



**Danube GeoHeCo**



**Interreg Danube Region Programme 2021 - 2027**

**DRP0200244 – Danube GeoHeCo**

**Final Transnational Conference – Agenda**

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Cultural Station “Svilara”, Đorđa Rajkovića 6b, 21000 Novi Sad

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## Danube GeoHeCo Project Final Transnational Conference

### AGENDA

Time slot	Presentation topic	Speaker
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Welcome and registration</b> <i>Danube GeoHeCo poster exhibition: Pilot investments &amp; Key project results</i>	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome speech and opening remarks</b>	<b>Aleksandar Dunderški, director</b> Regional Development Agency Backa
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Project overview: Strategic context and policy relevance</b>	<b>Danijela Vrtarić, assistant director</b> Medjimurje Energy Agency Ltd.
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Project reflections and significance within the Interreg Danube Region Programme</b>	<b>Horst Schindler, project officer</b> Interreg DRP Joint Secretariat/Managing Authority
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Overview of the current EU geothermal policy framework</b>	<b>Marianna Jakab, policy officer</b> European Commission Directorate-General for Energy – DG ENER (online)
11:00 – 11:15	<b>European heat pump market and policy developments: Current state and future outlook</b>	<b>Milagros Garcia Salciarini, policy officer</b> European Heat Pump Association AISBL
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Mobilising local and regional communities for shallow geothermal investments in heating and cooling: Deployment desks for active stakeholder engagement</b>	<b>Kristjan Šadl, expert associate</b> Local energy agency Pomurje
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Unlocking shallow geothermal potential in the Danube Region: Key insights from the Danube GeoHeCo Transnational Action Plan</b>	<b>György Márton, managing director</b> CROST Regional Development Nonprofit Ltd.
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Coffee break for participants</b> <i>Danube GeoHeCo promotional videos highlight</i>	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>The role of digital solutions in market deployment and technology optimisation of shallow geothermal energy systems for heating and cooling: digital platform with built-in virtual marketplace and IT decision support tool</b>	<b>Artem Daminov, software developer</b> University of applied sciences Burgenland  <b>Luka Perković, associate professor</b> University of Zagreb, Faculty of mining, geology and petroleum engineering



<p><b>12:30 - 12:55</b></p>	<p><b>Advancing the deployment of shallow geothermal energy through pilot actions supported by IT decision support tool: case studies from Danube GeoHeCo pilot investments</b></p>	<p><i><b>Tomislav Kurevija, full professor</b></i>  <i>University of Zagreb, Faculty of mining, geology and petroleum engineering</i></p>
<p><b>12:55 - 13:45</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b>  <b>“Future pathways for Shallow Geothermal Energy in the Danube Region”</b></p>	<p><i><b>Žarko Petrović, Team Leader for Resilient Development</b></i>  <i>United Nations Development Programme - UNDP, Serbia</i></p> <p><i><b>Mitja Janža, researcher specialized in hydrogeological modelling</b></i>  <i>Geological Survey of Slovenia</i></p> <p><i><b>Luka Boban, assistant professor</b></i>  <i>Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb</i></p>
<p><b>13:45 - 13:55</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusion and final words</b></p>	
<p><b>13:55 - 14:40</b></p>	<p><b>Networking lunch &amp; refreshments</b></p>	

\*Please note that the event will be photographed and recorded for project monitoring and reporting purposes.

\*\*Simultaneous interpretation between English and Serbian will be provided during the event.