

**Workshop:** Matchmaking for Renewable Energy Investment

**Organizers:** UNECE, EU-TAF

**Target group:** Public institutions, private sector, financial and international organizations interested in developing, promoting and investing in renewable energy projects in the Central Asia, the Caucasus and Eastern Europe.

Building upon the sessions on 13 June, the event continues with a second set of 2-3 country presentations to provide insights on the opportunities for increasing investments in renewable energy (RE) in the Central Asia, the Caucasus and Eastern Europe.

The country presentations on **Renewable Energy Investment Show Cases and Prospects (REISCPs)** will then be followed by a round table discussion with panellists from the different stakeholder groups, including investors, project developers and government. Expert panellists will share experience on how to increase the flow of investments in the region based on specific investment examples. The panellists will further discuss the size of projects to be targeted, the pricing of the perceived risks of RE projects, and the role and responsibilities of the different stakeholders involved. The round table will close with sharing of ideas on the next steps for future matchmaking efforts, and how to make better use of lessons learned in the field of innovative financing and policy support mechanisms from other countries.

Participants are invited to use a dedicated project room for bilateral meetings, starting at 10.30 am.

**Guiding questions:**

- How can investor's interest be increased to channel RE funding into Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Eastern Europe?
- What are the best practices for innovative financial and policy support mechanism that can be applied to create profitable and suitable conditions for RE investments in Central Asia, the Caucasus and Eastern Europe?
- What can be done to mitigate known risks, strengthen strategic collaborations and boost RE investments in these countries?
- How to transform RE project showcases, project ideas and support mechanisms into opportunities?
- What is needed to have good project pipelines to transform a potential interest in concrete RE investments?
- How can key actors collaborate to mitigate risks and barriers to RE financing in this region?
- Which type and size of RE projects should be targeted, supported by which type of financing mechanisms?
- Are project developers ready to convince financial partners and financing institutions?

Time	Content	Resource person
		Moderator: UNECE/ EC
09.00-09.45	<b>Renewable Energy Show Cases and Prospects: Country presentations – Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy Potentials and Project Pipeline</li> <li>• Renewable Energy Policy, Regulatory and Investment Environment</li> <li>• Renewable Energy Experiences</li> <li>• Barriers for Renewable Energy Upscaling</li> </ul>	2-3 Country Representatives
09.45-	<b>Round Table with key stakeholders</b>	3 panellists from

10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are key barriers and priorities from the investor perspective to facilitate renewable energy investments?</li> <li>• What is needed to create suitable market conditions for renewable energy investments to occur?</li> <li>• Which instruments and financing mechanisms are required for different renewable energy projects, from small to larger scale, off grid to on grid, etc.?</li> <li>• Which types of information need to be provided by project developers to develop bankable renewable energy projects?</li> <li>• How can project developers be supported in developing bankable renewable energy project proposals?</li> <li>• How can international investors support smaller scale projects?</li> <li>• How can the European Commission, UNECE and other international actors support speeding up the transformation process?</li> </ul>	finance, project development and international organisation
10.25-10.30	<b>Wrap-Up / Closure</b>	EC and UNECE