Mayors Talk Forum

Awaiting the Budget:
Will We Find Solutions to Delayed Processes?

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13:00 – 13:30	*Registration and light lunch*
	SESSION 1: EXAMPLES FROM BULGARIA
13:30 – 14:00	**OFFICIAL OPENING: THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEXT EU MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK** ***Speakers: Markku Markkula,*** *Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions and Member of the City Council of Espoo, Finland* ***Tanya Hristova,*** *Mayor of Gabrovo* ***Dragomir Tsanev,*** *Executive Director of EnEffect*
14:00 – 14:30	**THE GABROVO EXAMPLE: RESULTS AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECTS** *The Municipality of Gabrovo presents progress toward its vision for sustainable development and climate neutrality by 2030, highlighting investments, challenges, and lessons learned*
14:30 – 15:00	*Coffee break*
	СЕСИЯ 2: НАЦИОНАЛНИ ПОЛИТИКИ
15:00 – 15:20	**TOOLS FOR IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICIES. THE SOCIAL CLIMATE PLAN** ***Anton Gladnishki,*** *Head of the "Reforms and Just Transition" Department, Central Coordination Unit, Council of Ministers*
15:20 – 15:40	**THE ROLE OF THE BULGARIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMMES FOR PUBLIC AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS: NEXT STEPS** ***Anita Kuzmanova,*** *Head of the "Public Programmes and Projects" Directorate, Bulgarian Development Bank*
15:40 – 16:00	**NATIONAL DECARBONISATION FUND: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND NEW FINANCING MODELS** ***Lyuba Nikiforova,*** *Executive Director of the Alliance for Decarbonisation of Bulgaria, managing the National Decarbonisation Fund*
16:00 – 17:00	**PANEL DISCUSSION: CHALLENGES FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN IMPLEMENTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMMES IN PUBLIC AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS** *Panel discussion with representatives of Bulgarian local authorities, NAMRB, SEDA, and financing institutions* *Moderator:* ***Dragomir Tsanev****, EnEffect*
17:00 – 19:00	**Site visit**

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19:30	*Dinner*

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SESSION 3: CITIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
09:30 – 09:50	**EU MISSION ON 100 CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR BULGARIAN MUNICIPALITIES** ***Maria Minkova & Elena Kamenova,*** *National Trust EcoFund*
09:50 – 10:10	**URBAN POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: AN INTEGRATED PATH TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY – THE EXAMPLE OF WROCŁAW** ***Grzegorz Synowicz,*** *Climate and Energy Directorate, Municipality of Wrocław, Poland*
10:10 – 10:30	**THE ADDED VALUE OF THE EU MISSION FOR CITIES: THE EXPERIENCE OF HELSINGBORG** ***Denis Kerkhof,*** *Municipality of Helsingborg, Sweden*
10:30 – 11:00	*Coffee break*
SESSION 4: PROJECT PREPARATION	
11:00 – 11:20	**REQUIREMENTS IN DESIGNING NET-ZERO BUILDINGS** ***Antonia Novakova****, EnEffect*
11:20 – 11:40	**BUILDING RENOVATION WITH PREFABRICATED COMPONENTS** ***Borislav Ivanov, Aleksandar Stankov****, EnEffect*
11:40 – 12:00	**AUTOMATION OF HEATING, COOLING AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS IN KINDERGARTENS** ***Yavor Vartinkov,*** *1Gas*
12:00 – 12:20	**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS: APPLICATION OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY** ***Antonia Novakova,*** *EnEffect*
12:20 – 12:40	**NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITIES** ***Todor Popov,*** *Municipality of Gabrovo*
12:40 – 13:00	**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUNICIPAL EXPERTS AND ENERGY CONSULTANTS IN ONE-STOP SERVICE CENTRES** ***Tsveta Nanyova,*** *Bulgarian Facility Management Association* ***Dragomir Tsanev,*** *EnEffect*
13:00 – 14:00	*Lunch*
14:00 – 16:00	**PRACTICAL TRAINING: QUALITY CONTROL IN THE INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS**

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