

Oil Refining, Storage and Retail in SE Europe

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A SE Europe Energy Dialogue Event organized by IENE

Conference Scope and Objectives

Over the last decade oil refining, together with storage and retail, has emerged as an important industrial activity contributing to the economy of the region, and creating employment with thousands of well paid jobs in industrial units, oil terminals, oil outlets, logistics and administration. The need to provide high quality and environmentally approved products together with the need to increase efficiency and productivity became the main drivers for a spectacular rebirth of refining and associated activities across the region. As many refineries were closing down in mature oil markets in northern Europe, new refinery complexes were springing up in SE Europe. So over the last five or six years we have seen a significant expansion and upgrading of refinery activity in countries such as Greece, Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia while new refineries in greenfield sites are currently under construction in Turkey.

In convening the present conference IENE wants to inform the business and energy community of these highly positive developments in the SE European and East Mediterranean refinery sector but also explore the significant challenges that lie ahead. Recognized authorities of the oil industry and well respected analysts from the region but also from international oil companies and organizations will travel to Thessaloniki to speak in this highly focused event.

This latest IENE conference will provide participants with the opportunity to meet senior executives from all major oil refining and trading companies of the region but also from major international oil companies and find out about latest expansion and revamping plans. The conference, thanks to the participation of highly qualified oil analysts, will also provide an insight on how global oil market dynamics work and the trends which are now prevailing in the SE European and East Mediterranean market.