



11 NOVEMBER 2024 – OPENING

**12 NOVEMBER 2024
WORLD LEADERS CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT**



12:00 - 13:00 - MOBILIZING CAPITAL FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND GROWTH

Host: Green Transition Forum

Moderator:

Lilyana Pavlova, Vice President, EIB 2019 - 2023

Speakers:

- **Iliyana Tsanova**, Deputy Director-General, DG Budget
- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice President, EIB
- **Jürgen Rigterink**, First Vice-President and Head of Client Services Group, EBRD
- **Delyana Ivanova**, Chair of the Supervisory Board, BDB
- **Philipp Offenber**, Director Europe, Breakthrough Energy



**13:00 - 14:00 - HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT: THE FUTURE OF NET ZERO
COMPETITIVENESS
EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATION**

Host: The President of the Republic of Bulgaria H.E. Mr. Rumen Radev

Moderator: Iliya Lingorski, Member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian National Bank

With the exclusive participation of:

- **H.E. Rumen Radev**, President Of The Republic Of Bulgaria
- **Iliana Ivanova**, Commissioner Innovation, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission
- **Jim Skea**, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- **Ambroise Fayolle**, VP, EIB
- **Jürgen Rigterink**, First VP and Head of Client Services Group, EBRD

**15:00 - 16:00 -DECARBONIZATION OF INDUSTRIES, ESG AND THE FUTURE OF
CLEAN TECH**

Host: Green Transition Forum

Moderator:

Ellen Wasylina, President and Founder, Trocadero Forum Institute, France

Speakers:

- **George Kremlis**, Ambassador of the European Public Law Organisation to Bulgaria
- **David Zorn**, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Climeworks
- **Kostadin Sirleshtov**, Managing Partner CMS Sofia and CEE Head of EPC at CMS
- **Natalia Moulin Aguiar**, Manager Performance and Program Delivery, PMI
- **Konstantin Bojinov**, Heidelberg Materials Devnya





13 NOVEMBER 2024
WORLD LEADERS CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

10:30 - 12:00 - ENHANCING THE ROLE OF THE CEE REGION IN THE EU GREEN AGENDA

Host: Green Transition Forum

Moderator:

Iliya Lingorski, Member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian National Bank

Speakers:

- **Alexandra-Maria Bocse**, State Adviser, Department of Climate and Sustainability, President of Romania
- **Tsvetelina Kuzmanova**, Senior Project Manager, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
- **Dimitar Tsotsorkov**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Asarel-Medet JSC
- **Barbara Kauffmann**, Director, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EC
- **Dr. Döne Yalçın**, Managing Partner Turkey, Head of ESG/Sustainability, CMS
- **Julian Gikov**, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Vienna
- **Genady Kondarev**, Senior Associate For CEE, E3G

12:00 - 12:45 HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY

**ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MARGINS OF UNFCCC COP 29
NON-PAPER ON ENERGY CONNECTIVITY DIALOGUES TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN POLITICAL COMMUNITY (EPC) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENHANCED ENERGY TRANSITION**

Interaction between Green Regional Initiatives and Cooperation to enhance Pan-European competitiveness and transition to Net-Zero, High-Level Political Format; Non-paper; Regional Green Energy Initiatives and Cooperation to enhance transformation, funding and investment in low-carbon technologies and infrastructure

Moderator:

Vladimir Malinov, Minister of Energy of Bulgaria

Speakers:

- **H.E. Rumen Radev**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic
- **Vladimir Malinov**, Minister of Energy of Bulgaria
- **Theodoros Skylakakis**, Minister of Environment and Energy, Greece
- **Victor Parlicov**, Minister of Energy, Moldova
- **Vasile Soare**, Ambassador of Romania in Azerbaijan
- **Adrian Bazavan**, Counselor to the Minister of Energy of Romania
- **Dite Juul Jørgensen**, Director-General, DG ENER, EC UK high-level public official,
- **Antonella Bassani**, Regional VP for Europe and central Asia, World Bank



13:00 - 14:00 - FINANCING AND TRANSITION

Interaction between Green Regional Initiatives and Cooperation to enhance Pan-European competitiveness and transition to Net-Zero.

Cooperation to enhance transformation, funding and investment in low-carbon technologies and infrastructure.

Creating new energy corridors and increasing renewables in the energy mix.

Moderator: Dimitar Zarchev, Electricity System Operator, Bulgaria

- **Kiril Ravnachki**, CEO, Bulgartransgaz, BG
- **Martin Georgiev**, CEO, National Electricity Company, BG
- **Skerdi Drenova**, Executive Director, OST, Albania
- **Maria Rita Galli**, CEO, DESFA, Greece
- **Jayesh Parmar**, Partner, Baringa Partners
- **Charles J. Cormier**, Regional Director for Infrastructure for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

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Georgios Stassis - Executive Director, PPC - tbc

Representative of European Investment Bank - tbc

Representative of Transelectrica, Romania - tbc

CESI (Green Energy Corridor Project consultant) - tbc

Representative of Independent Power Transmission Operator, Greece - tbc

Institutions/ energy companies from Azerbaijan, Germany, UK, Georgia, Egypt - tbc

14:00 – 15:00 - THE FUTURE OF ENERGY: RENEWABLES AND LOW-CARBON TECHNOLOGIES

Host: Green Transition Forum

Moderator:

Slavtcho Neykov, Chairman of the Board, Energy Management Institute

Speakers:

- **Ditte Juul Jørgensen**, Director General, DG Energy
- **Kristian Ruby**, Secretary General, Eurelectric
- **Monika Figaj**, Climate and Just Transition Expert, Energy Community Secretariat
- **Martin Georgiev**, Executive Director, National Electricity Company
- **Konstantinos Mavros**, CEO, PPC Renewables
- **CWP Representative**





14 NOVEMBER 2024
FINANCE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE

Host of the events:
Ministry of Innovation and Growth

**12.00 - 13.30 - MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH TO CLIMATE FINANCE. THE
ROLE OF PROMOTIONAL BANKS**

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosen Karadimov, Minister of Innovation and Growth and principal of BDB

Discussion: Developing climate finance solutions from different finance sub-sectors

Moderator:

Sophia Kassidova, Strategy Development and Green Policies Head, BDB

Speakers:

- **Carel Cronenberg**, Senior Technical Advisor, Council Bank of Europe
- **Dominykas Tickus**, Senior Advisor, Amber Infrastructure and member of the Board R.Power
- **Mateusz Szczurek**, Chief ESG Officer and member of the Board, BGK
- **Borislav Bangeev**, Chief Director Corporate Banking and Member of the MB, Unicredit Bulbank
- **Iliya Karanikolov**, Executive Director and member of the Board, BDB
- **Dewi Dylander**, Senior Director World Climate Foundation, CLIMATEFIT project

13: 30-14:30 - SIGNING OF 2 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

- **Signing a MoU between Invest Bulgaria Agency (IBA) and Azerbaijan Invest Agency**
- **Signing a MoU between The Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency (BSMEPA) and Slovenia's Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency**



14:30 – 15:30 - INVESTMENTS IN CLIMATE AND GREEN TECH INNOVATIONS

Discussion: The roundtable discussion will focus on supporting green projects in the area of renewable energy, circular economy, energy efficiency, sustainable mobility and other green tech solutions contributing to the zero-carbon economy. The event will facilitate the exchange of critical insights, strategies, policies and best practices among different countries for tackling climate change. Special focus will be given to the promotion and financing of green innovations.

Moderator: **Viktoriya Hristova**, Executive Director, Fund Manager of Financial Instruments in Bulgaria

Speakers:

- **Mrs. Ismini Papakirillou**, CEO of Hellenic Development Bank, Greece
- **Bilal Kendirci**, Vice President of KOSGEB, Turkey
- **Matteo Mirolo**, Head of Contrail Strategy and Policy, Breakthrough Energy, Belgium
- **Suzana Carp**, Deputy Executive Director of Cleantech for Europe, Belgium

16:30 – 17:30 - WOMEN AND CLIMATE FINANCE

Host: Ministry of Environment and Water, Sofia University, Green Transition Fund

Moderator:

Marina Stefanova, Vice Dean Sustainability Empowerment and Engagement, Sofia University

Speakers:

- **Reneta Koleva**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water
- **Barbara Kauffmann**, Director, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Ivelina Vassileva**, Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria and **Representative of the EU mission "Restoring our oceans and waters"**
- **Monika Stanisheva**, Founder of the Green Transition Forum
- **Jessica Attard**, Deputy Director, Centre for Sustainable Finance, Cambridge
- **Helena McLeod**, Deputy Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute
- **Zhanar Naurozbayeva**, Leading researcher of the Department of Hydrometeorological Research, Caspian Sea at the Research Center of RSE Kazhydromet
- **Tarana Jafarova**, Gender Expert and Researcher, member of Women Water Diplomacy Network in South Caucasus
- **Kristen Sarri**, Senior Advisor for Climate and Environment, USAID Bureau of Resilience, Environment, and Food Security
- **Helen Sulg**, Head of Chamber of Development and Partnership Environmental Investment Center, Deloitte, Estonia



15 NOVEMBER 2024
INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COOPERATION

14:00- 15:30 - TRANSITION TO LOW-EMISSION ENERGY

Host: Ministry of Energy

Discussion: Enhancing energy security in the CEE in the context of the green transition; Hydroelectric power; Nuclear Energy; SMR; Low-carbon hydrogen

Participants:

- **Martin Georgiev**, Executive Director, National Electricity Company
- **Nikola Delev**, Acting Director “Strategic Planning and Development”, Bulgartransgaz
- **Borislav Boev**, Chief expert, Kozloduy NPP – New Builds
- **Jayesh Parmar**, Partner, Baringa Partners
- **Alice Cunha da Silva**, Strategy & Tech Roadmap Program Lead, Westinghouse

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DESFA – tbc

Hidroelectrica – tbc

Boston Consulting Group – tbc

**16:00 – 17:00 – CLIMATE-CHALLENGE-CHANGES-COMMUNITIES
UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR RESEARCH, TEACHING AND ENGAGEMENT IN
THE BLACK SEA REGION**

Host: Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Discussion: The panel discussion is focused on the promotion of an open, fair and inclusive environment for scientific and technological development and cooperation in the Black Sea region, including through actively building trust in science and regional collaboration on innovation, scientific evidence in policymaking and ensure that complex global challenges are addressed through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Participants:

- **Professor Adalat Muradov**, Rector, Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) - Official welcome **tbc**
- **Professor Nicolaos P. Theodossiou**, Chair: UN SDSN Black Sea | Member: UN Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, SDG Progress Report in the Black Sea Region – challenges and opportunities



- **Abdalah Mokssit**, Secretary, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - Climate science united – global cooperation in support of global governance –
- **Associate Professor Marina Stefanova**, Vice Dean “Sustainable development, empowerment and engagement” | Chair: Sustainability Specialists Association | Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski - University policy making and stakeholder engagement
- **Ms. Tsvetelina Garelova**, UN Bulgarian Youth delegate 2022-2023 - Youth Climate Activism and Future of Professions





16 NOVEMBER 2024

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION / DIGITALISATION

**Host of the events:
Ministry of Innovation and Growth**

**12:30 - 13:30 – GREEN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS**

Discussion

The roundtable discussion will focus on the development of green tech innovations and their role for decarbonization, and achievement of climate adaptation and resilience. The panelists will exchange views on the opportunities and challenges around technology transfer and the interest of the business towards green innovations. Topics to be discussed include how to turn research results into innovation opportunities, how to promote deep tech research and high-potential start-ups.

Moderator:

Dr. Dotchka Vassileva, Head of Unit of Project Information and Financing, Fund Manager of Financial Instruments in Bulgaria EAD

Speakers:

- **Dr. Faruk KAHVECİOĞLU**, Head of Project Management Department at KOSGEB, Turkey
- **Prof. Dr. Mizan Khan**, Technical Lead, LDC Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC),
- **Prof. Urkhan Alakbarov**, Rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Dr. Diane Husic**, Executive Director of the Center for the Environment, St. Lawrence University, USA
- **Suzana Carp**, Deputy Executive Director of Cleantech for Europe
- **Asparuh Pilosof**, Member of the Board of directors, Sofia Tech Park- Technology Transfer and Innovation in Defense Industry





14:30 - 16:00 - FORECASTING THE FUTURE: AI FOR UN EARLY WARNINGS FOR ALL (EW4ALL) INITIATIVE

Discussion

This session at COP29 will explore the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing multi-hazard early warning systems to help achieve the UN’s ambitious Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Initiative which was launched by the UN Secretary-General at COP27. AI, with its capability to enhance efficiency and solve complex problems, is an untapped resource that can significantly improve early warning systems.

The event aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders, highlighting gaps, and encouraging new partners to join and commit to innovative AI solutions to help achieve EW4All by 2027.

Moderator:

Dr. Newton Campbell, Director of Space Programs at Australian Remote Operations for Space and Earth (AROSE) Consortium

Welcome remarks:

Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

Speakers:

- **Ms. Vanessa Gray**, Head, Climate and Emergency Telecommunications, BDT, ITU
- **Mr. Kiril Kirilov**, Manager Operations, Discoverer Supercomputer Bulgaria
- **Mr. Mustafa Y. Sheik**, Director General, National Communications Authority, Somalia
- **Mr. Adam Elman**, Sustainability Director, Google
- **Mr. Karan Soni**, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company
- **Dr. Dina Abdel-Fattah**, Researcher, Polar Coupled Analysis and Prediction for Services, Norwegian Meteorological Institute





20 NOVEMBER 2024
URBANISATION/ TRANSPORT/ TOURISM

**11:30 – 13:00 - AIRPORT RESILIENCE TO CLIMAT CHANGE AND
DECARBONISATION IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE**

Host: Ministry of Transport and Communications

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr Zhivko Petrov, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications;

Speakers:

- **Antoaneta Stoyanova**, Sustainability (ESG) Director, SOF Connect/ Sofia International Airport
- **Michael Obermaier**, Consultant, Munich Airport International GmbH





21 NOVEMBER 2024
NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

11:30 – 12:00 - Wetlands restoration for for carbon sequestration biodiversity protection

Host: Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Climate, atmosphere and water research institute

Wetlands restoration for for carbon sequestration biodiversity protection the Horizon Europe Mission Ocean and Waters Lighthouse Danube and Black Sea DaWetRest project

Speakers:

- **Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova**
- **Prof. Zoya Mateeva**
- **Prof. Emil Gachev**

12:30 – 13:30 - Small glaciers in the mountains of Southeastern Europe

Host: Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Climate, atmosphere and water research institute

Climate, Atmosphere and Water Research Institute at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (CAWRI-BAS)

Speaker:

- **Prof. Emil Gachev**

13:30 – 14:30 - Supporting Climate and Biodiversity Policy Through Open Science and Science Communication

Host: Pensoft Publishers

Empowering Climate and Biodiversity Action through the Science-Policy Interface and Open Science Publishing

Speaker:

- **Boris Barov**
- **Alexandra Korcheva**

