



ENERGY DEMOCRACY **UNDER THE MICROSCOPE**

WEDNESDAY 13 & THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021
15.00-17.30 CEST/16.00-18.30 EEST

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Energy Democracy is an emergent social, economic, cultural movement aiming to advance energy transitions by resisting the existing fossil-fuel centralised energy agenda. At the same time, the movement reclaims and restructures the energy status quo in a democratic way, by strengthening public participation and integrating technological changes and energy innovations.

Energy Democracy Dialogues, an initiative of [INZEB](#) and [Electra Energy](#), is an open platform where energy experts, policymakers, businesses, politicians, academicians, civil society representatives and citizens meet and debate on the critical issue of Energy Democracy. The main aims of the Dialogues are to address the energy transition challenges and to influence the local, regional, national, and continental energy agendas through constructive dialogues.

Within the frame of the Energy Democracy Dialogues initiative, and in partnership with [Heinrich Böll Stiftung Greece](#) and [REScoop.eu](#), the **Energy Democracy under the Microscope** online event is scheduled for Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 October 2021 at 15.00-17.30 CEST. The thematic of each day are:

Wednesday 13 October 2021: Exploring Energy Democracy. The worldwide dimension.

Thursday 14 October 2021: Energy Democracy in the Balkans: Citizens' and local communities' role.

The main topics to be discussed and addressed during the two days of the online event are:

- How can Energy Democracy be described in terms of goals and what are the specific actions needed that could enhance the movement in global, regional, and national levels?
- Are there overarching and secondary goals, and if yes, how those are reflected in various regional contexts?
- Can Energy Democracy goals guide the national energy policy designs and what are the requirements for this action? Can national energy policies linked-up with the national social policies?
- What are the available policy instruments worldwide that support the Energy Democracy movement? If those exist, are there concrete outcomes resulting the implementation of those policy instruments?
- What is the role of energy innovation in such social movements?
- What is the role of Energy Democracy advocates and what is the role of citizens and communities?
- Is there an interrelation between energy democracy and gender equality? How is it addressed?

The event is realised with the support of the Heinrich Böll Foundation offices in [Sarajevo](#) and [Belgrade](#), as well as [CONGREGATE](#) - Building Renovation and Renewable Energy Cooperatives and [EUCENA](#) - European Citizen Energy Academy, [EnAct - The Energy Action Project](#) and [Habitat for Humanity](#).

The event will be held in English, using the ZOOM platform. More information on the Energy Democracy under the microscope [Fb event](#). Please register for the event here for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#).

AGENDA (*Agenda timings are in CEST*)

Wednesday 13 October 2021

Exploring Energy Democracy | | **The worldwide dimension**

Moderator: Marilyn Smith, Executive Director of [The Energy Action Project](#)

15.00 – 15.15	Welcome – Setting the scene Alice Corovessi , INZEB Dimitris Kitsikopoulos , ELECTRA Energy Cooperative Kyriaki Metaxa , Heinrich Boell Foundation Thessaloniki Office-Greece
15.15 – 15.25	Marilyn Smith , The Energy Action Project
15.25 – 16.30	Moderated Discussion: Exploring Energy Democracy. The worldwide dimension Discussants Besim Nebiu , Habitat for Humanity International Antonia Proka , REScoop.eu Chris Vrettos , ELECTRA energy cooperative Krisztina Andre , Been (tbc)
16.30 – 16.40	Wrap-Up and Day 1 Closure Alice Corovessi , INZEB

Thursday 14 October 2021

Energy Democracy **in the Balkans: Citizens’ and local communities’ role**

Moderator: Michalis Goudis, Director Heinrich Boell Foundation Thessaloniki Office-Greece

15.00 – 15.10	Welcome by Alice Corovessi , INZEB Dimitris Kitsikopoulos , ELECTRA Energy Cooperative Kyriaki Metaxa , Heinrich Boell Foundation Thessaloniki Office-Greece
15.10 – 15.20	Day 1 Key finding presentation Stavroula Pappa & Antonia Proka , REScoop.eu
15.20 – 16.10	Moderated Discussion: Energy Democracy in the Balkans
16.10 – 16.15	Short break
16.15 – 17.10	Moderated Discussion: Energy Democracy in the Balkans

Discussants	Name	Organisation
	Vedad Suljić	<i>(For BiH)</i> Regional Education and Information Center
	Dimitris Kitsikopoulos	<i>(For Greece)</i> ELECTRA energy cooperative
	Srgjan Vidoeski	<i>(For N. Macedonia & Bosnia)</i>
	Visar Azemi	<i>(For Kosovo and the Balkans)</i> Balkan Green Foundation
	Goran Gacic	<i>(For Croatia)</i> Green Energy Cooperative (ZEZ)
	Valbona Mazreku	<i>(For Albania)</i> Mlieukontakt
	Adrian Munteanu	<i>(For Romania)</i> Cooperativa de Energie
	Miodrag Vujović	<i>(For Montenegro)</i> KOD
	Krisztina Andre	<i>(For the Balkans)</i> BBen
	Majda Ibraković	<i>(For BiH)</i> Center for Environment-FoE BiH / Solarna Pecka
	Ana Džokić & Marc Neelen	<i>(For Serbia)</i> Elektropionir energy coop
17.10 - 17.30	Event Closure Alice Corovessi , INZEB Dimitris Kitsikopoulos , ELECTRA Energy Cooperative Kyriaki Metaxa , Heinrich Boell Foundation Thessaloniki Office-Greece	