

***Energy, Education, Sustainability: Investing in the future of the regions  
From vision to citizens' everyday lives***

External seminar



**European Committee  
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Energy**

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University of Applied Sciences Burgenland, Campus Pinkafeld  
Steinamangerstraße 21, A-7423 Pinkafeld**

**Agenda**

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09.00-09.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
<i>Moderation</i>	<b>Walter Schneeberger</b> , Chief Editor of the region's public broadcasting service "ORF Burgenland"
09.30-09.50	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President of the provincial Parliament of Burgenland <b>Christian Illedits</b>, Member of the European Committee of the Regions</li><li>• <b>Roby Biwer</b>, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the ENVE Commission of the European Committee of the Regions</li></ul>
09.50-10.30	Energy policy processes at a regional and national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Governor <b>Hans Niessl</b> – "Burgenland as a role model for regional energy policy processes"</li><li>• Minister of the Federal State of Austria for Transport, Innovation and Technology <b>Norbert Hofer</b> – "Energy policy processes at a national level"</li></ul>
10.30-11.00	Combining research and application in the fields of sustainable energy supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mag. Georg Pehm</b>, Managing Director "University of applied Science Burgenland" – "Presentation of the region's University of applied Science"</li><li>• <b>DI Marcus Keding</b>, Managing Director "Research Burgenland" – "Energy and environment in research"</li><li>• <b>Mag. Michael Gerbavits</b>, Managing Director "Energy Burgenland" – "Burgenland's strategy to become a self-sustaining region in electrical power supply"</li></ul>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
<i>Moderation</i>	<b>Andrew Cooper</b> , Member of the European Committee of the Regions

- 11.30-11.50 **Jörg Wojahn**, Representative of the European Commission in Austria –  
„Renewables, Research and Innovation and Energy Efficiency with regard to  
the MFF 2021-2027“
- 11.50-12.15 From energy consumers to energy prosumers: developing sustainable energy  
sources and fighting energy poverty
- **Kata Tüttö**, Rapporteur of the CoR on "*The role of waste-to-energy in the  
circular economy*"
  - **Mariana Gâju**, Rapporteur of the CoR on "*Models of Local Energy  
Ownership and the Role of Local Energy Communities in Energy Transition  
in Europe*"
- 12.15-12.30 Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy: how interregional cooperation can  
help the regions shift towards low-carbon economy
- **Irene Benito Rodriguez**, expert collaborating with the Joint Research  
Centre
- 12.30-12.45 Debate
- 12.45-13.00 Conclusion  
President of the provincial Parliament of Burgenland **Christian Illedits**,  
Member of the European Committee of the Regions
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00-15.30 **Study visit**  
Guided tour through the so called *Energetikum*, a Living Lab including a  
laboratory for energy storage systems, located at the University campus –  
renewable energy systems; linking producers, consumers and innovative  
storage technologies – all considering the real-time usage.

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### **Interpreting arrangements**

Participants may speak/listen in 5 languages: EN/DE/RO/HU/EL