



Exhibition opening hours:

Thursday: 14:00 – 19:00

Friday: 10:00 – 19:00

Saturday: 10:00 – 18:00

***Please note that all times mentioned below are in EEST**

BALKAN ENERGY FORUM

Thursday May 23rd – 18:00

Welcome addresses:

- Dr. Kyriakos Pozrikidis, Managing Director of TIF-HELEXPO
- Stathis Konstantinidis, Deputy Minister of Interior, sector of Macedonia and Thrace

Short addresses:

- Ioannis Mitliagkas, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kozani
- Giannis Kokaliaris, Mayor of Kozani
- Giorgos Amanatidis, Governor of Western Macedonia
- Jerry Ismail, USA Consul General in Greece

Inauguration:

- Nikos Papathanasis, Alternate Minister of National Economy and Finance
- Theodoros Skylakakis, Minister of Environment & Energy

Friday May 24th

1st Section: 10:30 – 11:30

Topic: “The European energy and climate policy, transnational Cooperation and green energy transition in the Balkans”

Speakers:

1. Costas Fragkogiannis, Deputy Minister for Economic Diplomacy and Openness
2. Alexandra Sdoukou, Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy, Greece
3. Maria Spyraiki, Member of the European Parliament, EPP
4. Mihai Irene, Policy Officer of the Romanian Photovoltaic Industry Association (RPIA), Romania - ZOOM

5. Mariyana Yaneva, Vice President of APSTE (Association for Production, Storage and Trading of Electricity), Bulgaria – ZOOM
6. Costis Stambolis, President and Executive Director of the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe

Moderator: Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist

2nd Section: 11:40 – 12:40

Topic: “Technological advancements in the RES market”

Speakers:

1. Dimitris Papastergiou, Minister of Digital Governance
2. Sotiris Kapellos, President of the Hellenic Association of Photovoltaic Companies (HELAPCO), COO of Helleniq Renewables
3. Panagiotis Papastamatiou, General Director of HWEA – ZOOM
4. Konstantinos Vasilikos, President of the Hellenic Association of Small Hydroelectric Projects – ZOOM
5. Theocharis Tsenis, CERTH

Moderator: Dr. Dionysis Papachristou, RAAEY

3rd Section: 12:45 – 13:45

Topic: “RES networks and development”

Speakers:

1. Dimitris Michos, Senior Business Development Manager, IPTO
2. Paris Frantzeskakis, Senior Manager, Technical Department, Directorate of Infrastructure Management of DESFA
3. Charles Esser, Secretary General E.DSO
4. George Stasimiotis, General Technical Director, MES Energy S.A.

Moderator: Prof. Giorgos Christoforidis, Director of the Power and Energy Systems Laboratory, UoWM

Break: 13:45 – 15:00

4th Section: 15:00 – 16:00

Topic: **“Energy storage”**

Speakers:

1. Dr. Athanasios Dagoumas, President of the Regulatory Authority for Energy
2. Dr. Stelios Loumakis, President, Hellenic Association of Photovoltaic Energy Producers
3. Nikos Chatziargyriou, Director, Hellenic Association of Energy Storage Systems
4. Ypatios Moesiadis, CEO of Wattcrop
5. Prasad Joshi, Vice President of Business Development, Greenko, Renewable Energy Company, India
6. Giannis Panagis, President of the Panhellenic Federation of Photovoltaic Electricity Producers Associations

Moderator: Assistant Prof. Konstantinos Oureilidis, UoWM

5th Section: 16:15 – 17:15

Topic: **“Green mobility: Electric traction, batteries and hydrogen”**

Speakers:

1. Christina Alexopoulou, Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Greece
2. Vasiliki Panaretou, Technical Expert, EU Affairs Department, Motor Oil
3. Vasileios Kappatos, Director of the Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT)
4. Babis Marmagelos, MC CHARGERS
5. Flavio Grazian, Project Manager - Knowledge & Innovation, UITP - International Association of Public Transport

Moderator: Assistant Prof. Dimitrios Stimoniaris, OuWM

Saturday May 25th

1st Section: 10:00 – 11:00

Topic: **“Transition – Development prospects of areas in decarbonization”**

Speakers:

1. Pelopidas Kalliris, Director of the Just Development Transition Program
2. Despoina Gkarani, CEO of METAVASI S.A.
3. Giorgos Amanatidis, Governor of Western Macedonia
4. Panagiotis Plakentas, Mayor of Eordaia, Greece
5. Vasileios Giannakis, Mayor of Florina, Greece

Moderator: Assistant Prof. Eleftherios Topaloglou, Director of the Institute of Energy Development and Transition to Postlignite Era

2nd Section: 11:10 – 12:10

Topic: **“The hydrogen Market: Developments and Opportunities”**

Speakers:

1. Dimitris Triantafylopoulos, CEO of Hellenic Hydrogen
2. Nora Gourdoupi, PhD, Senior Vice President, Corporate Business Development, Advent Technologies
3. Spyros Voutetakis, CERTH
4. Savvas Douvartzidis, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of West Macedonia
5. Giorgos Kaplanis, Head of Hydrogen and Electromotive Technologies, MES Energy

Moderator: Nikolaos Ntavos, Co-Founder & Manager at the Cluster of Bioeconomy & Environment of Western Macedonia (CluBE)

3rd Section: 12:15 – 13:15

Topic: **“Energy and digital transition and Energy efficiency - Investment opportunities for the development of RES”**

Speakers:

1. Aristotelis Aivaliotis, General Secretary of Energy and Mineral Raw Materials, Ministry of Environment and Energy
2. Nikos Ploskas, SYNERGiNN EDIH, Digital Innovation Hub of Western Macedonia

3. Nikos Karapanagiotis, Executive Director of CRES
4. Giorgos Tryfinopoulos, Head of Strategic Design of the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund

Moderator: Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist

Break: 13:15 – 15:00

4th Section: 15:00 – 16:00

Topic: **“Bioeconomy and circular economy”**

Speakers:

1. Vizirgiannakis Vasilis, Development Manager of Thalix
2. Dimosthenis Mavridis, General Manager of DIADYMA (Waste Management of W. Macedonia)
3. Nikos Damatis, Secretary General, HellaBiom
4. Giannis Androulakis, President of the Green Fund
5. Igor Jezdimirovic, Environmental Engineering Group, Serbia
6. Michalis Geranis, President of FODSA
7. Lina Toupektsi, Agronomist

Moderator: Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist

5th Section: 16:10 – 17:10

Topic: **“Greek climate-neutral cities and energy communities LG”**

Speakers:

1. Giannis Kokaliaris, Mayor of Kozani
2. Vassilis Papaefstathiou, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Planning and Climate Neutrality of Kalamata
3. Tsalemis Dimitris, APOLLON Program, General Director of Energy, Ministry of Environment
4. Giorgos Antoniou, Special Advisor to the Mayor, Municipality of Ioannina
5. Christos Zarabukas, Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of Trikkaia, Vice-President of the Chamber of Trikkaia

Moderator: Dr. Yannis Fallas, Director of CluBE and member of the European Bioeconomy Panel of the European Commission (DG RTD)

6th Section: 17:15 – 18:00

Topic: “SMEs and transition to the post-lignite era”

Speakers:

1. Ioannis Mitliagkas, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kozani
2. Iordanis Tsotsos, Vice President of the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Pella
3. Stefanos Georgiadis, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Drama
4. Athanasios Malliaras, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Serres

Moderator: Vaso Annoulidou, Journalist