



2020 EPG Summer School

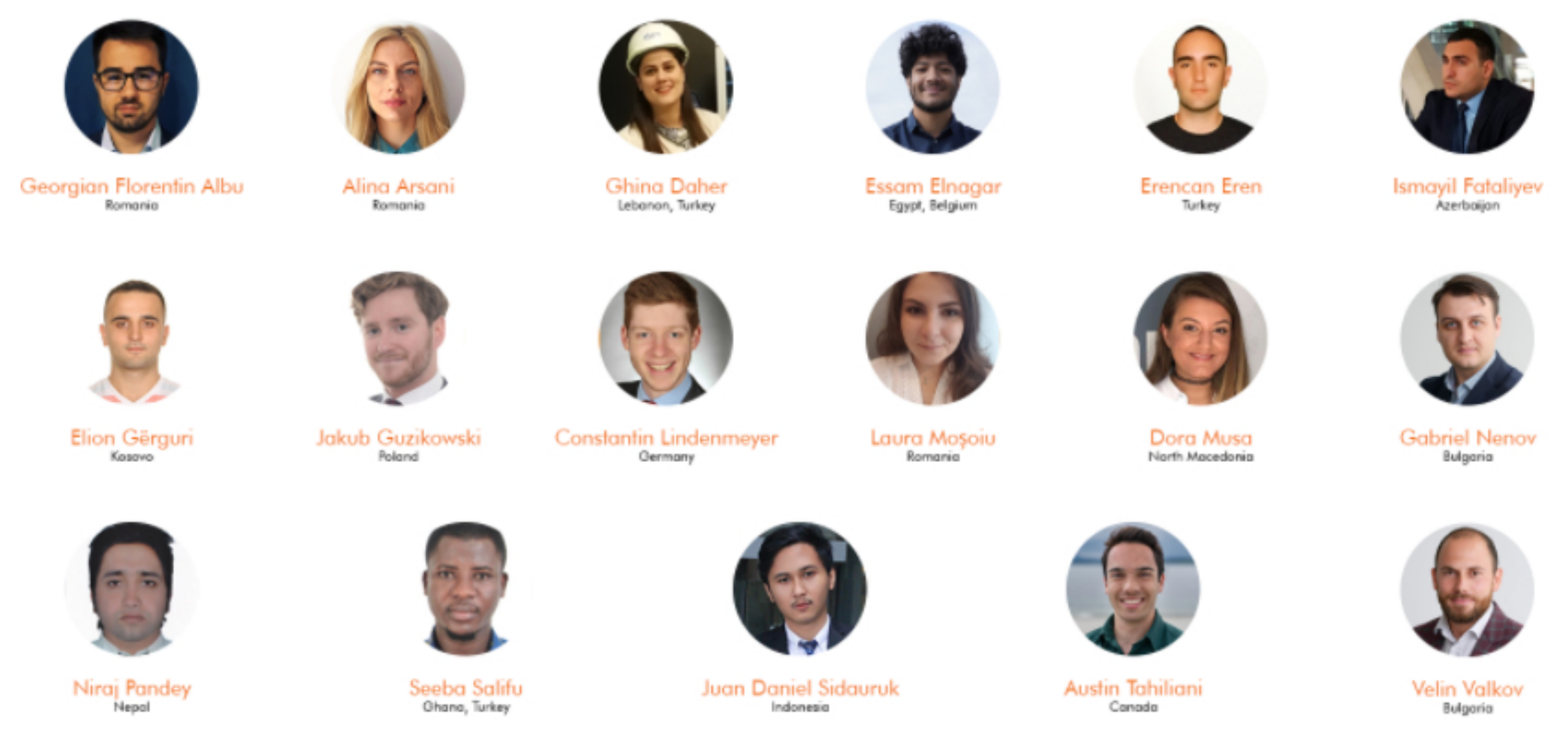
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The third edition of EPG Summer School, *Smart Transformation in the Energy Sector*, was held as webinar sessions between 23 and 25 July 2020.

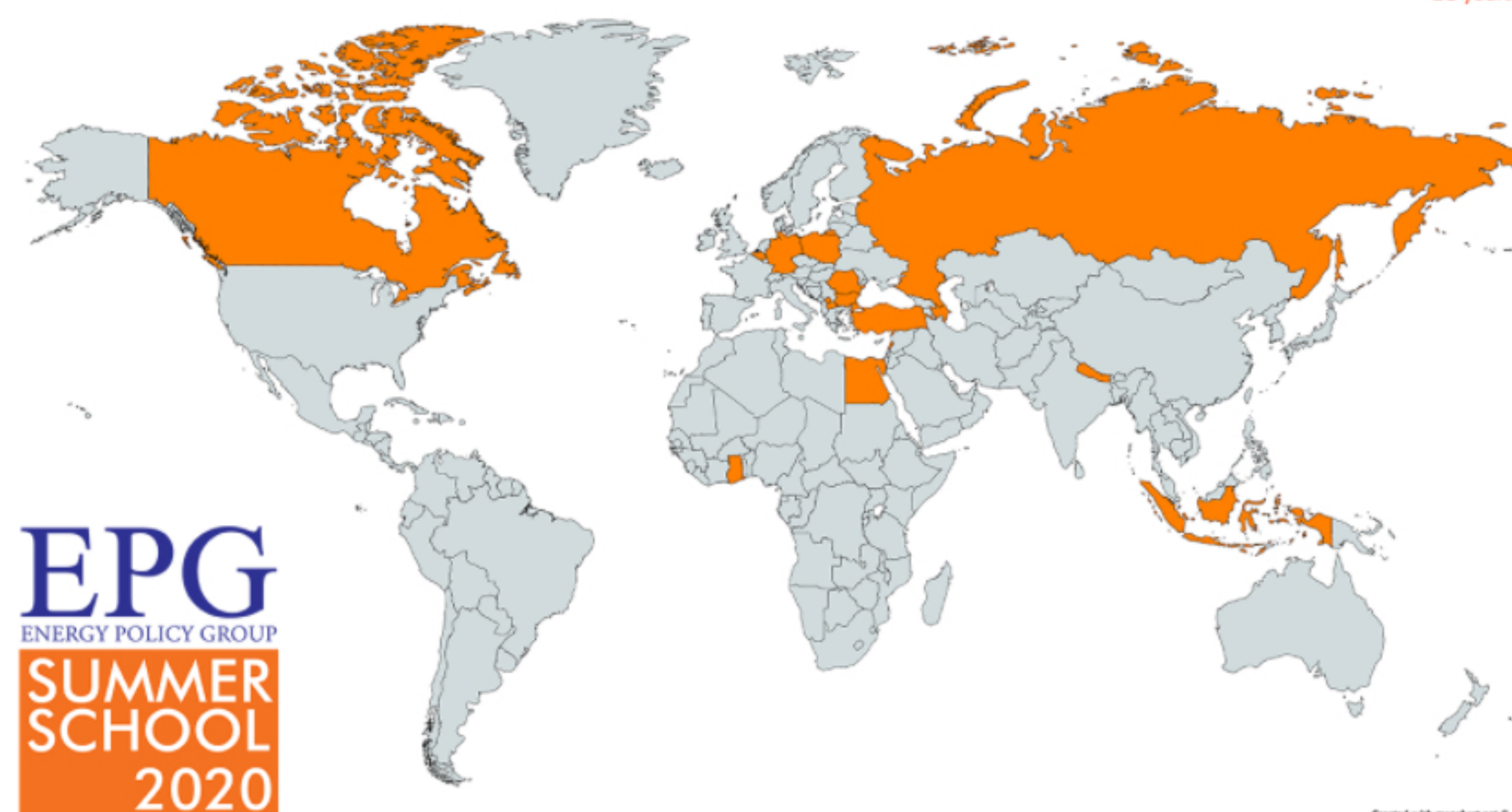
This year the program was supposed to take place in Bucharest between 22 and 31 July. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to maintain the original format of the summer school. However, despite this inconvenient situation, we decided to carry on with the program and organize a free shorter online alternative of the summer school.

The new version consisted of three webinars, which took place between 23 and 25 July, addressing some of the most critical issues in the energy sector in order to provide participants a better understanding of the global energy trends and the opportunities and challenges that come along. The sessions were conducted by 10 reputed international experts in the field and aimed to draw a balance between presentations, debates and interactive activities. Students and young professionals from 14 different nationalities including Indonesia, Nepal, Canada, Turkey etc., explored critical questions for the future of the energy sector: coal phase-out and energy transition, decarbonization and the role of renewable energy, energy markets and innovation in the sector.

2020 EPG Summer School Participants



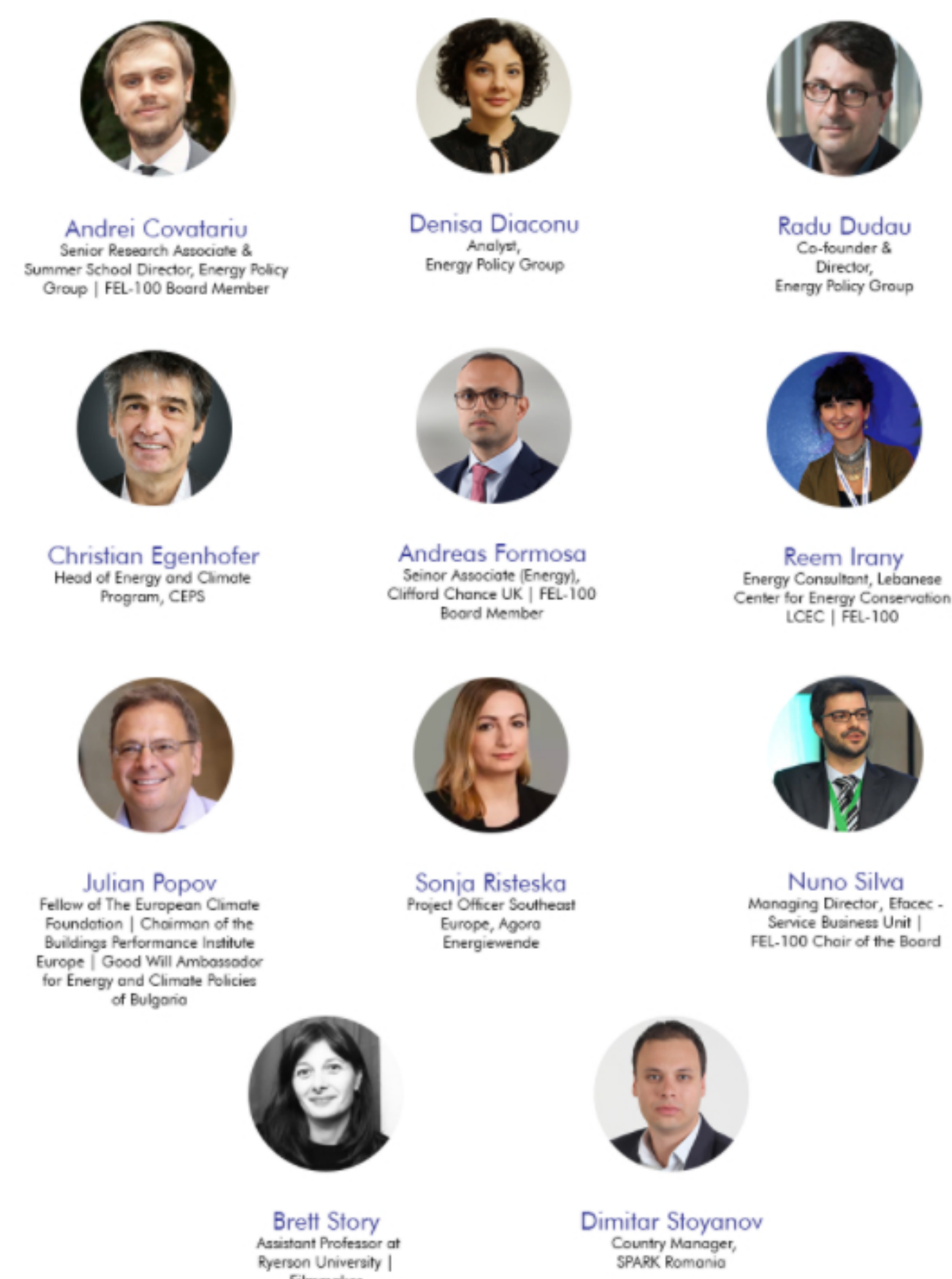
Average age ~ 28 years



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These topics were analyzed based on their mutually influencing dynamics and assessed jointly with the energy sector's greatest externality: climate emergency. To this purpose, one of the webinars was entirely dedicated to the issue of climate change, starting with a role-playing exercise, En-ROADS Climate Action Workshop that offers people a greater understanding regarding the causes of climate change and the necessary solutions to mitigate it. While research and policies are extremely important in showing people the implications of climate change, significant contribution to the way we are restructuring society might as well come from a thoughtful scrutiny of how ordinary individuals perceive the global warming threat. Equally important is to comprehend how climate change is pervading people's day-to-day lives and Brett Story's documentary, *The Hottest August*, offered participants this different perspective.

Speakers (in alphabetical order)



Activities



World Energy Simulation Game
International role playing exercise from Climate Interactive



"The Hottest August"
Documentary Screening
Energy Documentary session followed by group debate

Once again, we added a significant piece to our community thanks to an outstanding group of participants and speakers engaged and dedicated to this common goal of attaining a clean and sustainable energy transition.

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