

*Friends of Korca Association in partnership with University Fan.S.Noli” of Korca and other partners from Western Balkan and EU countries are organizing the conference "Shaping Tomorrow: Solar Energy and Sustainable Education", dealing with promotion of the solar energy and the role of education in this topic. There will be invited academics and students from universities, teachers and students of the high schools, representatives of the education institutions, of municipalities, NGOs, and business communities from several countries of the Western Balkan region. The conference is jointly supported by WBF and KAS.*

*This agenda is designed to facilitate a productive discussion on how education can drive the adoption of solar energy, while also fostering partnership and regional cooperation.*

## **Conference: "Shaping Tomorrow: Solar Energy and Sustainable Education"**

**Date:** October 18th, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00 AM. Central European Time

**Platform:** Zoom, Hybrid Event

### **Agenda:**

#### **10:00 AM - 10:15 AM | Opening Remarks**

- **Speaker:** Conference Chair and or Host
- **Content:** Welcome speech, introduction to the conference theme, and the importance of promoting solar energy through education in the Western Balkan region.
- **Donors agencies representative greetings**

#### **10:15 AM - 10:30 AM | Keynote Address: Integrating Solar Energy into Education Systems**

- **Speakers:** Experts in renewable energy or solar energy policy
- **Content:** Overview of the current state and future potential of solar energy in the region, and the critical role of education in achieving sustainable energy goals.

#### **10:30 AM - 11:05 AM | Panel Discussion: Speakers/Panelists:** Educators, policymakers, and industry experts from different countries in the Western Balkans

- **Topics:**
  - The role of education in promoting solar energy adoption
  - Strategies for integrating solar energy topics into school and university curricula
  - Regional challenges and opportunities in solar education
  - The impact of solar education on the local economy and environment
  - Driving European initiatives on solar energy and green economy in Western Balkans

#### **11:05 AM - 11:35 AM | Case Studies: Successful Educational Initiatives in Solar Energy**

- **Speakers:** Representatives from schools, universities, or NGOs
- **Content:** Presentation of successful initiatives and programs that have effectively promoted solar energy through education, highlighting best practices and lessons learned.

### **11:35 AM - 11:55 AM | Interactive Session: Building Partnerships to Advance Solar Education**

- **Participants:** Representatives from high school's universities, municipalities, NGOs, and business communities
- **Topics:**
  - How local governments, NGOs, and businesses can support solar education
  - Opportunities for collaboration between educational institutions and the solar industry
  - Funding and resource sharing for solar education projects
  - Engaging communities and stakeholders in the promotion of solar energy

### **11:55 AM - 12:00 AM | Closing Remarks and Future Directions**

- **Speaker:** Conference Chair or Host
- **Content:** Summary of key points discussed, a call to action for advancing solar education, and a look at upcoming initiatives or collaborations in the region.

### **Topics of Discussion:**

- The role of education in driving the adoption of solar energy.
- Integrating solar energy into school and university curricula.
- Regional challenges and opportunities in promoting solar energy through education.
- Case studies of successful solar education initiatives in the Western Balkans.
- The importance of student involvement in solar energy projects.
- Building effective partnerships between educational institutions, governments, NGOs, and the business sector to promote solar energy.
- Promoting solar energy as a tool for education equity in the framework of SGDs
- The future of solar energy in the Western Balkans and the role of education in achieving this vision.
- Promoting European initiatives on solar energy in Western Balkans as a driving force for its integration in EU.