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## Professional online roundtable on creating appropriate legal environment for the energy communities in the Danube Region

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# SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL AND SELF-GOVERNING BODIES OF THE SR

The greatest benefits of energy communities in the real social and economic environment are mainly economic benefits, awareness and education, involvement of the public in building renewable energy capacities, climate protection and the pursuit of sustainability linked to the ecological transformation of the entire industry into the future, and last but not least, the growth of the innovative potential of the country's economy .

## Content of the submitted presentation

The presentation briefly describes the proposals of PP-12 NEK for political and professional bodies and institutions in Slovakia and is part of the document already published in the NRGCOM project system on the national legislative background regarding the issue of energy communities, identification of risks and areas of intervention as a form of energy community based on an interest association of legal entities in domestic conditions, further challenges facing the management of communities today, difficulties with internal management and conflict resolution in practice, problems with network connection, or technological availability and adaptability, access to data and consumer protection.

The proposals also deal with the possibilities of integrating different operational models of energy communities and the potential incentives and motivation for members of energy communities.

# 1. CREATING AN APPROPRIATE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

Table 1:

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| <b>1.</b> | Adopt a legislative rule and fundamentally observe it so that economic and especially energy regulations are not adopted without rigorous analysis and discussion with the professional and affected public and entities   |
| <b>2.</b> | Adopt amendments to the currently valid energy laws and regulations regarding the definition of the status and scope of the legitimate interests of self-consumers operating together within one grouping/building or location, regardless of the location of consumption and sales points and without the need to establish energy communities just for this reason |
| <b>3.</b> | To clarify in practice the support for the so-called green energy sources and to determine the appropriate amount of the so-called green bonus for the implementation of RES in energy communities and in industry in general  |
| <b>4.</b> | Include an amendment in the Energy Act in the context of the emergence of the right of energy producers within energy communities to flexibly participate and build energy distribution without limiting the size of energy sources.   |

## 2. OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

Table 2:

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| <b>1.</b> | It is necessary to add information about active customers, own production, distribution and consumption in the subject of activities in the registers of entities forming energy communities and communities  |
| <b>2.</b> | Create targeted educational and certification training and programs for coordinators within energy communities  |
| <b>3.</b> | Provision of energy and financial advisory programs for regions and municipalities set specifically for local conditions, including with the expanded possibility of direct and motivational involvement of citizens in information   |
| <b>4.</b> | Development and construction of advisory expert SW tools and computer applications for planning, production implementation and management of energy communities   |
| <b>5.</b> | Strictly define and at the same time reduce many restrictions blocking the possibility of connecting energy communities to distribution systems in the country, under clear but transparent rules   |
| <b>6.</b> | Create and implement continuous support subsidy programs and calls from EU funds and own state resources with the participation of financing for the operation and support of the development of energy communities in the country  |
| <b>7.</b> | To create a purposeful and agreed uniform system of the structure of rates for distribution system services with the aim of objectifying the share of costs of energy communities in these systems depending on their share in energy generation and the load on the distribution system in a given region. |

### 3. SOCIALIZATION AND SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

Table 3:

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| 1. | Central authorities regularly communicate and evaluate the state and development of the functioning of energy communities and communities and subsequently include these in national energy and environmental plans and documents   |
| 2. | In cooperation with the MH SR, MIRRI SR and SIEA, regularly organize international thematic workshops on individual supporting professional topics of the functioning of energy communities based on RES in practice and the exchange of experience and good application solutions  |
| 3. | Ensure that ÚRSO (Office for the Regulation of Network Industries) as a competent body of the state administration develops and regularly updates and evaluates the state of the existing potential and obstacles for the functioning of RES with implications for the dynamization of the work and management of energy communities                |
| 4. | Create within the network of energy communities a joint working body (commission, permanent conference, council of stakeholders, etc.) with decisive central authorities - ministries (MH SR, MIRRI, etc.) for regular consultation and exchange of experience, as well as preparation of programs and regulations for the future                   |
| 5. | To prepare, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and SIEA (Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency), an educational and training program for managers and advisors of energy communities, with the possibility of their subsequent internal certification (e.g. internal attestation and certificate issued by SIEA) |
| 6. | Provision of basic energy consultancy at the level of municipalities and higher territorial units with extended scope for citizens and SMEs   |
| 7. | Create a unified advisory system for managing risks and overcoming consumer conflicts in cooperation with regional authorities, SIEA and energy communities   |

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