovakia”**

*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 Slovak energy system and markets.*

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- **11.15 – 11.25: Capacity for Renewable Energies in the transmission System of Slovakia**  
**Karol Kosa**, Executive Director of the Division of Development of Transmission Network - SEPS
- **11.25 – 11.35: New opportunities for Renewable Energies for Slovakia in the context of Recovery**  
**Ján Karaba**, Director, Slovak Association of Photovoltaic Industry - SAPI

**11.35 – 11.45: Discussion with Members of the National Council of Slovakia**  
**Questions from participants**

- **11.45 – 11.55: How to motivate the energy market to include RES in the energy mix**  
**Andrej Juris**, Chairman, Regulatory Office for Network Industries - URSO
- **11.55 – 12.05: Unlocking the potential of geothermal energy for Slovakia**  
**Branislav Fričovský**, Researcher, State Geological Institute of Dionyz Stur

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12.05 – 12.15: Discussion with Members of the National Council of Slovakia  
Questions from participants

12.15 - 12.30: Break

#### SESSION 4

12.30 – 13.30

### “Shape and Fund the Renewable Energy Transition in Slovakia -a link to the Recovery Plan”

*This Session intends to discuss the financial opportunities for the Energy Transition and Renewable Energies in Slovakia. It shall discuss the measures and projects to include in the Recovery Plan to support the transition towards a green and sustainable economy, with the focus on Renewable Energies legislations and projects.*

**Moderator: Miroslav Žiak**, Member of the National Council of Slovakia

**12.30 – 12.40: Input speech: Patrik Križanský**, Independent consultant on Renewable Energies

**12.45 – 13.30: Expert Panel**

- **Karol Galek**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy
- **Rastislav Hanulák**, Legal advisor, Partner Capitol Legal
- **Martina Olejníková**, Senior Manager institutional relations, Veolia Energy Slovakia
- **Blahoslav Němeček**, Senior Partner, Ernst & Young

**Closing remarks: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

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