

## Welcome Message to the participants of the Renwex 2021 International Exhibition

## Dear colleagues,

I would like to welcome the participants and visitors to the RENWEX 2021. Renewable Energy and Electric Vehicles international exhibition and forum.

Today, the principles of sustainable development are becoming fundamental to investment decisions, and energy transition projects are actively pursued, with the renewable energy and electric transport sectors showing the highest growth rates. Reduction of the economy carbon intensity and active green energy development are becoming key trends for most countries. For 5 years investment in green energy has exceeded investment in conventional generation, given the increasing rhetoric of the climate agenda, including the European green deal. There is every reason to believe that demand in this sector will continue to grow.

Russia, where, with the launch of the DPM renewable energy support programme in 2013, a new industrial cluster was started from scratch, and renewable energy is also developing at a good steady pace. The industrial cluster already has more than 20 enterprises producing innovative products that are in demand in the Russian and foreign markets. Facilities with a total capacity of over 2,500 MW have already been built in 18 regions of the country under the DMP programme.

In 2021, the Russia Renewable Energy Development Association presented its first RES investment rating, which included 66 Russian regions of zones 1 and 2 of the wholesale electricity and capacity market. The local regional investment climate, which is shaped, among other things, by infrastructure development and decisions made at the level of constituent entities of the Russian Federation, plays a crucial role. Regional authorities form their own green economy development strategies and independently decide on measures to stimulate investment in particular sectors.

I am positive that the exhibition and forum will create a comfortable environment where participants will be able to have an open dialogue with representatives of the authorities and the expert community on topical issues of the green economy development.

Let me wish everyone productive work and fruitful negotiations in achieving their goals and objectives!

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