



Workshop

The energy transition and the “not in my backyard” phenomenon

Exchanging views and ideas on solutions for climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps 2050

Thursday, 4 April 2024, 10:30 – 16:00, Hotel Heffterhof in Salzburg (AT)

The energy transition refers to the global shift from fossil fuel-based energy systems to renewable energy sources. This transition is important to reach our goals, such as those aimed at climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps 2050. There are many answers to the question of how this transition can be made possible. What we already know is that the energy transition needs space. We also know that space is limited and has to fulfil many – sometimes contradictory – requirements. Focusing on the “not in my backyard” phenomenon (hereafter “NIMBY”), the Alpine Climate Board (ACB) of the Alpine Convention (AC) and CIPRA Austria invite you to a workshop on the energy transition and the “not in my backyard” phenomenon.

Background

The NIMBY phenomenon, which has been empirically observed and was first identified in environmental justice movements in the USA in the 1980s and 1990s, refers to the discrepancy between general attitudes towards environmental improvement – we will talk explicitly about renewable energy technologies and wind energy – and specific attitudes towards them. In other words, people are in favour of the construction of certain environmental technologies that bring about change because they make a positive contribution to the system, but they would rather not have them near their own homes.

Target groups

Our workshop is targeted to the following groups (but open to all interested individuals) including: developers of renewable energy projects, members of the scientific community, environmentalists, and members of the public.

Objectives of the workshop

We want to exchange views and ideas on solutions that work towards climate-neutral and climate-resilient Alps 2050. We will discuss four main questions, focusing on the fourth:

- What is the vision of climate-neutral Alps, focusing on the wind energy system?
- How can the NIMBY phenomenon be overcome in the energy transition?
- What common interests do the stakeholders have?
- **How can diverging interests be brought together?**



Programme

- 10:00 Get-together
- 10:30 **Welcome and introduction by the hosts**
Paul Kuncio (CIPRA AT), Helmut Hojesky and Katharina Zwettler (ACB/BMK AT)
- 10:35 **Keynote speech on the sustainable energy transition**
Sigrid Stagl (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
- 10:50 **Presentation of the detailed agenda by our moderator**
Wilfried Pistecky (Consulting Engineer and Mediator)
- 11:00 **Panel discussion between stakeholder representatives with recording/visualisation of needs and interests**
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 **Plenary discussion of ideas/solution options for the needs and interests explored in the morning**
- 14:15 Coffee break
- 14:30 **Panel discussion between representatives of the stakeholders to assess the ideas/solution options collected on the basis of the needs and interests**
- 15:30 **Summary of the results**
- 15:45 **Recap and farewell by the hosts**

Panel: Lisa Weinberger (Ökobüro), Stefan Moidl (Austrian Wind Energy Association), Kaspar Schuler (CIPRA International); requested: Citizens' Initiative "Für eine Compedal ohne Windräder", Initiative Windkümmerer, regional government AT

Moderator: Wilfried Pistecky is a certified mediator. He will guide us through this process in order to facilitate constructive discussions.



Logistics

Language

The workshop will be held in English.

Venue

The workshop will be held at Hotel Heffterhof (Maria-Cebotari-Straße 1-7, 5020 Salzburg, AT). We have reserved a limited number of rooms (until 13 March). If you would like to stay overnight, please contact Heffterhof directly: +43 662/641996-402; veranstaltung@heffterhof.at

Registration

The workshop is free of charge. Please register [here](#) by 19 March 2024. The number of participants is limited (maximum 30).

Privacy policy

Due to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), registration is only possible using the form. Audio or video recordings of the event and/or parts of it are prohibited for copyright reasons.

Contact

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Further information

CIPRA Austria has published three interviews with three different stakeholders/experts in the field of energy transition and NIMBY. You can find the interviews here: <https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/oesterreich/alpenkonvention> ([103/2023](#), [104/2023](#) and [105/2023](#); only available in German).