



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### The Energiewende: A model to reach climate targets in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

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‘Energiewende’-workshop in  
Bratislava

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## Background

Many governments of the CEE region strongly focus on fossil fuels to secure their energy supply. Often, long-term climate strategies are missing, and national strategic energy development documents marginalize the role of solar and wind power, in spite of their significant potential in the region. However, in these countries exist proactive climate action coalitions. With help from German experts, they could offer sustainable prospects to the government and assist in formulating policies that would facilitate the accomplishment of the countries’ climate goals.

## Project details

The goal of this project was to transfer knowledge and experiences of the German ‘Energiewende’ (energy transition) to experts, decision-makers and other stakeholders of the environmental and social sector in the four partner countries. During regional workshops the different stakeholders discussed long-term strategies for an energy transition in the CEE region. Based on their findings, a set of policy recommendations for the national governments as well as a peer-to-peer network was established.

As a result, the government officials of the partner countries gained better understanding of the interdependency between energy and climate policies on the national and EU level. Moreover, opportunities for collaborations between German and CEE authorities for an advancing on climate commitments were highlighted. Finally, local civil society organizations were enabled to intervene more effectively to promote sustainable climate policies and an organised and socially fair structural change of the existing energy systems.

**Target country/region:** CEE region, especially: Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania

**Duration:** 09/2016 – 03/2017

**Beneficiaries:** National ministries for environment and energy

**Implementing organisations:** CEE Bankwatch Network, Za Zemiata (Bulgaria), National Society of Conservationists (Hungary), Friends of the Earth-CEPA (Slovakia), Association Bankwatch Romania, E3G – Third Generation Environmentalism (Germany)

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