



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC FORUM: „THE ROLE OF THE ENERGY COOPERATIVES IN THE DECARBONIZATION PROCESS“

Venue: Main Conference Hall, UNWE, 8th December Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria
MS Teams:

Date: 06.06.2024 Time Zone EET (UTC/GMT +2)

09:30 – 10:00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 – 10:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome Speech by Prof. Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD – Rector of UNWE and Prof. Gian Luca Gregori, PhD – Rector of UNIVPM

Keynote Address by Eng. Georgi Samandov, PhD student UNWE – Deputy Minister of Energy of Republic of Bulgaria and Alexander Zahariev Head of Strategy SUNOTEC

10:30 – 11:00 **Plenary Session:** The State of Global Decarbonization Efforts

Keynote Speaker 1: Global Trends in the Decarbonization of the Energy Sector – Prof. Dimiter Ialnazov, PhD – Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), Kyoto University

Keynote Speaker 2 and 3: Communicating the Advantages of the Energy Cooperatives – Assoc. Prof. Valerio Temperini, PhD and Prof. Marco Giuliani, PhD – Department of Management, UNIVPM

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion:** Overcoming Challenges for Energy Cooperatives

Panel Lead: Prof. Bryan Willson, PhD – Executive Director, Energy Institute, Colorado State University

Panelist 1: Regulatory Hurdles Slavtcho Neykov – Chairman, Energy Management Institute

Panelist 2: Financial Models for Sustainability Assoc. Prof. Camilla Mazzoli, PhD – Department of Management, UNIVPM

Panelist 3: Technological Advancements in Renewable Energy Angie Freeman – Director Technology Transfer Office, Colorado State University

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 14:00 **Workshop Session:** Integrating Renewable Resources

Workshop Lead: Assoc. Prof. Vladimir Zinoviev, PhD
and Assoc. Prof. Dimitrina Koeva, PhD

Group Activity: Drafting a Cooperative Blueprint

14:00 – 15:00 Local Impact and Global Reach

Roundtable Discussions Lead by Prof. Kostadin Kostadinov, PhD – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Subtopic 1: Community Benefits of Energy Cooperatives Eng. Georgi Samandov, PhD student UNWE – Deputy Minister of Energy of Republic of Bulgaria

Subtopic 2: Decarbonization initiatives and policy measures in an international context Assoc. Prof. Svetla Boneva, PhD – Dean, Faculty of International Economics and Politics, UNWE

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 17:00 Forum Recommendations & Resolutions Lead by Ass. Prof. Lucia Pizzichini,

PhD, Department of Management, UNIVPM and Dept. of Business Administration, Jönköping International Business School (JIBS)

Participants present ideas for new projects and startups

Feedback session with research experts

Compiling outcomes of the forum

Drafting a collective statement

17:00 – 17:30 **Official Forum Closing Ceremony:** Thank You Speech by the Organizing Committee

19:00 – 21:00 **Gala Dinner and Networking Event**

International Organizing Committee:

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Vladimir Zinoviev, PhD – Director Scientific Research Center for Energy Business and Infrastructure at UNWE

Vice Chair: Assoc. Prof. Valerio Temperini, PhD – Department of Management, UNIVPM

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