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International conference

Energy Security: Green & Just

November 30 2023, 10:00 - 15:30

Conference Hall M3-4, Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The changing geopolitical landscape and the climate crisis have accentuated the fragility of European energy systems and reaffirmed the urgency of the green energy transition. At the same time, it is imperative to uphold one of the fundamental tenets of the European Green Deal, the commitment to a just transition, where 'no person and no place will be left behind'.

Our conference aims to spark a candid and inclusive public debate about the future of the energy transition in Slovenia, which must prioritize safety, environmental sustainability and social equity. Presently this debate is significantly influenced by the interests of Slovene energy companies constraining the narrative within the confines of fossil fuel and nuclear energy. The conference will explore the crucial dimensions of energy security and other related energy concerns, in pursuit of envisioning a Slovenian energy sector that will serve its peoples' needs and expectations.

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PROGRAMME:

The conference will be held in Slovene and English languages, simultaneous translations to English and Slovenian will be provided.

9.30–10.00

Visitor registration

10.00–10.15

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

KLEMEN BELHAR, PhD, *Institute of Social Ecology*

10.15–11.30

KEYNOTE SESSION

10.15–10.30

Safety and defense of energy infrastructure

VLADIMIR PREBILIČ, PhD, *Defence Research Centre of University of Ljubljana, Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje*

10.30–10.45

Energy poverty and energy democracy

KYRIAKI METAXA, MSc, *Coordinator of the Ecology Programme, Heinrich Böll Stiftung (TBC)*

10.45–11.00

Ensuring greater energy security tailored to people and the environment

DUŠAN PLUT, PhD, *Geographer and Environmentalist*

11.00–11.15

Myths about nuclear energy and renewable energy

BENOIT MONANGE, *član Upravnega odbora pri Green European Foundation*

11.30–11.45

Break

11.45–12.45

STRATEGIC APPROACHES TO ENSURING NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY

- **HINKO ŠOLINC**, MSc, *Director General of the Directorate for Energy, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy*
 - **BAS EICKHOUT**, MEP, *Vice-Chair ENVI Committee, Vice-Chair of Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance in European Parliament*
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12.45–13.15 **Coffee and climate-conscious snack break**

13.15–14.15 **PANEL DISCUSSION – Europe's Energy Future**

- **BAS EICKHOUT**, *MEP, Vice-Chair of Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance in European Parliament*
 - **ROBERT GODINA**, *Political advisor on EU Budget control, Greens / EFA Group in the EP*
 - **PATRICIA LORENZ**, *Global 2000 - Friends of the Earth Austria*
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14.15–15.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: New nuclear project JEK2 vs. lighting candles – or what are Slovenia's energy possibilities and opportunities?**

Panelists:

- **LIDIJA ŽIVČIČ**, *PhD, Focus - Association for Sustainable Development*
 - **URŠA ZGOJZNIK**, *Co-president of Vesna – Green Party*
 - **JURE VETRŠEK**, *MSc, Institute for Innovation and Development of the University of Ljubljana*
 - **DUŠAN PLUT**, *PhD, Geographer and Environmentalist*
 - **ZORAN KUS**, *MSc, Climate and sustainability crisis expert*
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15.30 **Closing remarks**

The agenda is still being finalized. The event organizer reserves the right to make changes in the format, agenda or programme of the event.

We encourage the attendance of individuals from various backgrounds who are engaged or interested in the topics of energy, environmental, and climate affairs, especially representatives of governmental ministries overseeing these sectors and dedicated non-governmental organizations, as well as all those seeking a deeper understanding of the critical issues surrounding energy and the imperative shift towards a just and sustainable green transition.

Participation at the conference is free, but please note that the number of available seats is limited. Part of the conference sessions will be conducted in Slovenian, simultaneous translation to English will be provided.

The conference is organized in accordance with the principles of sustainability, therefore we encourage you to use a more sustainable mode of transport to reach the venue of the event: → **BY BICYCLE**: the closest station of the bicycle sharing system [Bicikelj](#) are stations nr. 18 (Trg MDB) and 20 (Kongresni trg); → **BY CITY BUS**: the buses stopping at the nearby bus station Drama are nrs 1, 1B, 2, 3, 3B, 9, 6, 6B, 11, 11B, 19, 19B, 27, and at the station Cankarjev dom buses nrs 14, 14B, 18, 18L. See [here](#) for more information on timetables.

*We are looking forward to meeting with you,
Institute for Social Ecology*