

CEE Climate Policy Frontier

First regional stakeholder workshop in Bucharest

Workshop brief

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Location: Romanian-American Foundation, Strada Gina Patrichi nr. 6, 010449 Bucharest

Presentation from the workshop is available for download on the project webpage:

<http://wise-europa.eu/en/2019/08/14/cee-climate-policy-frontier-summary-of-the-regional-stakeholder-workshop-in-bucharest/>

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS BY WORKING GROUP

Transport

- The transport group discussed the bottlenecks to cleaner vehicles and electromobility in Romania and Bulgaria and replicability of Visegrad countries' policies in the local context.
- During the summary of the working group discussions, the participants presented the identified transport sector challenges, most notably:
 - The lack of infrastructure and of a coherent policy to discourage purchases of diesel vehicles, whereas restrictive legislation on fossil fuel transport is poorly enforced.
 - Private sector initiatives (electric scooter services, development of infrastructure for electric charging) occurs largely despite the absence of policies.
 - Public funds should be targeted at the infrastructure instead of subsidies for e-vehicles.

Buildings

- The buildings working group discussed policies in Bulgaria and Romania to support energy efficiency in buildings, most notably the subsidized insulation of multi-level apartment buildings.
- The late start in renovations and energy efficiency retrofits are the main reason for significant GHG emission reduction in the last decade.
- Challenges in the buildings area persist and have been caused by:
 - difficulties to perform works inside apartments with individual ownership, as well as in apartments which are empty due to migration;
 - decision-making process in homeowners' associations;
 - poor legislation of ESCO;
 - energy poverty;
 - absence of legislation to support renewables use for heating in buildings (multi-apartment and individual homes), which are bottlenecks to leverage public funds.

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