



Online workshop

The role of businesses in boosting renewable energy in Central and Eastern Europe

Wednesday, 20 October 2021, 14:00-16:00 CET, Zoom

Ahead of the UN climate conference COP26 in Glasgow, businesses across the world have pledged to achieve net zero emissions as part of the [UN Race to Zero Campaign](#). Sourcing renewable energy is a vital step for businesses to reduce their emissions. Renewables can also provide businesses with cheaper and more reliable energy if the right policy frameworks are in place. In a private setting, this workshop will allow businesses to learn about options for corporate renewable energy sourcing. Business leaders from Central and Eastern Europe will provide first-hand experience on how to set and implement climate and renewable energy targets and how membership of business initiatives which are part of the UN Race to Zero Campaign helps them reach their goals.

The workshop will bring together businesses, renewable energy associations and experts from the Visegrad countries, Bulgaria and Romania. It is organised by the Visegrad+ for Renewable Energy Platform, a coalition of renewable energy associations and think tanks from the Visegrad countries and Austria, and financed by the UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

Please register [here](#) until **18 October 2021**. You will be provided with a Zoom link before the workshop.

14:00 - 14:10	Introduction	Rebekka Popp, Policy Advisor, E3G
14:10 - 14:15	Welcome on behalf of the UK COP26 Presidency	David Moran, COP26 Regional Ambassador for Europe
14:15 - 14:25	Keynote: "The role of businesses in driving climate action"	Fiona Macklin, Race to Zero Campaign Coordinator, UNFCCC Climate Champions
14:25 - 15:00	Presentation and Q&A: "Options for corporate renewable energy sourcing"	Hannah Hunt, Impact Director, RE-Source Platform
15:00 - 15:50	Presentations and discussion: Business leaders showcase how to set and implement climate and renewable energy targets	Business representatives from the Visegrad countries, Bulgaria and Romania
15:50 - 16:00	Wrap-up and outlook	Rebekka Popp, Policy Advisor, E3G