

Concluding Remarks

by Costis Stambolis

Dear Delegates,

We have now reached the end of a very busy day during which we had the opportunity to be informed in detail on Croatia’s activities in almost all facets of its energy sector. Starting with national energy policy by Mr. Goran Granic, General Manager of the Institute of Energy Hrvoje Pozar, Ms. Natasa Miahjlovic, Head of Unit for Energy Policy from the Ministry of Economy and Mr. Marin Zovko, President of the Board from Plinacro on gas, and moving into the electricity market. The electricity market operation and projects were covered by Mr. Nijaz Dizdarevic, Electricity Expert, and Mr. Davor Bajc, Projects Coordinator, both from the Institute of Energy Hrvoje Pozar and Mr. Ivan Androcec from HEP while the latest regional development, in terms of the new SEE CAO office in Montenegro was covered by Ms. Dijana Martincic, IT Expert from SEE CAO.

Renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and co-generation proved to be a very stimulation session with our Nicholas Sofianos presenting a regional overview and with Dr. Branka Jelavic, Head of Department for Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency from the Institute of Energy Hrvoje Pozar outlining Croatia’s advances in this area. Ms. Vesna Bukarica, Head of Energy Efficiency Sector of Energy Efficiency Fund and Environmental Protection Fund and Mr. Zvonimir Radovecki, Electrical Engineer from the Croatian Professional Association for Solar Energy also contributed important presentations in this field.

Finally the last session covered an overview of the challenges facing the regional Oil & Gas market through a series of comprehensive presentations by Mr. Vladimir Durovic, Manager at the Development Division Department of Plinacro, Mr. Josip Bubnic, Exploration Projects

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Department Manager of INA, Mr. Volkan Ozdemir, Chairman of EPPEN and by myself on the prospects of establishing a regional gas trading hub.

Concluding I would like to say that IENE and myself had excellent cooperation with everybody here in Croatia in preparing this workshop but most of all I wish to thank our colleagues at the Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar who from the first moment that we started planning this event helped us enormously by identifying the right speakers and assisting us with the preparation of the programme. Most of all I would like to thank my dear friend Vladimir Durovic of Plinacro with whom we had shared this idea of jointly organising an IENE event in Croatia for some time now. Plinacro is also the sponsor of the small cocktail reception which will follow immediately after and on behalf of our Institute I wish to thank them a lot for this kind gesture and for all their help in organising today's event.

Thank you all very much and I look forward meeting you over a glass of wine.