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6th South East Europe Energy Dialogue

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Conference

Following the success of the previous Energy Dialogue conferences, IENE is convening the “6th S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue” next May in Thessaloniki (30-31 May, 2012).

The purpose of this international meeting which is being organized by IENE, under the auspices of the Greek government and with the support of leading international organizations, is to bring together high-ranking government officials, senior business executives and energy experts from the countries of S.E. Europe but also from major energy producing countries with the objective of exchanging information and ideas, networking and discussing the shaping of the political action required in order to face the increased global and regional energy and environmental challenges. The “Energy Dialogue” has been conceived as a forum for furthering the idea of a S.E. European energy bridge involving all the countries of the region.

This year, the SE Europe Energy Dialogue meeting is very topical in view of the present difficult situation facing Europe with regard to the security of energy supplies, especially by the oil and gas importing countries of SE Europe, and the global concern for the development of viable alternatives. The Dialogue will concentrate on the most important developments of the region’s evolving natural gas and electricity markets focusing on S.E. Europe’s ever deepening energy partnerships with the Caspian Sea, the Middle East and North Africa.

In addition to the official representatives from each one of the SE European countries and the senior management from most major energy companies of the region, senior executives from banks and financial institutions (e.g. EBRD, EIB, World Bank, Black Sea Development Bank, etc.) donor representatives as well as high ranking officials from the European Commission, the International Energy Agency, the Energy Community, the World Energy Council, and other international organizations are expected to participate.

After five years of uninterrupted success the SEEED is now considered as the seminal regional energy event that has managed to engage not only the region's top policy-makers, financiers and entrepreneurs but also secure high-level participation from some of the world's leading energy and banking institutions, including the International Energy Agency (IEA), the European Commission, the Energy Community Secretariat, the Energy Charter, and CGES. The Summit's delegates and speakers over the last five years have also included senior executives from well known international corporations such as Gazpromexport, Statoil, GDF Suez, ENEL, Bulgarian Energy Holding, CEZ, Edison, DEPA, Hellenic Petroleum, Endesa and many others.

Scope & Objectives

The key objectives of the 6th S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue can be outlined as follows:

- Identification of the main problem areas for energy policy and infrastructure development.
- Outline of the prospects, challenges and opportunities in the energy sector of the region with special emphasis on electricity and gas.
- The 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).
- Assessment of global and European Climate Change policies in the context of the region's overall development.
- The further enhancement of 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.

- 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
- Energy investment prospects and business opportunities

The “6th Energy Dialogue” programme will include presentations by senior executives of energy companies, well known analysts and highly placed officials from governments and international organizations.

The South East Europe Energy Dialogue is sponsored by several leading regional and international energy companies.



A total of 150-180 participants normally attend the S.E. Europe Energy Dialogue meeting in Thessaloniki. In addition to each country's representatives, invited participants include executives from investment banks and financial institutions. with an interest in the region, as well as senior officials from the European Commission, the Energy Community, the International Energy Agency (IEA), and other international organizations.

In order to view the proceedings of previous “SE Europe Energy Dialogue” meetings you may visit the following micro sites:

- www.iene.gr/3rdSEED
- www.iene.gr/4thSEED
- www.iene.gr/5thSEED

The Venue

This year's annual “Energy Dialogue” international meeting will take place at the Met Hotel, a five star hotel near downtown Thessaloniki (see www.themethotel.gr). Thessaloniki and its environs, with its rich history and highly diversified cultural atmosphere provides an excellent venue for this conference as delegates have the opportunity to combine visits to museums, galleries, archaeological sites even monasteries but also take advantage of nearby beach resorts. IENE normally organises a one or two day post conference tour to places of interest near Thessaloniki. Details of the tour will be announced early in April.