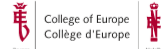


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### Spotlight



### Webinar 'Lessons learnt when switching from coal to renewables'

**6 July 2023, 15:00–16:00 CEST**

Switching to renewables is a key pillar of the energy transition, offering both challenges and opportunities to local communities. **Join this final webinar** in the series '[Just energy transitions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine](#)' to explore lessons learnt from regions currently undertaking the ambitious task of replacing coal with renewable energy sources.

During the webinar, we will hear a perspective from Ukraine to set the scene and will take a detailed look at how the region of Western Macedonia (Greece) has

moved from a political commitment to active implementation in just a few years. We will also zoom in on the experience of the Municipality of Velenje (Slovenia), where the restructuring and diversification of its extensive district heating system became a green transformation priority.

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### Moderator

- **Sonja Risteska**, Senior Manager, Business and Development – Eastern Europe, [Green Enesys](#)

### Opening words

- **Kostiantyn Krynytskyi**, Head of Energy Department, Centre of Environmental Initiatives '[Ecoaction](#)', Ukraine

### Speakers

- **Konstantina Togaridou**, Member of Western Macedonia's Just Transition Territorial Committee; Just Transition Communication/Stakeholder Engagement Researcher at [DCN Southeast Europe Hub](#), Greece
- **Karla Sitar**, Head of Development and Economy Department, [Municipality of Velenje](#), Slovenia

We look forward to welcoming you at the webinar!

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