

Community Solar Serbia – a Balkans event

Date September 27 and 28 – 2023

Host city – Kragujevac

The city of Kragujevac aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels, with a long-term goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

To achieve these goals, Kragujevac plans to implement various measures such as improving energy efficiency in buildings, increasing the use of renewable energy sources, promoting sustainable mobility, and reducing waste.

The city also aims to establish a local climate fund to finance these efforts and engage in international cooperation to exchange knowledge and best practices. Overall, Kragujevac aims to become a sustainable and resilient city that contributes to mitigating global climate change.

About the event

Two EU funded projects (SCCALE 203050 and Balkan Solar Roofs) have combined to ensure a 2 day peer-to-peer lab connecting citymakers and their civil society partners around the complex subject of how to stimulate the creation of energy communities via promoting solar roofs. To this end, Energy Cities, REScoop.eu and partners of Balkan Solar Roofs have designed a customised format to stimulate a thoughtful peer-to-peer conversation through a 2 days Learning Lab.

The objectives

Specific objectives of this capacity building lab are to:

- Connect and leverage the expertise of local cooperatives or energy communities and local government leaders in driving renewable energy development (mostly roof PV) and energy communities to accelerate the energy transition
- Outline and understand the best practices for successful partnership models to make energy communities happen, leading to the mutual empowerment of city government and civil society organisations

At the end of the event, the participants should:

- Have a better understanding of all the socio-economic benefits (in terms of job and local value creation, tackling energy poverty, etc.) that come with a more citizen-oriented energy strategy
- Feel better skilled to implement participatory and democratic energy practices in their area
- Have a better understanding of the recent EU or Serbian opportunities with regards to renewable/ citizen energy communities and influence a good transposition into their national and local law
- Have a better knowledge of and access to replicable case studies and other useful resources to better implement their energy democracy policies and strategy.
- Share any obstacles to the implementation of citizen energy projects or installing PV on historical buildings, in order to jointly find possible solutions.

Further, the Lab will allocate time for: Individual and group dialogues for goal setting and reflection on the goals and actions which can be identified in the framework of the project to contribute to advance on renewable energy projects in their own communities.

Serbian Capacity Building tour programme – Wednesday 27 September 2023

Day 1 – Morning 9:00 – 12:30

Time	Session name, description	Speaker, organisation
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome to Kragujevac and introduction to 2 days - including icebreaker and shared expectations	Ana Radojevic – City of Kragujevac Ian Turner, Energy Cities
9:30 – 10:	Overview of Serbian legislation - obstacles and opportunities, Legal discussions on energy communities updates on the EU transposition	BOS, TBC
10:00 -10:30	Cooperation models between local authorities and energy communities SCCALE 203050	Ian Turner, Energy Cities
Coffee break		
11:00 – 11:30	What works well and what are current obstacles - peer-to-peer conversations	
11:30 – 12:00	Serbian example of collaboration between city and cooperative	Elektropionir
12:00 – 12:30	inspiration from SCCALE 203050 pilot Hyperion II (Greece) - quick presentation and Q and A with audience	Chris or Dimitris - Electra
Lunch		

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Day 1 Afternoon – 13:30 – 16:30 dedicated activity

Time	Session name, description	Speaker, organisation
13:30– 13:40	Introduction Introduction and expectations of activity	BOS/Energy Cities
13:40 – 15:30	Activity - could be preparation of a cooperation plan/finance plan/stakeholder mapping/GIS oanalysis etc. - Participants work on an activity adapted to their own city or community that encourages exchange and practical work	BOS, Energy Cites
Coffee break		
16:00 – 16:30	Participant presentation - participants share their work with others to get feedback and inspiration	
16:30 – 16:45	Conclusions Identify remaining needs for capacity building + feedback on the event	Ian Turner – Energy Cities

19:00 – Common dinner – venue tbc –

Balkan Solar Roofs final event – Thursday 28 September

Day 2 – Morning 9:00 – 12:30

Time	Session name, description	Speaker, organisation
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and introduction to Balkan Solar Roofs	Adna Šovšić Kurešepi, REIC
9:30 – 10:30	Balkan Solar Roofs – Debate on the approach taken by Mostar, Kragujevac and Poreč Parenzo to increasing solar on the roofs and encouraging community energy	Gordana Lalić, Poreč Parenzo Ana Radojevic – Kragujevac Darko Knezović, Mostar Facilitated by Adna Šovšić Kurešepi, REIC
Coffee break		
11:00 – 11:30	Experience from other Balkan cities in promoting solar – i.e. Zagreb	Ivan – City of Zagreb
11:30 – 12:30	A focus on historical buildings – a challenge to implement solar	Speakers tbc.
Lunch		

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13:30– 13:40	Introduction Introduction and explanation of proposed activities	Ana Radojevic – Kragujevac
13:30 – 15:00	Practical demonstration of the Balkan Solar Roofs poster making tool	The Balkan Solar Roofs pilot cities
Coffee break		
15:30 – 17:30	Study tour to show the activities carried out by the city of Kragujevac	Ana Radojevic – Kragujevac
17:30 – 16:30	Conclusions Identify remaining needs for new cities + feedback on the event	Ian Turner – Energy Cities

Tourist visit?

Final Common dinner tbc

ABOUT SCCALE 203050

Sustainable Collective Citizen Action for a Local Europe (SCCALE) 20-30-50 intends to bring Europe closer to its citizens by fostering the **creation of energy communities**, taking full advantage of the favourable EU legal framework on citizen energy.

www.sccale203050.eu/

About Balkan Solar Roofs

Balkan Solar Roofs is an EUKI funded programme that aims to **enable and inspire 500 new solar roof installations in Balkan cities by 2024**.

The project is being piloted in three cities - Poreč-Parenzo (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Kragujevac (Serbia) and is being rolled out to 40 Balkan cities.

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