

UK-Hungary Online Roundtable Discussions: Financing the energy transition in Hungary

Event overview

Date: 12-13 December 2022 (2 days, 4 sessions)

The aim of the roundtable discussions is to discuss current state of affairs with regards to the four topics in the focus of the event on the financing of the energy transition, namely: (1) green bonds issuance and their role in financing the energy transition in Hungary, (2) ESG risk measurement and data requirements, (3) buildings decarbonisation and (4) renewables policies and subsidies, and to produce a briefing document of panel findings and recommendations which will inform policy development for the green transition in Hungary.

Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss in roundtable discussions topics highlighted by a concept note produced by Cambridge Econometrics, which will be presented at the start of the event.

Indicated timing is in **Central European Time (CET)**.

DAY 1 – Monday 12nd December 2022

Session #1 Green bonds issuance and their role in financing the energy transition in Hungary

Time (CET)	Topic	Host
10:00-10:05	Welcome	Paul Fox , Ambassador of the UK to Hungary
10:05-10:25	Keynote Speech UK	Gireesh Shrimali Head of Transition Finance Research, <i>Oxford Sustainable Finance Group</i>
10:25-10:45	Keynote Speech HU	Norbert Kiss-Mihály Deputy Director of Monetary Policy Instruments, Foreign Exchange Reserves and Risk Management, <i>Central Bank of Hungary</i>
10:45-11:30	Panel Discussion	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gábor Gyura Sustainable Finance Consultant, <i>United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)</i> • Domonkos Kovács M&A and Capital Markets Director, <i>Alteo Nyrt.</i> • John Martin CEO, <i>Plutus Consulting Group</i> • Gergely Pókos Director, <i>OTP Bank Green Program Directorate</i> • Anna-Maria Spyriouni EU Outreach Manager, <i>Climate Bonds Initiative</i> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Richárd Végh</p>

	CEO, <i>Budapest Stock Exchange</i>
11:30-11:45	Questions and Remarks

Session #2 ESG-related risks, their measurement and data requirements in Hungary

Time (CET)	Topic	Host
14:00-14:45	Keynote Speeches	<p>Barnabás Ács Global Head of Sales Strategy – Sustainable Finance & Investing, <i>London Stock Exchange Group</i></p> <p>Rita Szalay General Manager, <i>ESG Capital Solutions</i></p> <p>Gwil Mason Lead Associate – Sustainable Finance, <i>Financial Conduct Authority</i></p>
14:45-15:30	Panel Discussion	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irén Márta Managing Director, <i>Business Council for Sustainable Development in Hungary (BCSDH)</i> György Szege Head of ESG Department, <i>Bankholding</i> Zoltán Török Head of Research, <i>Raiffeisen</i> TBC <i>J.P. Morgan's Global Index Research Group</i> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Ákos Lukács Partner - Climate Change & Sustainability Services, <i>EY</i></p>
15:30-15:45	Questions and Remarks	

DAY 2 – Tuesday 13th December 2022

Session #3 Financing the decarbonisation of residential buildings and public institutions

Time (CET)	Topic	Host
10:00-10:05	Welcome	Dóra Fazekas , Managing Director, <i>Cambridge Econometrics Hungary</i>
10:05-10:25	Keynote Speech HU	Szabolcs Mizsei Executive Director, <i>Hungarian Energy Efficiency Institute</i>
10:25-10:45	Keynote Speech UK	Paul Smyth Director of Strategy and Technical Services, <i>Salix Finance</i>
10:45-11:30	Panel Discussion	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ada Ámon Chief Advisor to the Mayor of Budapest on Climate Affairs, <i>Budapest City Hall</i>

- **László Balogh**
Chief Business Expert, *ingatlan.hu*
- **Zsombor Barta**
Director, *Hungary Green Building Council*
- **James Hooton**
Programme Director, *UK Green Finance Institute*

Moderator

Áron Horváth
Head of Centre, *ELTINGA Centre for Real Estate Research (HU)*

11:30-11:45

Questions and Remarks

Session #4 Renewable energy

Time (CET)	Topic	Host
14:00-14:20	Keynote Speech HU	Ede Borbély Head of Renewables and Energy Efficiency, <i>MOL</i>
14:20-14:40	Keynote Speech UK	Simone Cooper-Searle Head of Hydrogen Strategy, <i>Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)</i>
14:40-15:30	Panel Discussion	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attila Aszódi Full Professor – Department of Nuclear Energy, <i>Budapest University of Technology and Economics</i> • Edward Jones Senior Policy Manager, <i>Energy UK</i> • Anita Simon Deputy CEO – Sustainability and Circular Economy, <i>Alteo Group</i> • László Szabó CEO, <i>Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK)</i> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Claudia Patricolo Editor-in-Chief, <i>CEEnergyNews</i></p>
15:30-15:45	Questions and Remarks	

The conference can be followed live on the [Youtube channel](#) of the MKT (Magyar Közgazdasági Társaság - Hungarian Economic Association).