

## INTERREG EUROPE POLICY LEARNING PLATFORM

### Peer Review

### Energy communities & pro-sumption of PV

Beneficiary: Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton (BiH)

8-9 October 2025

Venue: Municipal Council Hall, Fra Grge Martića 30, Posušje 88240

Peer review agenda	
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	
0. Arrival of participants 8.45 - 9.00	Welcome coffee & tea
1. Joint welcome and plenary session 9.00 – 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Opening words</b> – Katharina Krell, Policy Learning Platform, Interreg Europe (5 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Official Welcome from the host organisation</b> – Mate Lončar, Minister (or Milan Sitarski, Advisor to the Minister), Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton; Ante Begić; Mayor of Posušje (or Mario Knezović, President of the Municipal Council of Posušje) (5 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Welcome and introduction of the Interreg Europe programme and the Policy Learning Platform</b> –Charo Camacho, Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat and Antoine Duquennoy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform (15 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Presentation of the policy challenge</b> and the host's expectations and challenges from the peer review – Milan Sitarski, Ministry (15 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Quick introduction round from local participants</b> (10 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Peer introductions</b> (introduce your territory and a few key RE statistics, including on energy communities and self-consumption of RES; present your organisation and its competencies related to renewables) – 4 slides - 5 min each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letizia Zavatti, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy</li> <li>○ Benjamin Wilkin, Energie Commune, Brussels-Wallonia, Belgium</li> <li>○ Dewi Vliexs, South East Energy Agency, Kilkenny, Ireland</li> <li>○ Goran Čačić, Zelena Energetska Zadruga – ZEZ, Croatia</li> <li>○ Jakob Schätz, Regionalwerke Passauer Land gKU, District of Passau, Germany</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary session with simultaneous interpretation EN - BHS</i></p>
Coffee break (30 minutes)	
2. Peer learning session I 11.00 – 13.00	Presentation of the peer experiences and interactive discussion between the participants and the peers

	<p><b>Thematic block I: Policies, strategies, legal and financial frameworks for energy communities and RES self-consumption</b></p> <p>Questions from the host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What policies and strategies are in place in your territory?</li> <li>▪ Which laws regulate energy communities and self-consumption?</li> <li>▪ What is the financial framework (prices, revenues, etc. )</li> </ul> <p><b>Peer presentations responding to the questions of the host based on their experience and expertise background - 10 min each</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letizia Zavatti, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy</li> <li>▪ Angela Holzmann, Austrian Energy Agency, Austria</li> <li>▪ Dewi Vliexs, South East Energy Agency, Kilkenny, Ireland</li> <li>▪ Jakob Schätz, Regionalwerke Passauer Land gKU, District of Passau, Germany</li> <li>▪ Benjamin Wilkin, Energie Commune, Brussels-Wallonia, Belgium</li> <li>▪ Goran Čačić, Zelena Energetska Zadruga – ZEZ, Croatia</li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers after each presentation.</p> <p><b>Group work:</b> What are typical daily challenges of regional and local authorities related to RES expansion and how to prepare for these to best address these – 30 min</p> <p>Each peer writes 3 challenges and how to best address them on post-its. Then each presents them briefly to the audience.</p> <p><i>Plenary session with simultaneous interpretation EN - BHS</i></p>
Lunch break (60 minutes)	
<p>2. Peer learning session II</p> <p>14.00 – 15.30</p>	<p><b>Thematic block II: Support schemes for energy communities and RES self-consumption including stakeholder education</b></p> <p>Questions from the host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to educate the population about the benefits of RES?</li> <li>▪ How to support citizens and companies with RES projects (self-consumption or energy communities), e.g. with dedicated outreach and support structures?</li> </ul> <p><b>Peer presentations responding to the questions of the host based on their experience and expertise background – 10 min. each</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Goran Čačić, Zelena Energetska Zadruga – ZEZ, Croatia</li> <li>▪ Benjamin Wilkin, Energie Commune, Brussels-Wallonia, Belgium</li> <li>▪ Dewi Vliexs, South East Energy Agency, Kilkenny, Ireland</li> <li>▪ Jakob Schätz, Regionalwerke Passauer Land gKU, District of Passau, Germany</li> <li>▪ Letizia Zavatti, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy</li> </ul> <p>Questions and discussion with the host</p> <p><i>Plenary session with simultaneous interpretation EN - BHS</i></p>
Coffee break (30 minutes)	

3. Stakeholder session 16.00 - 17.00  Moderation : Milan Sitarski	Reflections and presentations from the stakeholders; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ present the role of their organisation in relation to the topic</li> <li>▪ share their opinion and concerns about the topic</li> <li>▪ state how they could contribute to support a higher rate of RES, energy communities and more self-consumption</li> </ul> Wrap-up of session by the host, (5 min) <i>Plenary session with simultaneous interpretation EN - Bosnian</i>
4. Main lessons from the first day  17.00 – 17.30	De-briefing with first reactions to the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the peer review.  Short feedback round collecting feedback from each peer expert and the host  <i>Plenary session with simultaneous interpretation EN BHS</i>
<b>Dinner</b>	Details onsite

<b>Thursday, 9 October 2025</b>	
5. Preparation of recommendations 9.00 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint analysis and reflection on the insights gained during day 1.</li> <li>• Collecting feedback on the policy challenges from the peers</li> <li>• Joint drafting of PPT with recommendations</li> </ul> <i>Internal working session, no stakeholders, no interpretation</i>
<b>Coffee break</b>	
6. Presentation and discussion on policy recommendations and follow-up actions  11.30 – 13.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the recommendations (45 min.)</li> <li>• Host and key stakeholders react to the presented recommendations and discuss how to operationalise and take up the discussed recommendations. (45 min.)</li> <li>• Next steps and follow-up after the peer review meeting &amp; Interreg Europe follow-up opportunities (5 min)</li> <li>• Final feedback round from host and peers on the peer review experience (10 min)</li> </ul> <i>Plenary session with stakeholders and policy responsible, simultaneous interpretation EN - BHS</i>
Networking lunch and informal debriefing with the host 13.15 – 15.00  End of peer review and transfers back to Split and Sarajevo	

## List of Participants

### Interreg Europe & Policy Learning Platform

- Antoine Duquennoy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform
- Charo Camacho, Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat
- Katharina Krell, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform
- Magda Michalíková, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

### Peer experts

- Angela Holzmann, Austrian Energy Agency, Austria (online)
- Benjamin Wilkin, Energie Commune, Brussels-Wallonia, Belgium
- Dewi Vliexs, South East Energy Agency, Kilkenny, Ireland
- Goran Čačić, Zelena Energetska Zadruga – ZEZ, Croatia
- Jakob Schätz, Regionalwerke Passauer Land gKU, District of Passau, Germany
- Letizia Zavatti, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy

### Beneficiary organisation and stakeholders, guests

#### Host Organisation

- Veronika Galić, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton
- Milan Sitarski, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton
- Ivan Leko, Expert associate for Environmental Protection, Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction, and Environmental Protection of the West Herzegovina Canton

#### Stakeholders

- Tvrtko Lovrić, Advisor of the Prime Minister of West Herzegovina Canton
- Sonja Sušac, Executive Director for Development, Public Enterprise “Elektroprivreda HZ HB” d.d. Mostar (TBC)
- Maria Đogić, Head of Economic Affairs in the Office of the Director General, Public Enterprise “Elektroprivreda HZ HB” d.d. Mostar
- Matej Marianović, Manager of the Project of the Photovoltaic power plant “EPHZHB 1”, Public Enterprise “Elektroprivreda HZ HB” d.d. Mostar
- Stojan Barbarić, Deputy Minister and Head of the Sector of energy, industry and mining, Ministry of Economy of West Herzegovina Canton
- Goran Mandurić, Head of the Sector of development, legal and general affairs, Ministry of Economy of West Herzegovina Canton
- Tatjana Džeba, Head of the Project Office at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Mostar
- Radoslav Luburić, Director, Public institution Development Agency of the West Herzegovina Canton – HERAG
- Andrija Radić, Project Manager, Public institution Development Agency of the West Herzegovina Canton – HERAG
- Zoran Alilović, Project Manager, Public institution Development Agency of the West Herzegovina Canton – HERAG
- Ivan Jurilj, Director, Government Office for European Integration of the West Herzegovina Canton
- Ljubica Vranjković, Assistant Director for European Integration, Government Office for European Integration of the West Herzegovina Canton
- Darko Knezović, Energy Efficiency Coordinator Manager, City of Mostar
- Ivan Crnjac, Deputy Mayor and Head of the Department for Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection, City of Široki Brijeg
- Damir Kozina, Deputy Mayor and Head of the Spatial Planning, Property-Legal and Cadastral Affairs, City of Ljubuški
- Zdenka Jažo, Head of the Service for Property-Legal, Geodetic Affairs, Cadastre, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection, Municipality of Posušje
- Branka Pišković, Head of the Urban Planning Department, Municipality of Posušje

- Ivan Žulj, Head of the Service for Spatial Planning, Property-Legal and Cadastral Affairs, Municipality of Grude
- Damir Vican, Entrepreneur, Owner of the Miviko d.o.o. Company, Posušje