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7th South East Europe Energy Dialogue

“The New Regional Parameters”

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The Conference

Following the success of previous Energy Dialogue conferences, IENE is convening the “7th S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue” on June 19 – 20, 2013 in Thessaloniki.

The purpose of this international gathering which is being organized by IENE, under the auspices of the Greek government and with the support of leading international organizations, is to bring together high-ranking government officials, senior business executives and energy experts from the countries of S.E. Europe but also from major energy producing countries with the objective of exchanging information and ideas, networking and discussing the shaping of the political action required in order to face the increased global and regional energy and environmental challenges. The “Energy Dialogue” has been conceived as a forum for furthering the idea of a S.E. European energy bridge involving all the countries of the region.



This year, the SE Europe Energy Dialogue meeting is highly topical in view of the present difficult situation facing Europe with regard to security of energy supplies, especially by the hydrocarbon dependent countries of SE Europe which rely almost 85% on oil and gas imports, and the global concern for the development of viable

alternatives. The Dialogue will concentrate on the latest developments of the region’s evolving natural gas and electricity markets focusing on S.E. Europe’s ever deepening

energy partnerships with the Caspian Sea, the East Mediterranean, the Middle East and North Africa.

In addition to the official representation from each one of the SE European countries and the participation of top management executives from most major energy companies of the region, senior executives from banks and financial institutions (e.g. EBRD, EIB, World Bank, Black Sea Development Bank, etc.) donor representatives as well as high ranking officials from major international organizations are expected to take part in this two day high powered regional meeting.

After six years of uninterrupted success the SEEED is now considered the seminal regional energy event that has managed to engage not only the region's top policy-makers, financiers and entrepreneurs but also secure high-level participation from



some of the world's leading energy and banking institutions, including the International Energy Agency (IEA), the European Commission, the Energy Community Secretariat, the Energy Charter, WEC and CGES. The Summit's delegates and speakers over the last six years have also included senior executives from well known international corporations such as Gazpromexport, BP, Statoil, GDF Suez, ENEL, Serbgas, AERS, Bulgarian Energy Holding, CEZ,

Edison, DEPA, Hellenic Petroleum, Endesa and many others.

Scope & Objectives

The key objectives of the 7th S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue can be outlined as follows:

- Identification of the main problem areas for energy policy and infrastructure development.
- Outline of the prospects, challenges and opportunities in the energy sector of the region with special emphasis on electricity and gas.
- The promotion of the region's energy projects in electricity and gas with the view of attracting FDI.
- Review of the major South Corridor projects and the emergence of the East Med energy corridor.
- Discuss geopolitical issues affecting energy security (i.e. regional conflicts, terrorist threats etc).

- The furthering of contacts and interaction between energy suppliers and consumers focusing on gas interconnections, electricity networks, and Renewable Energy Sources (RES).
- Assessment of global and European Climate Change policies in the context of the region's overall development.
- The further enhancement of the unofficial but highly effective network of contacts at international and regional level already established within the "Energy Dialogue" process.



The "Energy Dialogue" is of particular relevance in this time juncture as current initiatives of the European Union for the creation of a regional energy market known as Energy Community (of SE Europe) and its Climate and Energy package (read 20-20-20), are evolving. The subjects to be

covered in this year's SEEED include the following:

- Oil and Gas (upstream and midstream)
- Electricity market operation and competition
- Electricity infrastructure projects
- The expanding role of RES in the context of the regional electricity market
- Expanding the gas infrastructure in SE Europe
- Gas market integration in S.E. Europe
- Environmental constraints and the Climate Change agenda
- Energy efficiency in the building sector and its role in energy demand
- Energy investment prospects and business opportunities
- Energy security and geopolitical issues

The "7th Energy Dialogue" programme will include presentations by senior executives of energy companies, by well known analysts and highly placed officials from governments and international organizations.

The South East Europe Energy Dialogue is sponsored by several leading regional and international energy companies.

Some 150 - 180 participants normally attend the S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue meeting in Thessaloniki. In addition to each country's representatives, invited participants include executives from investment banks and financial institutions with an interest in the region, as well as senior officials from the European Commission, the Energy Community, the International Energy Agency (IEA), the World Energy Council and other international organizations.

In order to view the proceedings of previous "SE Europe Energy Dialogue" meetings you may visit the following micro sites:

■ www.iene.gr/3rdSEED

■ www.iene.gr/4thSEED

■ www.iene.gr/5thSEED

■ www.iene.gr/6thSEED

The Venue

This year's annual "Energy Dialogue" international meeting will take place at the Met Hotel, a five star hotel near downtown Thessaloniki (see www.themethotel.gr). Thessaloniki and its environs, with its rich history and highly diversified cultural atmosphere provides an excellent venue for this conference as delegates have the opportunity to combine visits to museums, galleries, archaeological sites even monasteries but also take advantage of nearby beach resorts.

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