

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: OÖ Energiesparverband

Title of the event: **3rd ManagEnergy Networking Meeting - New opportunities for Energy Agencies**

Date & location: **4 March 2020, Wels/Austria**

Organisers: **OÖ Energiesparverband and FEDARENE**

Number of Participants: **58**

The third ManagEnergy Networking Event took place on 4 March 2020 in Wels/Austria in the context of the European Energy Efficiency Conference – a leading international conference on achieving climate neutrality. The interactive workshop "New opportunities for Energy Agencies" offered tailored information for energy agencies on how to create new opportunities for their organisations with the Green Deal. 58 participants from 23 countries took part in the event, including 22 representatives of 17 European local and regional energy agencies and a total of 45 relevant local, regional, national and European actors.

In the first part of the programme, an overview of EU funding opportunities dedicated to Energy Agencies through the Green Deal were presented, as well as the ManagEnergy initiative of the European Commission. This was followed by an inspiring showcase of successful initiatives presented by peer energy agencies. The second part of the event was dedicated to discussing and networking in small groups on developing new services, triggering further investments and new partnership opportunities between organisations.

Objectives and main programme points

The main objectives of the event included:

- offering tailored information for energy agencies on how to create new opportunities for their organisations with the Green Deal
- peer-to-peer inspiration through fellow energy agencies presenting their top programmes, projects and tools to trigger more sustainable energy investments in their regions and cities
- helping agencies strengthen their network for new partnerships

The following programme was offered:

Part 1: Input session

- **ManagEnergy – Supporting energy agencies in leading the energy transition**
Christiane Egger, OÖ Energiesparverband, Austria (on behalf of Seamus Hoyne)
- **The Green Deal – What is in it for energy agencies?**
Radoš Horáček, European Commission, DG Energy

From inspiration to action: venturing into new fields (3-5 minute presentations)

- **Triggering the industrial energy transition**
Christiane Egger, OÖ Energiesparverband, Austria
- **A viable financing scheme for deep renovation of multi-family houses**
Daniel Encinas Martín, Agencia Extremeña de la Energía, Spain
- **How to develop an integrated hydrogen economy**
Nejc Jurko, KSSENA, Slovenia
- **Engaged citizens as allies of energy agencies: the ENES-CE project**
Alen Visnjic, Medjimurje Energy Agency, Croatia
- **Tackling climate protection and youth employment: the Yenesys project**
Savvas Vlachos, Cyprus Energy Agency, Cyprus
- **Guiding large cities through their energy transition**
Ion Dogeanu, Local Energy Agency Bucarest, Romania
- **Supporting municipalities in profiting from power system flexibility**
Michael Sillén, Greater Stockholm Energy Agency, Sweden

Part2: Interaction and group work

A key point of the programme was over 2 hours of interaction and discussion in small groups. Participants were divided into teams of around 6 people and invited to work on the topic "How can I develop a new action field for my agency to trigger further investments in the energy transition?". A harvesting session allowed all participants to hear what ideas and subjects had been addressed in other groups. This was repeated for a second round. Participants were allocation to new groups and given a second topic for discussion "What opportunities for cooperation do we see around energy transition investment projects?". A final harvesting session took place before wrapping-up the networking event.

Participants were very engaged and actively took part in the discussion and harvesting rounds. Participants were keen to exchange experience on increasing awareness of different stakeholder groups in order to unlock investment in this field. The methodological approach to developing a new service was also considered and discussed.

Outcomes of the discussions

The following summarises key points of the discussions on how energy agencies can increase their role as leaders in the energy transition and trigger further sustainable energy investments:

- **NECPs and their implementation** bring the necessity to build up infrastructure. Energy agencies could play a stronger role as link between governmental policies and implementation (i.e. offering consultancy services and capacity building activities, facilitating exchange between actors/regions/countries). In order to be able to do this, a deeper understanding of EU policies and their progress would be helpful (the Commission presentation in this event was seen as a successful example in doing this).
- In many regions/countries, **heating and cooling** are becoming main topics in discussions on climate mitigation measures. Working together on these topics could be an opportunity for energy agencies to increase their own knowledge and understanding of the situation, their narratives in regard to these topics and their toolbox for steering developments in their city/region.
- The **industrial energy transition** is a large challenge and will require, among others, cooperation between industrial stakeholders. Energy agencies can participate in various ways, i.e. by helping train facility managers.
- **Energy communities**: Building on their current role as facilitators, energy agencies are well-placed to act as the link between all actors of an energy community. There would be great benefit in developing projects to kick-start and support the establishment of energy communities in EU Member States.
- Many group discussions also included an exchange on each participating **energy agencies' "business model"** (meaning its service offer, financing, mandate and governance) and how much could be learnt from a deeper understanding of each others' structures. Also mentioned by a number of participants was a need for further support in finding ways to stabilise these "business models". New service offers with additional income streams could, for example, be technical training, consultancy services in relation to EPC contracts
- The ability to extend the energy agency activity portfolio to **new sectors** (e.g. SMEs, industry, transport - anything beyond the residential and public sectors) is decisive if energy agencies want to be true leaders in the energy transition. Ideas were exchanged on possible future peer-to-peer learning programmes including the participation of company representatives and complementing the programme with a match-making service)
- There is a continued need for networking between energy agencies, training and support in increasing the visibility and impact of energy agencies.



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List of participants:

First name	Last name	Organisation	Country
Mahra	Alhoot	Ras Al Khaimah Municipality - Energy Efficiency and Renewables Office (Reem)	UAE
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Darius	Biekša	Lithuania Energy Agency	Lithuania
Dominique	Bourges	Fedarene	Belgium
Badreddine	Boutaghriout	Sonatrach	Algeria
Maja	Bratko	Medjimurje Energy Agency	Croatia
Bonnie	Brook	Siemens	Switzerland
Adam	Butigan	Primorje-Gorski Kotar County	Croatia
Evgheni	Camenscic	Green City Lab	Moldova
Marko	Čavar	North-West Regional Energy Agency	Croatia
Alexios	Chatzimpiros	Samsø Energy Academy	Denmark
Ion	Dogeanu	AEEP - Local Energy Agency	Romania
Filip	Dumitriu	Fedarene	Belgium
Christiane	Egger	OÖ Energiesparverband	Austria
Hajar	El Mansouri	Catalan Energy Cluster	Spain
Daniel	Encinas	Energy Agency of Extremadura (Agenex)	Spain
Jonathan	Flórez Montaño	Technologiezentrum Energie	Germany
Anja	Gahleitner	OÖ Energiesparverband	Austria
Carlos	Garcia	Fundacion Asturiana de la Energia	Spain
Assen	Gasharov	European Investment Bank	Luxembourg
Stanislavs	Gendelis	University of Latvia	Latvia
Megan	Gignac	OÖ Energiesparverband	Austria
Radoš	Horáček	European Commission, DG Energy	
Hamid	Iftikhar	Instituto Superior Tecnico	Portugal
Darko	Jardas	Institution Regional Energy Agency Kvarner	Croatia
Natalie	Joseph	Ras Al Khaimah - Energy Efficiency and Renewables Office (Reem)	UAE

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Laura	Juršėnaitė	Lithuania Energy Agency	Lithuania
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Vlasta	Krmelj	Energy Agency of Podravje	Slovenia
Natalia	Kryvoruchko	Tokmak City Council	Ukraine
Arvea	Marieni	Turboalgor	Italy
Mikus	Mikelsons	Latvian University	Latvia
Melissa	Miklos	Fedarene	Belgium
Marco	Mori	Leitat - Technological Center	Spain
Ingrida	Murauskaite	European Commission, JRC	NL
Artur	Obidnyk	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	Ukraine
Sviatoslav	Pavliuk	Association "Energy-Efficient Cities of the Ukraine"	Ukraine
Volodymyr	Peregudov	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	Ukraine
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Veronika	Serhieieva	Novovolynsk City Council	Ukraine
Michael	Sillén	Storsthlm Energy Agency	Sweden
Ivan	Šimić	Regional Energy Agency North	Croatia
Robert	Stadler	Austrian Institute of Construction Engineering	Austria
Rachel	Tully	Energy Agency of Extremadura (Agenex)	Spain
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Lakshmishree	Venugopal	Transsolar KlimaEngineering	Germany
Alen	Višnjić	Medjimurje Energy Agency	Croatia
Savvas	Vlachos	Cyprus Energy Agency	Cyprus
Bojan	Vogrinčič	Local energy agency Pomurje	Slovenia
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Tetiana	Ziatikova	Zhytomyr City Council	Ukraine