



Renewable Power Purchase Agreements in the Western Balkans – opportunities and obstacles

Tuesday, 10 May 2022, 9:30am till 2:15pm (CEST)

Hotel Sirius, Agim Ramadani 10000, Pristina, Kosovo

The war in Ukraine is pushing Europe to get out of fossil fuels' import dependence as soon as possible which means building large amounts of renewables has to become a reality now – and not tomorrow. Moreover, renewables can provide a natural hedge against price vulnerability of markets and shield end customers from fossil price volatility, thus contributing to energy independence and security of supply.

Hence, significant wind and PV capacities need to be installed in the Western Balkans in a relatively short timeframe but the countries are still facing numerous barriers which hinder scaling up renewables' expansion.

What is the role of the market in these times? How can market-based routes to renewables expansion help with the scaling up of projects in Kosovo and the Western Balkans? What kind of a market framework is needed that will support merchant renewables and power purchase agreements (PPAs) in deploying additional projects? What are the overall advantages of renewable energy PPAs and how can we incentivise their utilisation? Last but not least, what type of policy options do we need in the region to address the barriers hindering renewable PPA utilisation?

All these questions about the role of PPAs and the market in supporting renewables will be discussed in Pristina, Kosovo, on 10 May 2022 by Agora Energiewende, enervis energy advisors and our partner from Kosovo, the Institute for Development Policy (INDEP).

We look forward to your participation at this conference – and interesting discussions.

AGENDA

9:30-10:00	Welcome coffee
10:00-10:15	Welcome and introduction: Balkan Green Agenda and the importance of accelerated renewables development in light of the energy crisis Sonja Risteska , Agora Energiewende
10:15-10:30	Kosovo's renewable future Besiana Qorraj-Berisha , Senior Officer for Renewable Energy Sources, Ministry of Economy
10:30-10:45	A renewable-based power sector in the Western Balkans by 2045: Insights from scenario modelling Rita Kunert , enervis energy advisors GmbH
10:45-11:10	Q&A Session with the audience Dardan Abazi , Institute for Development Policy (INDEP)
11:10-11:40	Coffee and cake
11:40-12:30	Roundtable talk Plans and opportunities for renewables in Kosovo – Energy strategy and status of the National Energy and Climate Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dardan Abazi, Institute for Development Policy (INDEP) Bringing renewables to the market – a brief introduction to renewable PPAs and the opportunities they offer for Kosovo and the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miltiadis Zervas, enervis energy advisors GmbH Energy Attribute Certificate systems implementation – challenges the Western Balkan countries are facing in national certificate implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Dobrovolsky, The International REC Standard Foundation
12:30-13:10	Open Discussion – obstacles and ways forward for renewables in the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julius Ecke, enervis energy advisors GmbH
13:10-13:15	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonja Risteska, Agora Energiewende
13:15-14:15	Lunch