



Macedonian Association of Renewable Energy Sources (MARES)

2023 Launching Conference Agenda

“Empowering Tomorrow: Navigating the Renewable Green Transition”

Double Tree by Hilton, Skopje on October 25th, 2023

08:30 - 09:00	Arrivals and Registration	
09:00 - 09:45	Opening and Welcome Remarks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Slobodan Popovski, President, MARES2. Kreshnik Bektashi, Minister of Economy of Republic of North Macedonia3. Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat (virtual attendance)4. Fatih Turkmenoglu, Head of EBRD in North Macedonia <p>MODERATOR: Violeta Nikolova, General Secretary, MARES</p>
9:45 - 10:45	Panel 1: Topic: Strategic Opportunities of the Green Transition	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Steffen Hudolin, Head of Cooperation in the EU Delegation to North Macedonia</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Naomi Chevillard, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Solar Power Europe (Virtual Attendance)2. Adam Cwetsch, Head of European Green Deal Unit, Energy community Secretariat3. Simon Martz, KfW Development Bank4. Antonio Vidic, Country Manager for N. Macedonia, AKUO5. Ismail Luma, State Energy Advisor, Ministry of Economy6. Marko Bislimovski, President, Energy Regulatory Commission7. Danijela Isailovic, Manager, RES Serbia <p>MODERATOR: Chris Basinski, EBRD</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:00	Panel 2: Energy Market Topic: Off-take Auctions; Macedonian Power Market Uptake and Market Coupling	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Simon Ede, VP President, Charles River Associates</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Simon Shutinoski, Director, MEMO2. Milos Mladenovic, CEO, SEEPEX3. Alexandre Ma Fat, Portfolio Manager, Axpo Solutions AG4. Evangelos Gazis, Head of South Eastern Europe, Aurora Energy Research5. Viktor Andonov, Director of Investments and Development, ESM <p>MODERATOR: Marko Jankovic, Head of Electricity Market Department Europe, CWP</p>

12:00 - 13:00	Panel 3: Power Grid – the Key Enabler Topic: Energy Storage Grid Integration and Connection Challenges	PANELISTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elizabeta Siljanovska Atanasova, Head of Connection to Transmission Network, MEPSO 2. Todor Angjusev, Director, EMS, Feroinvest 3. Andrija Oros, Manager for Energy Storage and Grid Connection, CWP 4. Zeljko Smitran, CEO, IE-ENERGY 5. David Monceau, Head of CEE, WB and CA, Voltalia – tbc 6. Milos Kostic – Director, MT- Komex MODERATOR: Nikola Bitrak, COLENCO GmbH
13:00 - 13:15	Coffee Break	
13:15 - 14:15	Panel 4: Challenges of financing RES projects	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Francesco Corbo, Regional Head for Energy, EBRD PANELISTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milica Sredanovic, Investment Officer, IFC 2. Fischer Marcus Hinrich, Erste Bank 3. Blagoja Ustijanovski, Director of Corporate Clients Division, Sparkasse Bank 4. Dobrinka Stefanova Gjorgieva, Environmental Management Coordinator, ProCredit Bank 5. Bjorn Gabriel, EIB 6. Stefan Kostovski, EBRD 7. Chad Canfield, Regional Director, Finance in Motion MODERATOR: Olimpija Zaevska, PhD Fellow and Teaching Assistant, Copenhagen Business School
14:15 - 15:00	Round Table Discussion - Open Questions from all panels topics with Wrap-up and Recommendations	PARTICIPANTS: Primarily MARES Founders and Key energy experts and stakeholders FACILITATOR: Violeta Nikolova, General Secretary, MARES
15:00 - 17:00	Networking Cocktail and Lunch	

Please note: The Conference Program is subject to change.

After 20:00, The Launch Conference 2023 VIP Party

Throughout the conference, there will be informational booths in the lobby with assistants to answer questions on:

- Guidance on how to Become a MARES Member
- B2B meetings setup