



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

Norway – Western Balkans Business Conference *Investment opportunities in renewable energy in the Western Balkans*

Regional conference organised by the Norwegian Embassies in Belgrade and Sarajevo and the Office of the President in Serbia in cooperation with the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania and North Macedonia; Nordic Business Alliance and Norway-BiH Business Association and NORWEP.

Palace of Serbia, New Belgrade

17 November 2022

Program

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration**

All participants must be registered by 09:30 (ID necessary) and be seated by 09:50.

10:00 **Welcome**

Mr Jørn Gjelstad, Ambassador of Norway to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia and
Mr Olav Reinertsen, Ambassador of Norway to Bosnia and Herzegovina

10:00 - 11:00 **High-level opening segment**

moderated by Mr Marko Cadez, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia

H.E. Aleksandar Vucic, President of the Republic of Serbia

H.E. Zoran Tegeltija, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

H.E. Dritan Abazovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro

H.E. Dimitar Kovachevski, Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia (TBC)

H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania (TBC)

Mr Terje Aasland, Minister of Petroleum and Energy of Norway (TBC)

11:00 - 12:30 **Regional energy perspective and Norwegian energy investments in the Balkans**

moderated by Mr Olav Reinertsen, Ambassador of Norway to BiH

Mr Tim Bjerkelund, Partner, **Rystad Energy** (*supporting energy sector reform in Serbia*)

Ms Gunn Vik, Director Global Hydropower and Solar, **Norwegian Energy Partners** (NORWEP)

Mr Simen Bræin, SVP Int'l Power, **Statkraft** (*investments in hydro power and solar power in Albania*)

Mr Inge Forseth, CEO, **NTE** (*investments in hydro power in Montenegro*)

Mr Magnus Johansen, EVP Offtake, **Emergy** (*investments in wind and solar power in Serbia and BiH*)

Ms Ingrid Welde, Project Development Manager, **Tinfos** (*developing hydropower in North Macedonia*)

Mr Børge Bjørneklett, CEO, **Ocean Sun** (*construction of floating solar power system in Albania*)

Mr Knut Linnerud, Senior Project Development, **Greenstat** (*investment in solar power/hydrogen in BiH*)

Mr Øyvind L. Vesterdal, CEO, **Norsk Solar** (*investment in solar power in North Macedonia*) (TBC)

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

High-level lunch hosted by President Aleksandar Vucic (by invitation only)

Standing lunch for all participants

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- 14:00 - 14:45 **Opportunities in the renewable energy sector**
moderated by (... TBC)
- Ms Dubravka Djedovic, Minister of Mining and Energy, Serbia (TBC)
Mr Fatmir Bytyqi, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Affairs, North Macedonia (TBC)
Ms Biser Turkovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina (TBC)
Ms Belinda Balluku, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania (TBC)
Mr Ervin Ibrahimovic, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Capital Investment, Montenegro (TBC)
- 14:45 - 15:30 **Implementing and financing the renewable energy agenda**
moderated by Mr Siniša Mali, Minister of Finance (TBC)
- Mr Siniša Mali, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Serbia (TBC)
Mr Emanuele Giaufret, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the European Union (TBC)
Mrs Yulia Ustyugova, Resident Representative, IMF (TBC)
Mr Matteo Colangeli, Director, Regional Head of Western Balkans, EBRD
Mr Nicola Pontara, Country Manager for Serbia, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
Mr Ary Naïm, Regional Manager for Central & Southeast Europe, IFC
Representative, Energy Community Secretariat (TBC)
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Norwegian Energy Sector development and experiences, role of business associations**
moderated by Mr Jørn Gjelstad, Ambassador of Norway to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia
- Mr Øivind Johansen**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of Norway
Mr Rune Flatby, Senior Advisor, former Head of Licensing, Norweg. Water Resources & Energy Directorate
Representative, Statnett (*Transmission System Operator*) (TBC)
Mrs Iva Petrovic, Director, Nordic Business Alliance
Mr Jan Morritz Olsson, Director, Norway-BiH Business Association
- 16:00 - 16:05 **Closing remarks**
- Mr Jørn Gjelstad**, Ambassador of Norway to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia
Mr Olav Reinertsen, Ambassador of Norway to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 16:00 **Cocktail reception**

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Participating partners

Norway

- Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
- Water Resources and Energy Directorate
- Norwegian Energy Partners (NORWEP)
- Statkraft
Statnett (*TSO*)
Nord Pool (*Nordic Power Exchange*)
- Emergy
- NTE
Greenstat
- Tinfos
- Rystad Energy
Norsk solar
Scatec
- Ocean Sun
- Kirkenes fondsforvaltning
- Greenzone

Serbia

- Office of the President
- Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Mining and Energy
EPS, *Electric Utility Power Company*
EMS, *Transmission System Operator ENTSO-E*
SEEPEX, *electricity market operator*
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Council of Ministers
- Ministry of Foreign Trade & Economic Relations
- Ministry of Energy, Mining & Industry, Gov. of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ministry of Industry, Energy & Mining, Gov. of Republika Srpska
- Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (energy advisors)
- Elektroprivreda BiH (state-owned electricity producer)

- *confirmed partner*

Montenegro

- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ministry of Capital Investments
- Montenegro Investment Agency
- Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro
- EPCG, electric utility power company
- CGES, *Transmission System Operator, ENTSO-E*
- CEDIS, *Electricity Distribution Network Operator*
- COTEE, *Electricity Market Operator, Europex*
- REGAGEN, *Energy and Water Regulatory Agency*
- MEPX, *Power exchange*
- Zeta Energy (*Joint Venture EPCG and NTE*)

North Macedonia

- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Economy
- Economic Chamber of North Macedonia
- AD Elektrani/Power Plants of North Macedonia
- MEPSO, *Transmission System Operator ENTSO-E*
National Energy Resources

Albania

Prime Minister's Office
Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy

International organisations

- Energy Community Secretariat
IMF
- EBRD
 - World Bank
 - IFC
 - EU

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