

## “NEW ENERGY MIX”

Social Policy Dialog on the transition towards low-carbon economy in Stara Zagora District

Venue: Zahariy Knyazheski Regional Library, Stara Zagora, Amphitheater Hall

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Preliminary Agenda

When?	What?
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
10:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Opening panel</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Dr. Romyana Grozeva, Executive Director of SZ REDA</p> <p>Participated by:</p> <p>EU Commissioner Maria Gabriel (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Prof. Ingrid Shikova – European Studies Department, Sofia University</p> <p>Ms. Gergana Mikova – Regional Governor of Stara Zagora Region</p> <p>Mr. Zhivko Todorov – Mayor of Stara Zagora municipality</p> <p>Ms. Mihaela Dineva – De Carb Project Coordinator, SZ REDA</p> <p>Mr. Angel Nikolaev – TRACER Project Coordinator, BSERC</p> <p>Mr. Stanimir Yovchev – GreenDC Project Coordinator, David Holding Inc.</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Theme 1: Economic alternatives after phasing out coal-intensive activities in partner regions</b></p> <p><i>(The purpose of the panel is to be made available to those stakeholders responsible for developing and implementing strategic documents and making decisions, the vision and expectations of the participants for the economic alternatives to the district of Stara Zagora after the gradual termination of coal-intensive use, in particular: the region's domestic assets, including sectors in which it performs particularly well, and the capacity of resources in support of the adoption of a path to decarbonisation; any adverse conditions or characteristics that could impede the path to decarbonisation of the area.)</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Mr. Georgi Stoev, Trakia Tech, Plovdiv</p> <p>Discussed by:</p> <p>EU Commissioner Maria Gabriel</p> <p>Dr. Romyana Grozeva, SZ REDA Executive Director, Member of the Board of the Industrial Zone Zagore</p> <p>Prof. Habin Lee, BRUNEL BUSINESS SCHOOL, BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON</p> <p>Prof. Dobri Yarkov, Rector of Trakia University, Stara Zagora</p>



	Ms. Borislava Gabrovska, European Investment Bank Representative of the SME Agency (to be confirmed)
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Discussion</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Theme 2: Expected socioeconomic impact from phasing out coal driven activities</b></p> <p><i>(The purpose of the panel is to be made available to those stakeholders responsible for developing and implementing strategic documents and making decisions, the vision and expectations of the participants for the potential socio-economic impact of the cessation of coal - intensive activities; and in particular: the link between the region and these activities; the expected socio-economic impact of their cessation; the plans for dealing with the forthcoming impact and all parties' engagement in it.)</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Ilin Stanev, political advisor, EC Representation in Bulgaria</p> <p>Discussed by:</p> <p>Ognyan Atanasov, National Secretary, KNSB</p> <p>Alexander Zagorov, National secretary of Podkrepa Confederation of Labour</p> <p>Dr. Lefteris Topaloglou, Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Greece</p> <p>Representative of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b><i>A parallel event for Their Excellencies the Ambassadors: Visit to the Industrial Zone "Zagore", Stara Zagora</i></b></p>
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Discussion &amp; cake for SZ REDA 25<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Theme 3: Environmental restitution and land restoration needs and possible post mining land uses</b></p> <p><i>(The purpose of the panel is to be made available to those stakeholders responsible for developing and implementing strategic documents and making decisions, the vision and expectations of the participants regarding land restoration after coal extraction and the possible use of these territories, in particular: good environmental management practices after coal mining; the most the appropriate use of reclaimed areas, taking into account characteristics of the area)</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Dr. Romyana Grozeva, SZ REDA Executive Director, Member of the Board of the Industrial Zone Zagore</p> <p>Discussed by: Prof. Neli Grozeva, Doctor of Botanical Sciences, Vice Rector of Trakia University</p> <p>Mr. Tsvetan Chetashki, ProDronSys Ltd. Technical Director</p> <p>Julian Popov, European Climate Foundation,</p> <p>Representative of Maritza Iztok Mining complex (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Representative of the Ministry of Economy (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Representative of the InvestBulgaria Agency</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Discussion</i>





16:00 – 17:00

**Theme 4: “New Energy Mix”**

Moderated by: Dr. Slavtcho Neykov, Energy Management Institut, Bulgaria

Discussed by: Brian RICKETTS, Secretary-General, EURACOAL

Julian Popov, European Climate Foundation

Dr Dionysios Giannakopoulos, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas,  
Chemical Process & Energy Resources Institute (CERTH/CPERI)

Rumen Radev, Vice President, Association of the Industrial Capital, Bulgaria

Representative of the Ministry of Energy (to be confirmed)

17:00 – 17:30

*Conclusions and closing remarks*

