

- Workshop: **Renewable Energy Matchmaking: How to boost renewable energy investments**
- Organizers: IRENA, UNECE, EU Technical Assistance Facility for Sustainable Energy, EBRD, EC – Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development through the EU Technical Assistance Facility for Sustainable Energy, EIB, German Energy Agency (dena)
- Target group: Project developers, financial institutions, and experts in the field, development agencies, international and regional organizations, multilateral development banks, private investors.

As part of the global energy transition, countries around the world are seeking to deploy more renewables, resulting in the development of new markets and expansion of existing mature markets. Renewables bring far reaching benefits in terms of energy access and security, while at the same time, supporting environmental protection and sustainable development are seen to result in increased job growth and economic growth.

A variety of tools are provided by international actors, including IRENA, EU institutions, UNECE, EBRD and others to facilitate investment of bankable renewable projects. This panel will feature presentations regarding the variety of tools that each organization provides to facilitate investments of bankable renewable energy projects and, therefore, increase the uptake of renewable energy worldwide.

Project facilitation activities support the deployment of renewable energy projects by helping project developers secure financing more efficiently and supporting investors and lenders to build stronger project portfolios. The benefits of project facilitation include increasing financing flows towards renewable energy projects, strengthening the renewable energy project development base, enhancing the quality of renewable energy project proposals, linking renewable energy project stakeholders via hubs and networks and disseminating knowledge and information on bankable renewable energy projects.

The matchmaking and investor confidence session at the 9th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development will bring together experienced finance and development professionals to identify the most critical obstacles to advancing project pipeline development and financing, and discuss ways to scale up RE finance, including the role of various project facilitation tools and services that can increase investor confidence.

The session will feature a discussion about the prospects for enhancing interactions between project developers and financiers in the medium and long-term. It aims to better align their respective expectations, examine non-traditional financing models and to discuss opportunities to increase investment levels for renewables. As example, the discussion will consider the specific characteristics of renewable energy investments in South East Europe (SEE). The event will engage experts from financial and development institutions to explore options of scaling up RE investment, attracting institutional investors, and to identify priorities for future work.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Resource person</b>
11:00-11:05	Welcome / Introduction	UNECE Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Chair of the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE)
11.05-11.30	<p><b>Overview Presentations: Support to Renewable Energy Uptake</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy scenarios</li> <li>• Global and regional targets</li> <li>• Sub-regional results</li> <li>• EU financial instruments supporting sustainable energy investments.</li> <li>• UNECE Renewable Energy Hard Talks</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Arjun Guha, Programme Officer Energy Finance, IRENA</p> <p>Mr. Emmanuel Bergasse, Key Expert for EU Neighborhood (East and South) and Central Asia, EU Technical Assistance Facility for Sustainable Energy (EU TAF for SE)</p> <p>Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of GERE, UNECE</p>
11.30-12.20	<p><b>Panel discussion: Renewable Energy Investment Prospects and Support Tools</b></p> <p>- EBRD, EIB, dena</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learnt in recent years of renewables deployment globally.</li> <li>• The available services and facilitation tools for enhancing fund flows to renewables.</li> <li>• What are the key issues in consideration for financing renewables in the region?</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator: IRENA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ms. Marina Petrov, Deputy Head of Ukraine Office, Head of Energy and Infrastructure EBRD</p> <p>Mr. Oliver Frank, Head of Renewable Energy and Mobility, German Energy Agency (dena)</p> <p>Mr. Iñigo Arencibia, Senior Energy Expert EIB</p>
12.20-12.30	Wrap-Up / Conclusion	IRENA Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Chair of GERE