



UNECE (/) **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (/SUSTAINABLE-ENERGY)**

## Workshop on Mine Closure in Albania and Serbia

Sustainable Energy   Committee on Sustainable Energy   Coal Mine Methane  
Methane Management

09 December 2022 9:00 - 13:30

**Online and Tirana Albania**

### Content

UNECE is working on greening the energy sector in accordance with principles of carbon neutrality and just transition. In its efforts it recognizes, however, that the scope and pace of the transformation process has to be aligned with the capabilities and needs of individual member States, taking into account their endowment of natural resources, technological base, cultural heritage, as well as the legal and regulatory structure.

In this context, Albania and Serbia requested UNECE to develop a study analysing their local geological and mining conditions, and on that basis identify principle-based guidelines for designing and implementing a programme for an efficient, safe, and environmentally conscious mine closure in the countries.

The goal of the study is to provide a theoretical background for actions allowing to reclaim the mined land and mitigate hazards so that it becomes suitable for repurposing and sustainable development. The document will improve both beneficiary countries' national capacities to close coal mines in a manner that ensures that at the end of the process the site is safe for the environment and the population and that the reclaimed grounds are ready for further use unrelated to coal mining.

In the process of developing the document a fact finding mission is to be conducted, the results of which will be presented at the workshop. In addition, the latter will feature a detailed presentation of the methodology adopted to develop the report, as well as its up-to-date findings and expected recommendations. The presentation of the study will be followed by an open discussion with the local stakeholders, allowing the authors of the document to tailor its final version as closely to the beneficiary states' conditions and needs as possible.



## Participation

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The workshop will be held in Tirana, Albania as well as online. To join the event please communicate your interest to: [cmm.energy@un.org](mailto:cmm.energy@un.org) (/cmm.energy@un.org)

### Documents and Presentations

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# **Draft Agenda for the Workshop on Mine Closure in Serbia and Albania**

*Tirana, Albania*

*9 December 2023*

## **Part I: Mine Closure**

9:00 Introduction and welcome by the host (AKBN)

9:05 Introduction and welcome by UNECE (UNECE)

9:15 Presentation of the UNECE Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition (Mr. Drabik)

9:30 Coal Mining Industry in Albania (Mr. Tomini)

9:45 Serbian coal deposits and coal mines in light of the transition to the green economy (Mr. Vukas)

10:00 Analysis of selected aspects of underground coal mining in Albania and Serbia (Mr. Wrana and Mr. Frejowski)

10:45 Q&A session and a debate

11:30 **Break**

## **Part II: Post Mining**

11:45 The life cycle of vertical mining workings - The safety measures of maintenance, liquidation and economical usage of shafts in transformation process (Ms. Sobczak, Mr. Szymała, and Mr. Wrana)

12:15 Q&A

12:30 Possibilities of using the OPI-TPP 2.0 system methodology for the inventory of post-industrial sites (Ms. Jąderko-Skubis and Mr. Hamerla)

13:00 Q&A

13:15 Closing remarks (UNECE)

13:30 End of the workshop