



VIII UPES CONFERENCE EUROPEAN AND WESTERN BALKAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY LAW

JUNE 11-12TH, 2026
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY OF SERBIA,
RESAVSKA 13-15, BELGRADE

AGENDA

1ST DAY, JUNE 11TH, 2026

12:00 – 13:00 · REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COCKTAIL

13:00 – 13:30 · WELCOME ADDRESS

Maja Vukadinović · Assistant Minister of Energy and Mining of Republic of Serbia

Arslan Umut Ergezer · Deputy Secretary General of Regional Cooperation Council

Vicente López-Ibor Mayor · President of EFELA and AEDEN, Spain

Mihailo Vesović · Vice-President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia

Marko Šćepanović · Secretary of Elektroprivreda Srbije jsc.

Branislava Lepotić Kovačević · President of UPES, Moderator of the Conference

13:30 – 15:00 · SESSION I

Energy law as an instrument to modulate energy mix and security of supply

MODERATOR: BRANISLAVA LEPOTIĆ KOVAČEVIĆ, PRESIDENT OF UPES

KEYNOTE SPEECH: John M. Roberts · Non-resident senior fellow at Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center

Geopolitics, risks and economics: Energy Law in the new reality

Aleksandar Kovačević · Energy economist, Serbia

New energy sources: hydrogen and renewables perspective

Ljiljana Medić · Professor, Polytechnics University Madrid, Spain

Regulatory framework for investments in the Energy Sector (state, private, PPP)

Graham Coop · International lawyer, London and Brussels

AI in Energy Market: the challenge for Energy Law

Róbert Szuchy · Professor of Energy Law, Vice-Rector for Education, Károli Gáspár University, Hungary

DISCUSSION



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15:00 – 15:05 · LESSONS LEARNED – SINIŠA ČOLEVIĆ, STANIVUKOVIĆ LAW OFFICE

15:05 – 15:20 · COFFEE BREAK

15:20 – 16:20 · SESSION II

Greening by nuclear

MODERATOR: MILICA PEŠTERIĆ, PARTNER, D2P LAW OFFICE, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY, MINERAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Historical review of Nuclear Energy in Serbia

Dragomir Bondžić · *Institute for Contemporary History, Serbia*

The Italian design for a Nuclear Regulatory framework: from 1960 up to now

Marinella De Focatiis · *Secretary-General of EFELA and AIDEN, Italy. Senior Counsel Legal Academy, Edison S.p.A.*

State aid for new Nuclear Projects

Guillaume Dezobry · *Partner at EY Law firm and Senior lecturer, University of Amiens, AFDEN, France*

Vision of Nuclear Energy Use in Serbia

Jelena Krneta Nikolic · *Principal Research Fellow, Radiation and Environment Protection Department, Institute of Nuclear Sciences in Vinča, Serbia*

Analyses of the Nuclear Energy Application in Norway

Jorgen Bjorndalen · *DNV*

16:20 – 16:25 · LESSONS LEARNED – VUKAŠIN STANKOVIĆ, REFINE LEGAL

16:25 – 17:25 · ROUND TABLE

Is the CBAM an effective tool for carbon pricing in the Western Balkans?

MODERATOR: KORNEL DRAŽILOV, ENERGY CONSULTANT

Aspects to Market Coupling

Adrien Touwaide · *Analyst, Elia Grid International SA/NV, Belgium*

Electricity Prices and Spreads from January 2026

Mladen Apostolović · *Senior Portfolio / Renewables Manager EFT TRADE*

Effets for Elektroprivreda Srbije, jsc

Marko Šćepanović · *Secretary of Elektroprivreda Srbije jsc.*

Effects for RES electricity producer

Marija Đogić · *Company Directorate, Head of Economic Affairs, Office of the General Manager, PU "ELEKTROPRIVREDA HRVATSKE ZAJEDNICE HERCEG BOSNE" JSCo Mostar*

DISCUSSION

17:25 – 17:30 · LESSONS LEARNED & CLOSING REMARKS OF 1ST DAY – TAMARA ZEJAK, CMS



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2ND DAY, JUNE 12TH, 2026

09:00 – 09:30 · WELCOME COFFEE

09:30 – 10:00 · WELCOME ADDRESS OF THE SECOND DAY

Marinella De Focatis · Secretary-General of EFELA and AIDEN, Italy. Senior Counsel Legal Academy, Edison S.p.A.

Jelena Matejić · Director, "Elektromreža Srbije" a.d.

10:00 – 11:30 · SESSION III

Citizen-led energy democracy: Experiences of Energy Communities

MODERATOR: MILOŠ KUZMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF UPES

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Ivone Rocha · Partner, Telles de Abreu Law Firm and Deloitte, Portugal

From energy community to Zero emission city

Serbian Case

Rade Mrdak · Special Advisor, Ministry of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia

Bosnia and Herzegovina Case

Mario Jašić · GIZ

Practical experiences

Dušan Vukotić · "Elektro distribucija Srbije" d.o.o.

CLOSING LECTURE: Eugenio Bruti Liberati · Full Professor of Administrative Law, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vice-President of EFELA, Italy

The European model of Energy Communities: Climate, Social, and Political Sustainability

DISCUSSION

11:30 – 11:35 · LESSONS LEARNED – BOJANA PETROVIĆ RAIČEVIĆ, EXPERT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL, NIS JSC

11:35 – 12:05 · GUEST LECTURE

Need for Modernization/Adaptation of the Energy Regulators as Consequence of New Energy Market

Evi Fragkoudaki · Head of European and International Affairs Unit, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water (RAAEY), Athens Greece

12:05 – 12:30 · COFFEE BREAK



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12:30 – 13:25 · SESSION IV

The Importance of Energy Law Associations in addressing the issue of Energy Security

MODERATOR: VUK STANKOVIĆ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF UPES

Case of Serbia

Branislava Lepotić Kovačević · UPES

Case of Ireland

Elaine Gallagher · Senior Solicitor, Energy Regulation and Markets, ESB, Ireland

Case of BiH

Davorin Marinković · BiH Energy Law Association

13:25 – 13:30 · LESSONS LEARNED – ANĐELKA TODOROVIĆ, PARTNER, WOLF THEISS, SERBIA

13:30 – 13:45 · CLOSING REMARKS

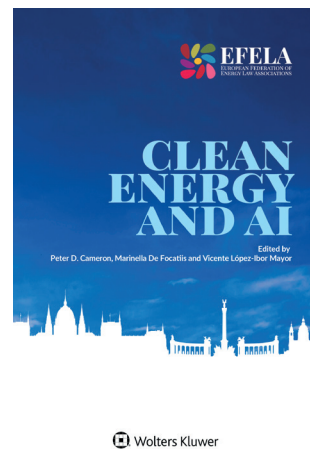
Marinella De Focatiis · **Branislava Lepotić Kovačević**

13:45 – 15:00 · COCKTAIL

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LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE: ENGLISH



The book **"Clean Energy and AI"**
will be presented during
the meeting.