

## **Developing Albania's Hydroelectric Potential**

***One-day Workshop organised by the Institute of  
Energy for SE Europe (IENE)  
in Tirana, June 3, 2016***

### **Announcement**

The Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE) is convening a special one-day workshop in Tirana on June 3, 2016, to discuss the utilization of Albania's significant hydroelectric potential. This special event which is organized by IENE in cooperation with Albanian counterparts will examine the further exploitation and expansion of Albania's hydropower sector and propose a viable strategy for sustainable development. The workshop will also examine the role of Albania's hydroelectric potential in terms of electricity exports to the surrounding countries thus contributing to the improvement of energy security in the West Balkan region and SE Europe in general. The need to attract and accelerate investment for the construction of both small and large hydropower plants in Albania but also to maintain and upgrade the existing infrastructure will be highlighted in this special IENE workshop. Albanian, Greek and international experts and companies, will participate in this one day Workshop which will aim to highlight the important issues of the sector. Greece's Public Power Corporation (PPC) is the lead sponsor of the event while several local companies have also pledged support.

Over the last few years the government of Albania has strongly supported private sector involvement in power generation through the improvement of the legal framework, the simplification of the administrative procedures and also by guaranteeing a transparent and non-discriminating process for all investors. Latest developments in energy regulation as well as the optimal use of energy, water management, rational operation of hydropower plants, the electricity supply and demand situation, the lack of sufficient grid connections and the country's long-term

commitment to achieve greater diversification in power generation, are some of the important issues that will be discussed during this workshop.

This IENE event will also review latest research and market developments in Albania's electricity and hydroelectricity sector. Key energy policy issues will be addressed including administrative, financial and non-technical obstacles which hinder investment. Also, a number of completed and planned hydroelectricity projects will be presented by executives of the companies involved. Overall the scope of this highly focused one-day workshop will be to present the experience and progress so far, assess the country's significant hydro potential and propose realistic strategies for utilising this potential.

Attendance of the Workshop is by invitation only and is open to all IENE members. In order to attend it is important to register by completing the Workshop registration form and forward this to IENE offices by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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