

## **Conference Scope & Objective**

The key objectives of the 5<sup>th</sup> S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue can be outlined as follows:

- Identification of the main problem areas for energy policy and infrastructure development.
- Identification of prospects, challenges and opportunities in the energy sector of the region with special emphasis on electricity and gas.
- Assessment of global and European Climate Change policies in the context of the region's overall development.
- The international promotion of the region's energy projects in electricity and gas with the view of attracting FDI.
- The furthering of contacts and interaction between energy suppliers and consumers focusing on gas interconnections, electricity networks, and Renewable Energy Sources (RES).
- Further enhancing 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.

This year's special theme of the Energy Dialogue is, "Electricity and Gas Infrastructure Priorities in S.E. Europe – Towards a Regional Market". Among the subjects areas to be discussed during the 5<sup>th</sup> Energy Dialogue meeting will be the following:

- Electricity Market operation and competition
- Electricity infrastructure projects
- The expanding role of RES in developing a regional Electricity Market
- Expanding the Gas infrastructure in SE Europe
- Environmental constraints and the Climate Change agenda
- Gas Market integration (in S.E. Europe)
- Key energy investments and business opportunities

The "5<sup>th</sup> Energy Dialogue" programme will include presentations by senior executives of energy companies, well known analysts and high ranking government officials.