

# TAIEX TRATOLOW & EU4 Energy Transition – Domestic workshop on “Multi-level Governance – Strengthening the role of local actors in Energy Transition, Climate Mitigation and Adaptation planning and implementation at different scales”

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**27 July 2023**

**Venue: Tirana International Hotel & conference Center, Sheshi Skënderbej 8, Tirana 1001, Albania**

**Beneficiary: Albania**

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## Aim of the Workshop:

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The overarching objective of the workshop is to tackle climate change and support the energy transition in Albania. It will support to increase the uptake of the Covenant of Mayors for climate and energy initiatives in the country and supporting local authorities to turn their ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions into reality and improve resilience to the impacts of climate change via climate change adaptation, taking into account local diversity. Local authorities like municipalities will be empowered to participate in multi-level governance for energy and climate policy development and implementation.

The domestic event will directly support the establishment of a link between the national/entity level and the national planning instruments in energy and climate change (as for instance the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), the National Climate Strategies, the National Energy Strategies), and the local climate and energy planning instruments such as the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP), including adaptation to climate risks.

The overarching objective of the workshop is to raise the awareness for the need for climate mitigation, adaptation and energy transition across scales of governance and provide a platform for exchanging experience and taking stock of recent developments on, and potential for future increased collaboration and cooperation across scales.

## Speakers:

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- **Ms. Jonida Rika**  
Head of Sector for Policy and Strategy  
Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Ms. Majlinda Bufi**  
Mayor of Roskovec
- **Ms. Adelina Farrici**  
Association of Local Autonomy of Albania - ALAA
- **Mr. Michael Mannaart**  
Executive Secretary and Principal Adviser  
Association of municipalities Netherlands and Belgium (KIMO)
- **Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou**  
Climate Change & Air Quality Directorate, Climate Change Department  
Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece

- **Ms. Svetlana Zhekova**  
Climate Change Expert  
Environment Agency Austria
- **Mr. Rezart Kapedani**  
Deputy Team Leader  
Brooks Hannas & Partners
- **Ms. Erisa Nesimi**  
Advisor  
GIZ, Albania
- **Ms. Vesna Kolega**  
Energy and Climate Expert  
Croatia
- **Mr. Edlir Vokopola**  
Director, Planning and Development Department  
Urban Research Institute
- **Mr. Rodon Miraj**  
Coordinator Energy and Climate in Albania,  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- **Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak**  
Regional Project Manager for Western Balkans  
GIZ, ORF-ETC, EU4ET Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye
- **Mr. Markus Leitner**  
TRATOLOW Expert  
Environment Agency Austria

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## Thursday 27 July 2023

**Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner, TRATOLOW expert**

**Venue: Tirana International Hotel & conference Center**

<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
<b>9:30 - 9:40</b>	<b>Welcome on behalf of TRATOLOW and EU4 Energy project -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Markus Leitner and Mr. Rodon Miraj</li> </ul>
<b>9:40 - 10:00</b>	<b>Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rodon Miraj</li> <li>• Mr. Markus Leitner</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in Western Balkans and Türkiye - state of play and way forward in mitigation and adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Dubravka Bosnjak</li> </ul> <b>Commitments of Albania under the Energy Community Treaty - Energy and Climate Plan (NECP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jonida Rika</li> <li>• Mr. Rezart Kapedani</li> </ul> <b>The relationship to and the delegated obligations from the central government in the context of the green agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ms. Majlinda Bufi</li> </ul> <b>Governance at the local level and its role in multi-level governance from the perspective of ALAA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Adelina Farrici</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	<i>Comfort break</i>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Multi-level Governance as supporting mechanism to foster energy transition and climate action - EU Best Practices in MLG</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Michael Mannaart</li> </ul> <b>Multi-Level Governance focusing on adaptation</b> <b>Experience and learning from Greece</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou</li> </ul> <b>Experience and learning from Bulgaria and Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Svetlana Zhekova</li> </ul> <b>Multi-Level Governance in energy and climate planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Vesna Kolega</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>

<p><i>12:30 - 13:00</i></p>	<p><b>Development of Sustainable Energy and Climate Plan (SECAP): challenge for transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Edlir <b>Vokopola</b></li> </ul> <p><b>National policy and its effect on local public transport, case study of the city of Tirana</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Erisa <b>Nesimi</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><i>13:00 - 14:00</i></p>	<p>Networking lunch break</p>
<p><i>14:00 - 14:15</i></p>	<p><b>Introduction to Breakout groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Michael <b>Mannaart</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>14:15 - 15:15</i></p>	<p><b>Breakout groups - Debate and discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a Multi-Level-Governance Platform in <b>Albania</b>: What steps are needed? What kind of structure would be useful/successful?</li> <li>• Roles and Responsibilities. How to connect planning and implementation processes?</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><i>15:15 - 15:45</i></p>	<p>Short presentation of the discussion results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group moderators</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><i>15:45 - 16:00</i></p>	<p>Summary of the group work, agreements and closing of the Workshop</p> <p><i>Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Markus <b>Leitner</b> and Ms. Dubravka <b>Bosnjak</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>16:00</i></p>	<p>End of Workshop</p>

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