



Keeping our cities sustainably warm

Inspiring the Efficient Renewal of District Heating for the Just Transition

KeepWarm's final conclusions

Thursday, 12. November 2020



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Agenda

Plenary sessions: Introduction & keynotes

9:00-9:15	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Schädlich – KeepWarm Coordinator; GIZ • Wolfgang Teubner – Regional Director Europe; ICLEI Europe
9:15-9:30	Keynote: TRANSFORMATIVE ENERGY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU GREEN DEAL & JUST TRANSITION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hans van Steen – Deputy Director-General; Energy policy, the Energy Union and external policy; DG ENERGY
9:30-9:45	Keynote: ROADMAP FOR NET ZERO EMISSIONS WITH KNOWN TECHNOLOGIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Vad Mathiesen – Programme Director; Sustainable Cities; Aalborg University

Plenary sessions: The role of district heating in relation to flagship EU initiatives

9:50-10:35	ACCELERATING A THERMAL TRANSITION IN STEP WITH THE GREEN RECOVERY panel discussion with Q&A, moderated by Roman Mendle – Coordinator; Sustainable Urban Development; ICLEI Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christoph Pfemeter – Vice-President; Bioenergy Europe • Julije Domac – Managing Director; Regional Energy Agency of Northwest Croatia • Jutta Paulus – MEP; Member of the Committee on the Environment; European Parliament • Paul Voss – Managing Director; Euroheat & Power
10:35-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-11:35	SUSTAINABLE DISTRICT HEATING'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE JUST TRANSITION panel discussion with Q&A, moderated by Giorgia Rambelli – Climate Policy & Energy Governance; ICLEI Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Tomczak – Cabinet of the Executive Vice President Timmermans; European Commission • Daniela Torres – Monitoring, Reporting & Verification Expert; European Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy • Edo Omić – Economist; Studies Unit; European Cooperation and Strategy Directorate; Council of Europe Development Bank • Patrik Pizinger – Mayor; City of Chodov, Czech Republic

Workshops: Scaling up implementation on the ground through strategic policies & planning

11:40-12:30	SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORKS DRIVING DECARBONISATION THROUGH A SWITCH TO RES-DH – workshop organised/moderated by KeepWarm 	INTEGRATING HEAT-USE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES INTO STRATEGIC PLANNING – workshop organised/moderated by UpgradeDH 
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90 minute lunch break

Plenary sessions: Recommendations for district heating in policy & financial frameworks

14:00-14:15 **SCALING UP IMPLEMENTATION ON THE GROUND: WRAP-UP FROM BOTH WORKSHOPS**

- **KeepWarm: Signe Mārtiņkrista** – Zemgale Regional Energy Agency
- **UpgradeDH: Aksana Krasatsenka** – Euroheat & Power

14:15-14:30 **A ROADMAP FOR DH WHICH KEEPS THE EU'S DEAL BOTH GREEN & WARM**

- **Martin Hájek** – Director; Association for District Heating of the Czech Republic

14:30-15:15 **FINANCING INSTRUMENTS TO DEPLOY MODERN DISTRICT HEATING ACROSS EUROPE**

panel discussion with Q&A, moderated by Wolfgang Teubner – Regional Director Europe; ICLEI Europe

- **Alenka Loose** – City Energy Manager; City of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Eva Hoos** – Policy Officer; Renewables, Research and Innovation, Energy Efficiency (Directorate C); DG ENERGY
- **Greg Gebrail** – Sustainable Infrastructure Policy and Project Preparation; European Bank of Reconstruction & Development
- **Leszek Drogosz** – Director of the Infrastructure Department; City of Warsaw, Poland
- **Tilo Kurtz** – Head of Unit; Energy Efficiency in Buildings; Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector; Baden-Württemberg, Germany

15:20-15:40 **OUTLOOK, REFLECTIONS & CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- **Peter Berkowitz** – Head of Unit; Smart & Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO
- **Carsten Rothballer** – Coordinator; Energy & Sustainable Infrastructure; ICLEI Europe
- **Stefanie Schädlich** – KeepWarm Coordinator; GIZ

Facilitators of the day:

- **Carsten Rothballer** – Coordinator; Energy & Sustainable Infrastructure; ICLEI Europe
- **George Stiff** – Officer; Climate & Sustainable Energies; ICLEI Europe

Please note that the agenda may be subject to change, e.g. as speakers are confirmed.

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