



Thessaloniki, 21/22 May 2008

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SOUTH EAST EUROPE ENERGY DIALOGUE



The Second South-East Europe Energy Dialogue

Thessaloniki, 21/22 May, 2008

1 The Meeting

Following the success of the "1st SE Europe Energy Dialogue" conference held in Thessaloniki in June 2007, IENE is convening the "2nd S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue" Conference next May in Thessaloniki (21-22 May 2008).

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together high-ranking government officials, senior business executives and energy experts from the countries of S.E. Europe but also from oil and gas producing countries with the objective of exchanging information and ideas, networking and discussions on the shaping of the political action required in order to face the energy and environmental challenges of the region. The "Energy Dialogue" has been conceived as a mean for furthering the idea of a S.E. European energy bridge involving all the countries of the region.

The SE Europe Energy Dialogue meeting is very topical in view of the continuously deteriorating situation with regard to the security of energy supplies, especially by the petroleum importing countries, and the international concern for the development of viable alternatives.

In addition to the official representatives from each of the SE Europe countries, executives of banks and financial organizations (i.e. EBRD, World Bank, Black Sea Development Bank, etc.) donor representatives as well as officials from the European Commission, the International Energy Agency, the Energy Community, the Energy Charter and other international organisations will be invited to participate. A total of 200-300 participants are expected to attend the 2008 Thessaloniki meeting.

2 Objectives

In summary, the major objectives of the S.E. Europe "Energy Dialogue" are the following:

- Identification of the key energy issues of the broader region, the study and analysis of the basic energy structure and energy prospects and the identification of challenges and opportunities in the region.
- Ensuring the international promotion of the region's energy matters through a well-organized initiative.
- Furthering of contacts and interaction between energy suppliers and consumers focusing on oil and gas.
- Examination of climate change issues and their relevance to regional energy developments.
- Enhancing the creation of an unofficial but effective network of contacts at international and regional level.
- The continuation on an ongoing basis of the "Energy Dialogue"

A permanent secretariat initially to be provided by IENE, is supporting the objectives of the "E.D.", the publication of its proceedings together with an assessment report of the "E.D."



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Subject areas

The proposed "Dialogue" is of particular relevance at this time juncture as the initiative of the European Union for the creation of a regional energy market known as Energy Community, is evolving.

Among the themes that will be discussed during the 2nd Energy Dialogue Meeting will be the following:

- The S.E. Europe Energy outlook: Energy demand, energy supply and imports, energy production, energy management.
- Energy security, dependence and interdependence.
- The new oil and gas routes of SE Europe
- Electricity and interconnections
- Cross border trade
- Developing a truly functional and competitive SE European energy market.
- Anticipated investments, challenges and opportunities.
- Developing alternative sources of energy and Renewable Energy Sources (RES)
- The climate change challenge
- Research programmes and new technologies

The "2nd Energy Dialogue" programme will include keynote speeches by high level energy personalities, sessions on the above mentioned themes and panel discussions. Discussion sessions between speakers and participants is a major objective of this conference.

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Programme outline

Session I

"Introductory Session"
Welcome addresses
Conclusions of the 1st Energy Dialogue
Presentation of IENE's "S.E. Energy Outlook" study

Session II

"Facts and Figures"
Energy Profiles of the S.E. Europe Countries
Major challenges of the Region

Session III

"The Developers Meeting: Oil & Gas"
Major Projects

Session IV

"The Developers Meeting: Electricity & Renewables"
Major Projects

Session V

"Energy & Environment"
Climate change and Green energies
Challenges and opportunities

Session VI

"Investments and Markets"
Investment climate
Transborder energy trade
Regulatory framework

Session VII

"International Organisations Panel"

Session VIII

"Ministerial Panel and Conclusions"

*Speakers dinner on Tuesday evening (20/5)
Cocktail Reception and
Official Dinner on Wednesday evening (21/5)
Conference lunches on 21st and 22nd May
Farewell Cocktails on 22nd May*

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Registration

A proper registration form will become available, together with the detailed programme early in 2008 when a revised and updated announcement will be released through this site.