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## The Visegrad Four countries' responses to the energy crisis

V4 Energy Think Tank Platform (V4ETTP) Workshop

14 September 2023, 9:00-15:00

Venue: Corvinus University of Budapest, Faculty Club (Fővám tér 8.)



With the aim of strengthening cooperation among the think tanks of the Visegrad countries in the field of energy, as well as promoting dialogue between the academic sector and decision-makers in this area, REKK (HU) as coordinator, along with SFPA (SK), the Instytut Jagielloński (PL) and AMO (CZ) as partners, have initiated the launching of the [V4 Energy Think Tank Platform \(V4ETTP\)](#) as a permanent think tank cooperation platform focusing on energy, operating from 2018. In 2022 the Polish partnership was taken over by the Centre for Eastern Studies, OSW.

The 2023 work plan of the V4ETTP emphasises regional solutions to the unprecedented energy market situation caused by the pandemic and the Russian aggression on Ukraine, but also on the challenge of the decarbonization of the economy. The partners focus on issues which enable the handling of the urgent energy price challenges and on issues which assist the elaboration of long-term energy transition solutions for the upcoming years, after the war, hopefully.

The workshop focuses on two topics: the **V4 countries' reactions to the energy crisis** and **heating decarbonization**. At the event we welcome the ambassadors responsible for energy issues in the V4 countries to a high level panel discussion to discuss the possible common V4 positions and discuss the above mentioned topics based on draft working papers prepared by the think tank partners of the platform.



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## WORKSHOP AGENDA

08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION

09:00-09:05 WELCOME AND OPENING by László Szabó, director of REKK

09:05-09:20 KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Mr. Csaba Marosvári, Deputy State Secretary for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

09:20 – 10:10 ENERGY AMBASSADORS' PANEL ON V4 ENERGY COOPERATION ISSUES

Moderated by Andrej Nosko PhD. Co-Executive Director at PILnet, Visiting Researcher at Matej Bel University.

Speakers:

- Urban Rusnák, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia
- Petr Michalek, Head of Economic and Trade Section, Embassy of the Czech Republic in Budapest
- Jakub Gibek, Deputy Director of the Department of International Affairs in the Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland
- Csaba Marosvári, Deputy State Secretary for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

10:10-10:30 LESSONS LEARNED ON THE REGULATORY AND POLICY SIDE ON EU LEVEL. WHAT IS THE CONSUMERS' TAKE ON THE CRISIS?

Csilla Bartók, Team leader, ACER (*tbc*)

10:30-10:45 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

10:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 1: THE V4 REACTIONS TO THE ENERGY CRISIS STARTING IN 2021

Presentation by Oldřich Sklenář, AMO

Roundtable discussion moderated by Borbála Takácsné Tóth (REKK)

Panellists:

- Oldřich Sklenář, climate analyst, Association for International Affairs (AMO), Czech Republic
- Peter Kotek, senior analyst, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK), Hungary
- Agata Łoskot-Strachota, senior fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland
- Veronika Oravcova, senior analyst, Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA), Slovakia

12:15-12:30 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

12:30-13:30 BUFFET LUNCH



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13:30-14:40 SESSION 2 – THE DECARBONIZATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD HEATING SECTOR IN THE V4

Presentation by Lajos Kerekes (REKK)

Roundtable discussion moderated by Anikó Pálffy, Professional Director, Hungarian Energy Efficiency Institute (MEHI)

Panellists:

- Örs Ringhoffer, Head of Department, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of Energy, Hungary
- Boris Valach, Analyst, The Slovak Association of the Photovoltaic Industry and RES (SAPI)
- Ján Čiampor, Director of the Department of Energy Efficiency and Savings, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic (*tbc*)
- Grzegorz Tobolczyk, Director, Department of Heating at the Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment (*tbc*)

14:40-14:55 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

14:50-15:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Participation at the event is free.

Please register [here](#).