

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MACRO-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN TOURISM AND ENERGY

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Sofia Hotel Balkan, 5 Sveta Nedelya Square

PROGRAMME

- 8:45 – 9:15** **Registration**
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Opening speech**
- Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria
 - Minister of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria
 - DG REGIO, European Commission
- 10:00 – 12:00** **Panel 1 “Cooperation in tourism and energy across the Danube region”**
- Topics for discussion:
- Cross-sectoral cooperation in tourism and energy across the Danube region – challenges and perspectives
 - Low-carbon models for sustainable development – good practices/examples
 - RES and geothermal – synergies in tourism and energy
 - Instruments for energy efficiency improvement
- Panelists:
- Priority area coordinators/representatives of – PA 2 and PA3
 - EC – DG GROWTH, DG ENERGY
 - UNWTO
 - Representatives of national/regional/local authorities
 - Representatives of private sector
- 12:00 – 13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:30** **Panel 2 “Macro-regional cooperation for improvements in tourism and energy - exchange of good practices”**
- Topics for discussion:
- Macro-regional cooperation in the field of tourism and energy in Europe
 - Low-carbon models for sustainable development – good practices/examples
 - Financial supporting schemes for efficient energy use
 - Security of energy supply
 - Connectivity as enabler for energy and tourism
- Panelists:
- Priority area coordinators/representatives of priority areas from all macro-regional strategies
 - EC – DG GROWTH, DG ENERGY, DG REGIO
 - Representatives of national/regional/local authorities
 - Representatives of private sector
- 15:30 – 15:45** **Conclusions**