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## **European Union Hosts Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for Eastern Partnership Universities**

*The European Union has launched through its EU4Energy Programme the **Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for Eastern Partnership (EaP) Universities** as a platform for knowledge and experience sharing among EU4Energy experts from the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Energy Community Secretariat (EnCS) and students from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. In this platform, future energy professionals will have the opportunity to follow and engage in discussions on a wide range of topics in the energy field.*

The **Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for EaP Universities**, held in the week of October 25-29, 2021, encompasses a series of five sessions and focuses on fundamentals of the European Union's energy policy and regulation, incorporating key principles and resulting in more-informed policy decisions and a stronger emphasis on consumer protection. The sessions will touch upon the EU legislative framework that shapes the electricity market model design, its evolution, roles of market players and the importance of cross-border cooperation. The EaP students will further benefit from training on the basic principles of simulation and optimisation modelling and effective ways of integrating renewable energy sources into power systems as well as training on key technologies and software programmes. The knowledge transfer will also cover the role of gas in the energy transition by discussing the importance of biogas and synthetic gases without carbon content and present plans for hydrogen consumption and the challenges in its production and transfer. Tariff setting models and methodologies will round out the training sessions.

The **Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for EaP Universities** will include a competition of participating students on the topics covered. The best student, i.e. with the highest overall exam score, will have the opportunity to travel to Brussels and attend a CEER training course for energy professionals organised in 2022, making for a special opportunity to further strengthen her/his skills and knowledge, as well as meet energy professionals working in the field.

The **Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for EaP Universities** is organised in the framework of the EU4Energy Programme Phase II – **Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries**, which runs until December 2024 and aims to contribute to the development of sound legislative and regulatory frameworks for energy, to support the region's transition to clean energy, and the liberalisation of its energy markets.

The EU4Energy initiative is funded by the European Union with a total budget of €8.5 million and is jointly implemented by CEER, the IEA) and the EnCS. The Programme highlights the importance of collaboration and cooperation between the EU, implementing partners and beneficiary institutions in implementing reforms and bringing concrete benefits to citizens.



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