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The Visegrad Four countries' responses to the energy crisis

V4 Energy Think Tank Platform (V4ETTP) Workshop

14 September 2023, 9:00-15:00

Venue: Corvinus University of Budapest, Faculty Club (Fővám tér 8.)



With the aim of strengthening cooperation among the think tanks of the Visegrad countries in the field of energy, as well as promoting dialogue between the academic sector and decision-makers in this area, REKK (HU) as coordinator, along with SFPA (SK), the Instytut Jagielloński (PL) and AMO (CZ) as partners, have initiated the launching of the [V4 Energy Think Tank Platform \(V4ETTP\)](#) as a permanent think tank cooperation platform focusing on energy, operating from 2018. In 2022 the Polish partnership was taken over by the Centre for Eastern Studies, OSW.

The 2023 work plan of the V4ETTP emphasises regional solutions to the unprecedented energy market situation caused by the pandemic and the Russian aggression on Ukraine, but also on the challenge of the decarbonization of the economy. The partners focus on issues which enable the handling of the urgent energy price challenges and on issues which assist the elaboration of long-term energy transition solutions for the upcoming years, after the war, hopefully.

The workshop focuses on two topics: the **V4 countries' reactions to the energy crisis** and **heating decarbonization**. At the event we welcome the ambassadors responsible for energy issues in the V4 countries to a high level panel discussion to discuss the possible common V4 positions and discuss the above mentioned topics based on draft working papers prepared by the think tank partners of the platform.



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WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION
- 09:00-09:10 WELCOME AND OPENING by László Szabó, director of REKK
- 09:10-09:30 LESSONS LEARNED ON THE REGULATORY AND POLICY SIDE ON EU LEVEL. WHAT IS THE CONSUMERS' TAKE ON THE CRISIS?
Csilla Bartók, Acting Head of Department Infrastructure, Gas and Retail, ACER
- 09:30 – 10:30 ENERGY AMBASSADORS' PANEL ON V4 ENERGY COOPERATION ISSUES
Moderated by Andrej Nosko PhD, Visiting Researcher at Matej Bel University
Speakers:
- Urban Rusnák, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia
 - Petr Michalek, Economic and Trade Diplomat, Embassy of the Czech Republic in Budapest
 - Jakub Gibek, Deputy Director of the Department of International Affairs in the Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland
 - Péter Holicza, Deputy State Secretary for EU Affairs & International Relations, Ministry of Energy, Hungary
- 10:30-10:45 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
- 10:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 1: THE V4 REACTIONS TO THE ENERGY CRISIS STARTING IN 2021
Presentation by Oldřich Sklenář, AMO
Roundtable discussion moderated by Borbála Takácsné Tóth (REKK)
Panellists:
- Oldřich Sklenář, climate analyst, Association for International Affairs (AMO), Czech Republic
 - Peter Kotek, senior analyst, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK), Hungary
 - Agata Łoskot-Strachota, senior fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland
 - Veronika Oravcova, senior analyst, Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA), Slovakia
- 12:15-12:30 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
- 12:30-13:30 BUFFET LUNCH



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13:30-14:40 SESSION 2 – THE DECARBONIZATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD HEATING SECTOR IN THE V4

Presentation by Gábor Horváth (REKK)

Roundtable discussion moderated by Nolan Theisen, Senior Fellow at the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA)

Panellists:

- Örs Ringhoffer, Head of Department, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of Energy, Hungary
- Ján Karaba, Director, The Slovak Association of the Photovoltaic Industry and RES (SAPI)
- Tomáš Matuška, Head of Research Department Energy Systems in Buildings, University Centre for Energy Efficient Buildings of Czech Technical University in Prague

14:40-14:55 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

14:55-15:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Participation at the event is free.

Please register [here](#).