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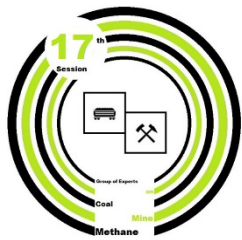


Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition

17th Session

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Methane Mondays



Methane Mondays is a series of online events to discuss coal mine methane related issues.

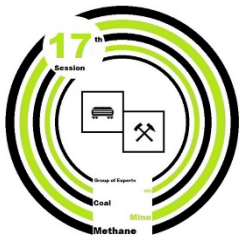
They are organized jointly by the **UNECE Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane** and **EMBER**.

The meetings held in 2021 will constitute a part of the **11th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development**, which this year due to COVID-19 restrictions is held online and comprises of multiple events delivered under the Forum's banner.

Our goal is to create a space in which stakeholders holding different, sometimes opposing opinions, could talk, try to understand each other's positions, and try to find a middle ground allowing to move forward on methane issue.

- Started in Summer 2021 following a survey that was conducted among our members
- 4 Meetings delivered
 - Organizational one;
 - On: *The impact of methane emitted from coal seams on the state of the atmosphere and the real possibilities of its capture and utilization;*
 - On: *Information about methane emissions. What can we do with the knowledge that we have?*
 - On: *Monitoring, reporting and verification of methane emissions from coal mines. Best practices and the way forward*
- Positive response from the Community
- Upcoming meeting:
 - On: *The application of United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) to Coal Bed Methane (CBM)*
 - 25 April 2022, 15:00-17:00 online and in Geneva

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2. Methane Mondays Interviews

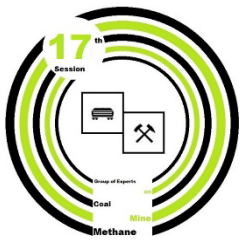


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The screenshot shows the UNECE website's 'Sustainable Energy' section, specifically the 'Coal Mine Methane' page. The main heading is 'Methane Mondays Interviews'. Below the heading is a graphic featuring a calendar with the date '18' highlighted in red, a clock face with 'CH4' written on it, and silhouettes of people sitting around a table. The text below the graphic explains that short interviews were conducted with community members in November 2021 to better understand methane-related issues. It states that the same set of predetermined questions was used for all interviews, followed by a 10-15 minute discussion. A list of interviews is provided, starting with an interview with Mr. Ozgur Acir, President of the Jade Association of Geological Research. A small video thumbnail is shown next to the first interview entry, with a quote from the interviewee: "... methane emissions, are the result of our activities and their impact on our planet. We cannot regulate the emissions via paperwork unless we learn to regulate our own consumer behaviors. First we must learn to respect each other as persons, members of a family or a country, then we must learn to respect our earth and its resources ..."

- 13 Interviews conducted
- Broad range of speakers
- Same set of questions for each interviewee
- Open discussion

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Training Module



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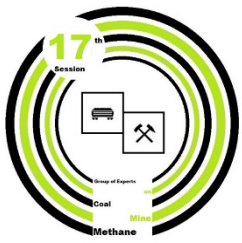
The training should be of use to CMM project developers, third parties, mining company personnel, and government officials. It is divided into eight modules, which are available below, as well as on the GMI's website dedicated to the training.

Course Modules

- Module 1: Introduction and Objectives [\[view text version\]](#)

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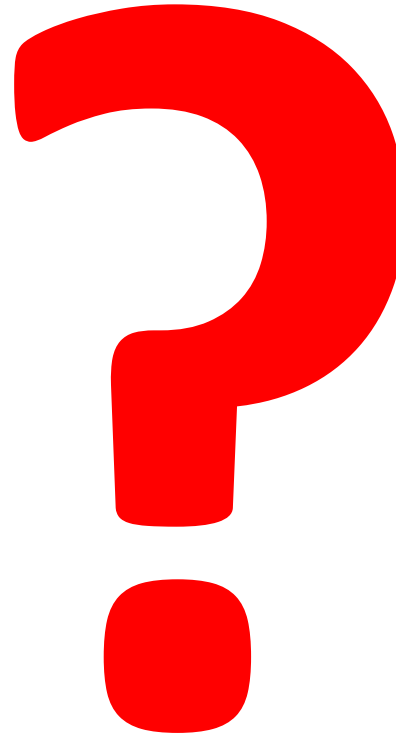
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