



## **IENE Seminar on “Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production Prospects in Greece”**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2011**

With the aim of promoting public debate on key energy issues, IENE is organizing an afternoon meeting on «Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production Prospects in Greece» at the Electra Palace Hotel Athens in Athens (18-20 N. Nicodimou Ave., 10557 Athens, Greece) , at 17:30-21:00 h., on February 8th, 2011.

The exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Greece is once again in the spotlight of public attention following the government’s decision to go ahead with the establishment of an independent organization which will be in charge of hydrocarbons exploration under the name “Greek Hydrocarbons Exploration Company SA” . Speakers in this IENE meeting will come from both academia and businesses which are actively involved in hydrocarbon research. A unique group of speakers and panelists has been assembled, who between them will provide a thorough perspective on the opportunities and challenges that Greece will face from the exploitation of its hydrocarbon resources.

The event will be addressed by Mr. John Maniatis, Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change will give Introductory Speech. The Chairman of IENE Dr. John Desypris, the Chairman of IENE’s Infrastructure Committee Mr. Alexis Athanassopoulos, as well as Mr. Anastassios Peponis, former MP and former Minister of Energy and Industry will make opening remarks.

Speakers and panelists of this important IENE seminar include several eminent scientists and professionals as the following:

Dr. Constantinos Nicolaou, Oil Geologist – Energy Economist and Member of IENE’s Board of Directors, Dr. Ioannis Mazis, Professor of Economic Geography and Geopolitics at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as Professor Gregoris Tsaltas, Chairman of the Department of International and European Studies and of the European Centre of Environmental Research and Education at Panteion University of Athens. Each of the aforementioned speakers will focus on the technical, legal and political aspects of the subject.

A panel discussion will follow, which will seek to identify both problems and opportunities in the hydrocarbon sector. This panel, to be co-ordinated by IENE’s Deputy-Chairman and Executive Director Mr. Costis Stambolis, will consist of: Ms. Tereza Fokianou, Geologist and Managing Director Flow S.A., Athens, Mr. Ioannis Gregoriou, Mineral Engineer – Geophysicist, (Director of Hydrocarbons Research & Production, HELPE SA), Mr. Antonios Aggelopoulos (Chairman of the Greek Geologists Association, Vice President of the Geotechnical Chamber of Greece – Eastern Continental Greece Section and Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change), Dr. Ilias Konofagos (Oil Chemical Engineer, Executive V. President, Hydrocarbons Development, FLOW S.A.), Prof. Kostas Papavassileiou, Director General, Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME) & Associate Professor of the Faculty of Geology & Geoenvironment at the National and

Kapodistrian University of Athens and Mr. Georgios Kapopoulos, Journalist and Economic Analyst of the daily "Imerisia" newspaper.

Registration to the event is free for all IENE members, as well as for professionals involved in the hydrocarbons sector. People interested in attending this special IENE afternoon meeting are kindly requested to complete the Registration Form available through the respective banner on [www.iene.gr](http://www.iene.gr) . Due to the limited number of seats in the auditorium, strict priority will be followed in the registration process on a first-come-first-served basis.