



Co-creation, exchange, learning from each other: Municipal energy transition in south-east Europe

Connective Cities Final Event

„Renewable Energy Options at the Local Level“

16–18 June 2025 | Podgorica, Montenegro

How can the energy transition succeed at local level? What role do municipalities, experts and international cooperation play in this? The final event of the Connective Cities learning process, which has been supporting innovative municipal energy projects in South-East Europe and the Caucasus since October 2023, is dedicated to precisely these questions.

From June 16 to 18, 2025, Connective Cities invites municipal experts, specialists from administration, science and business to **Podgorica, Montenegro**. Together, we will take a practical look at specific project ideas, discuss success factors for their implementation and promote the international exchange of experience.

What to expect?

A varied and practice-oriented program with:

- Presentation of innovative project approaches from five countries
- Expert exchange on financing, planning and implementation
- “Matchmaking” sessions between cities and donor institutions
- Technical excursion to an energy efficiency project in Cetinje
- Space for networking, peer feedback and joint solution approaches

What it is about?

The aim of the event is to strengthen the dialogue between municipalities, financial institutions and experts, to make good practice visible and to further develop concrete, implementable project ideas. Professional input and personal experience go hand in hand - with a focus on practical relevance and international cooperation.

Projects

Five pilot projects from the learning process take centre stage:

Projekt	Ort	Land
<i>Community Energy Accelerator (CEA)</i>	Mostar und Sokolac	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<i>Solar Wave – Sustainable Solar Integration for Poti Swimming Complex</i>	Poti	Georgia
<i>SPECTRUM – Sports Palace Energy Conservation Through Renewable Upgrades and Modernization</i>	Senaki	Georgia
<i>PRES – Priboj Renewable Energy Solutions</i>	Priboj	Serbia
<i>Solar Energy Access and Renovation in Ceadăr-Lunga</i>	Ceadăr-Lunga	Moldova



Who should participate?

Invited are experts from local authorities, companies, research institutions and civil society - in particular with expertise in the following areas:

- Renewable energies and municipal energy planning
- Energy-efficient refurbishment and building management
- Financing municipal infrastructure
- Development and implementation of sustainable urban projects

Interested? Apply now!

If you are interested in participating, please send a brief expression of interest by e-mail to the relevant contact person by **12 May 2025**:

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About Connective Cities

Connective Cities is an international platform for professional dialogue on sustainable urban development. Since 2014, it has brought together representatives from local government, civil society, academia and business to jointly develop solutions for urban challenges. The platform is a cooperation project between the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Association of German Cities and Engagement Global and the Service Agency Communities in One World. It is being implemented on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).