



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: Mr. Kaloyan Velichkov, CEO of SUNOTEC Group – The Importance of Decarbonization

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: 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 (TBC)

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 – 15:30 Local Impact and Global Reach

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

Subtopic 1: Community Benefits of Energy Cooperatives (TBC)

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

Subtopic 3: Smart Grids and Cooperatives, AI and Blockchain (TBC)

Subtopic 4: Sustainable Practices in Energy Production and Energy Storage Solutions (TBC)

15:30 – 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

Members: Prof. Dimiter Ialnazov, PhD – Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), Kyoto University

Prof. Kostadin Kostadinov, PhD – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

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Registration for all participants: <https://forms.gle/EzpgtNsqkk6xaPtQ7>

Participation: Free (Online attendance), 60 BGN (Students and PhD Students including attendance during the Forum) / 200 BGN (including attendance during the Forum, possibility for submitting paper and Gala Dinner)

Submitting papers: **31.03.2024**

Selected papers that are subject to anonymous double review and that meet the requirements of Scopus in accordance with the rules of writing and citing, and agreeing with the authors, will be published in Scopus indexed journal: energyrdcenter@gmail.com

Registration open till: **12.05.2024**