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PROFESSIONAL ONLINE ROUNDTABLE ON CREATING APPROPRIATE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN THE DANUBE REGION

*in the framework of Activity 1.5 - Joint design of the
appropriate legal, operational and financial environment for
the creation of energy communities on roundtables*

Organised by:
STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency,
the Lead Partner of NRGCOM

**Date: 11th September 2024
09:00-12:45 CET**

Platform: ZOOM

Meeting agenda

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/rYxZyCrnkGNdZff67>

Link to the virtual meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81450611979>

Moderator: Márta Honti

8:45-9:00 **Entry in virtual “lobby”**

9:00-9:10 **Welcome and Opening Speech, Introduction**

Greetings, introduction of the main themes of the discussion and overview of the agenda

STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency, the Lead Partner (STRIA, HU)

9:10-9:20 **Introduction of the NRGCOM project results**

Réka Zulauf - STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency, the Lead Partner (STRIA, HU)

Roundtable discussions

Speakers:

Prof Andrej Gubina, PhD - LEST - Laboratory of Energy Policy, University of Ljubljana (Uni-lj, SI)

Mr. Martin Krupa – ECM System Solutions s.r.o. (ECM, CZ)

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Markus Puchegger - FORSCHUNG Burgenland (FB, AT)

Section 1 – Legal Forms of Energy Communities

9:20-10:05 **Three case studies of successful implementations in the Danube Region**

Topics:

Overview of Legal Structures

- *Introduction of different legal structures for energy communities (e.g., cooperatives, non-profits, limited liability companies).*
- *Advantages and disadvantages of each form.*

Regulatory Frameworks

- *Overview of national and EU regulations affecting energy communities.*
- *Key legal requirements and compliance issues.*
- *Impact of regulatory changes on the formation and operation of energy communities.*

10:05-10:15 Q&A Session

Further discussion of the legislative background of energy communities in the Danube Region

10:15-10:25 Break

Section 2 – Stakeholders and Networks

10:25-11:10 Three best stakeholder management practices in the Danube Region

Topics:

Identification of Key Stakeholders

- *Identification of key stakeholders (e.g., local authorities, community members, investors, utility companies).*
- *Roles and interests of different stakeholders in energy communities.*
- *Strategies for effective stakeholder engagement.*

Building and Maintaining Networks

- *Importance of networks in supporting energy communities.*
- *Methods for building robust networks (e.g., partnerships, collaborations).*

11:10-11:20 Q&A Session

Further discussion on stakeholder engagement and networking strategies

11:20-11:30 Break

Section 3 – Establishment of Energy Communities

11:30-12:15 Three case studies on successful energy community establishment

Topics:

Steps to Establish an Energy Community

- *Step-by-step guide to founding an energy community.*
- *Initial planning, community engagement, and resource mobilisation.*
- *Practical challenges and solutions during the establishment phase.*

Financial and Technical Considerations

- *Funding options and financial models for energy communities.*
- *Technical requirements and considerations (e.g., infrastructure, technology choices).*
- *Integration of renewable energy sources and sustainability practices.*

12:15-12:25 Q&A Session

Further discussion of the practical aspects of establishing energy communities

12:25-12:45 Final remarks

Réka Zulauf - STRIA South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency, the Lead Partner (STRIA, HU)

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