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**EU4Energy Strengthens Knowledge of EaP Students in Clean Energy Transition**

*The European Union through its EU4Energy Programme launches the* ***Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for Eastern Partnership (EaP) Universities 2022.*** *It will serve**as a platform for knowledge and experience sharing among students from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine together with EU4Energy experts from the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Energy Community Secretariat (EnCS), EU4Climate, where the future energy professionals will have the opportunity to follow and engage in discussions on the clean energy transition in Europe.*

The ***Autumn Digital EU4Energy Week for EaP Universities 2022,*** held in the week of 3-7 October 2022, encompasses a series of five sessions and focuses on the fundamentals of the European Union’s energy policy and regulation in support of the clean energy transition in Europe. The sessions will touch upon consumer empowerment, placing them in the centre of energy markets and leading to more informed energy choices. The knowledge transfer will also cover long-term energy planning and the role of statistics to measure and assess the success and failure of government policies. The students will follow the discussion around the Clean Energy Package in Europe and learn more about energy poverty and vulnerability, resulting from a combination of low-income, high-energy bills/prices and poor energy efficiency, especially as regards the performance of buildings.

Furthermore, this year, EU4Energy implementing partners are joined by the EU4Climate Programme, which is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The session led by EU4Climate will focus on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) directed towards the decrease of national emissions by countries and the adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

The ***Digital EU4Energy Week*** foresees a competition of participating students on the topics covered. The highest scoring student will have the opportunity to attend a CEER training course for energy professionals organised in Brussels in 2023 and strengthen her/his skills and knowledge, as well as meet energy professionals working in the field.

This series of events is organised in the framework of the EU4Energy Programme Phase II – **Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries**, which runs through 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 the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), International Energy Agency (IEA) and Energy Community Secretariat (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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