

The Energy Agency of Savinjska, Šaleska and Koroška region (KSSENA) on behalf of the **DanuP-2-Gas** transnational project invites you to the:

2nd regular stakeholder and steering committee meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 3rd

Time: 09.00 – 15.00 CET

Venue: Digital on-line event (video conference)

BACKGROUND

Despite having immense potential for utilization of renewable energy, the Danube region remains critically dependant on energy imports. Based on the current trends related to investment in sustainable energy as well as energy efficiency, the progress of the transition will not be sufficient to meet ambitious climate targets set forth by the international community. Moreover, there are significant technical and economic challenges related to maintaining resilient supply of energy at a growing share of intermittent generation sources, that go even beyond the potential increase of energy poverty especially in economically less developed areas of the region. In this context, effective sector coupling, and circular carbon management offer a feasible approach through which these challenges can be effectively addressed throughout the energy supply chain. Making use of existing opportunities related to low-carbon technologies and utilization existing infrastructure for storage, the Danube region is able to simultaneously progress its development of critical areas, ranging from energy supply, environment protection to research and development, knowledge transfer and skill development as well as other important socio-economic factors signifying an increased quality of live. Nevertheless, doing so will require a coordinated multi-disciplinary action of relevant stakeholder approaching the challenges on a transnational level.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

DanuP-2-Gas (Innovative model to drive energy security and diversity in the Danube Region via combination of bioenergy with surplus renewable energy) is meant to advance transnational energy planning by promoting generation and storage strategies for renewables in the Danube Region by coupling the electric power and gas sector. It brings together key stakeholders from 10 countries from the region and is co-financed under the Interreg Danube transnational programme. Visit www.interreg-danube.eu/danup-2-gas for more information.

ABOUT THE MEETING

Due to ongoing limitations related to COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted in the form of an online videoconference. The instructions on how to access the event including a calendar invite will be distributed subsequently.

The meeting will feature two main sessions. The first session will be focused on presenting the background and context of project relevance, identification of development potentials, existing bottlenecks, barriers, resources and synergies. It will be based upon presentations provided by Associated Strategic Partners (ASPs) as well as external project stakeholders and representatives of key target groups. The session will be available for public access and promoted within the relevant DanuP-2-Gas stakeholder networks, whereby all interested parties are welcomed to participate.

The second session of the meeting will be applied to host the project Steering Committee Meeting that will be dedicated to internally communicate about the finalized and pending activities, deliverables, achieved results and planning of future work. The session will be focused on technical project management and is not foreseen to include participation from external stakeholders.

The agenda of the event is available for review on the next pages. The organizer reserves the right to apply further revisions to the agenda as required.

EVENT PROGRAM (1/2)

Timetable:	Topic/ Presentation by:
	Establishment of connections and preparation of audio-visual settings
09.00 – 09.15	Log in to video-conference.
	<i>1st SESSION – THEMATIC PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION</i>
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome and introduction
	Introductory video Formal welcome and opening statement <i>Iztok Mori, City municipality of Velenje</i> Welcome and agenda overview <i>Niko Natek, Energy agency of Savinjska, Šaleška and Koroška region</i>
09.30 – 10.30	Regional and national outlook for sector coupling and renewable energy
	Strategic framework of the Republic of Slovenia for renewable energy and gas <i>Martina Gračner, Energy Directorate, Ministry of Infrastructure</i> Sustainable public transport powered by CNG <i>Miran Gaberšek, City Municipality of Celje</i> Regional waste management centre RCERO Celje <i>Slavko Marš, Simbio</i> Waste to energy – District heating plant Celje <i>Sebastjan Žvipelj, Energetika Celje</i>
10.30 – 11.30	Regional and national outlook for sector coupling and renewable energy
	Novel gasification technology for the production of synthetic methane <i>Teos Perne, Syntech</i> Hydrogen deployment in the Savinjsko-šaleška region <i>Niko Natek, Energy agency of Savinjska, Šaleška and Koroška region</i> Green hydrogen in Danube shipping <i>Anna Höglhammer, WIVA P&G, AT</i> SHREC project, Interreg Europe <i>Stanislav Laktiš, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency, SK</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Q&A session and open discussion

EVENT PROGRAM (2/2)

Timetable:	Topic/ Presentation by:
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch break and networking session*
	<p>NOTE: Participants are invited to use the opportunity for online networking during the lunch break. Please access to http://bit.ly/meeting_networking to join the conversation, meet and connect with project stakeholders and partners.</p> <p><i>2nd SESSION – PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING</i></p>
13.00 – 13.15	Introduction and general points
13.15 – 14.20	Overview of project implementation
	<p>WP M: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (LP - TZE)</p> <p>WP T1: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (TCDA)</p> <p>WP T2: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (BSERC)</p> <p>WP T3: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (EI-JKU)</p> <p>WP T4: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (UNIZGFER)</p> <p>WP C: Status, progress, ongoing activities, upcoming tasks (KSSENA)</p>
14.20 – 15.00	Discussion between partners
15.00	Wrap up and conclusion of the event.