



Danube GeoHeCo



Interreg Danube Region Programme 2021 - 2027

DRP0200244 – Danube GeoHeCo

Final Transnational Conference – Agenda

City of Novi Sad (Serbia), 20th of May 2026 (Wednesday)

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

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AGENDA

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



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