



## INTRODUCTION

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**Aim:** This online course is aimed at improving your English skills, and in particular widen your vocabulary in the field of renewable energies in order to prepare you for the second online course.

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### Information about the Technical English Moodle learning platform

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#### Start here

After logging in, please watch the two videos to get an overview of the project, and the Technical English course. This document is to confirm some of the information in the videos, and to give further details about the material and the recommended learning method.

#### Forum

When you have finished a unit, please go to the 'Forum' to see your Tutor's question connected to that unit. As you are expected to participate in 80% of the discussions to complete the course, and because the material is divided into 12 units, you will have to answer at least 10 of the 12 questions. Your answers should not be long, a few sentences are enough.

Please note that you should finish the unit first, and then take part in the forum discussion.

If you have any questions regarding the material, you can ask them in the 'Questions and Answers'.

#### Online tutorial sessions

This is the official name of the chat. Every Thursday afternoon, from 3 o'clock to 4 o'clock, you can chat to your English Tutor. For Romanian students it is from 4 o'clock to 5. So if you need help to understand anything regarding the Technical English material, don't hesitate to write a message, and you will get a reply immediately.

## Glossary

There is a Renewable Energy Glossary uploaded to Moodle, which is available for you for permanent use. So, you will be able to look up any unknown words during the two online courses, but it will be more useful for the second course.

## The material

The material is divided into 4 sections, following the topics of the second online course:

- 1 Renewable Energy and Rural Development
- 2 Photovoltaic Energy
- 3 Biomass
- 4 Wind Energy

Each section contains 3 units, so there are 12 units altogether, which you can learn in about 12 hours. The units include short texts and videos with some basic information about the different renewable energy sources and how they can be used. In these texts and videos, you can meet the most important words and phrases that will be essential to understand the texts of the second course. So there are also a lot of tasks in each unit to practice that vocabulary.

## How to learn the material?

First of all, always read the texts and instructions *carefully*, and listen to the videos several times if necessary, because your answers will be marked. You will get 1 point for each good answer, and when you complete all the 12 units, you should have at least 60% of all the points.

It is also important to follow the original order of the material, because the tasks are always based on one another. So, if a task is *before* a text, you should do it *before* reading the text, because it makes it easier for you to understand the text. Similarly, if a task is *after* a video, you won't be able to answer the questions *without* watching the video.

There is a 'Check' button after each question. First, answer the question, then click on the 'Check' button, and you will immediately see if your answer is correct. If your answer is not correct, usually there will be an explanation for you.

Note: If you click on the 'Check' button, your answer will be marked. If it is correct, you will get a point for it, if it is not, you will not get a point. So read everything carefully before you click on 'Check'.

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### Assessment

You can obtain the certificate only if:

- you have participated in at least 80% of the debates proposed in the forum;
- you have achieved 60% of the total score.

The result indicated on your certificate will be based on the score you achieve:

0-59%	Fail
60-69%	Good
70-79%	Very good
80-100%	Excellent

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If you have technical difficulties with the learning platform, you can contact the course administrator, Mr Zoltán Futó at [futozoltan@karolyrobert.hu](mailto:futozoltan@karolyrobert.hu).