

17th National Energy Conference

"Energy & Development 2012"

"Eugenides Foundation", November October 30-31, 2012

The Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE) is organizing, once again in Athens, its annual National Energy Conference "Energy and Development 2012" on October 30-31, 2012. The Conference will cover a wide range of subjects including:

- ⚡ The Economic Crisis and Greece's Energy Market
- ⚡ Power Generation and Investments in the Next Decades
- ⚡ The Transformation of the Power Sector and the Electricity Market
- ⚡ Natural Gas Market and Latest Developments in Hydrocarbon Research and Production
- ⚡ The Oil Market: Regional Developments and International Trends
- ⚡ The Geopolitical and Development Parameters of Energy
- ⚡ Towards the Goals of 2020/ 2030 and the Role of Renewable Energy Sources

Geopolitics and development are the two crucial parameters of the Greek energy system on which IENE's 17th Annual National Conference "Energy & Development 2012" will focus. The "open-door" license round for hydrocarbon exploration in Western Greece, the planned non-exclusive seismic surveys in offshore areas south of Crete, the ongoing exploration in the EEZ of Cyprus, the South Corridor's passage through Greece, the financial crisis in Greece and the Eurozone, the EU embargo on Iranian oil exports, the ongoing violent political transformation in the Middle East and North Africa among others form a complex geopolitical setting that will, undoubtedly influence Greece's energy developments in the years to come. Thus, IENE's annual national event, which will take place at the Evgenides Foundation (387 Syngrou Avenue, P. Faliro) on October, 30-31, will this year cover the **Geopolitical and Development Angle of Greece's Energy System**.

Energy, being one of the most dynamic sectors of the global economy, has undergone an impressive expansion over the last 25 years, mainly as a result of the steep rise in energy consumption in most countries and especially in emerging economies. The improvement of living standards along with significant investments in energy infrastructure has contributed to the current affluent situation. On the other hand, energy consumption on such a large scale has a negative impact on the environment (see Climate Change), necessitating the introduction of new technologies and measures in order to mitigate adverse conditions and at the same time achieve sustainable development. All these aspects, combined with the most recent economic and geopolitical developments in Greece, SE Europe and neighbouring areas, will form the background of presentations and discussions that will take place during this year's "Energy & Development" conference.

A review of latest developments, the exchange of views and most importantly, the formulation of useful conclusions will be, once again, the main targets of this IENE annual conference. The various subjects, areas problems and prospects in the energy field will be analysed by some of the better known experts and professionals of the domestic and international energy scene. Furthermore, panel discussions with the participation of well-known market players will be organised.

The “Energy & Development 2012” conference is organized under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change and will take place at the “Eugenides Foundation”, (387, Syngrou Av., 175 64 Athens). Thanks to the contribution and support by some of Greece’s leading energy corporations as well as by some well known international energy companies, “Energy & Development” has evolved over the years as the key event for energy policy and business in Greece and SE Europe.

The conference’s tentative programme and registration information is attached. The detailed final programme will be announced early in October.

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