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# "DEPA's Initiatives for Economic Growth

# and Regional Energy Security"

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# **Greece on path to economic recovery**

- Visible signals of economic stability and expectations for recovery after 5 consecutive years of recession
- A number of positive developments in fiscal and macroeconomic figures along with certain ongoing structural reforms create the sense of a cautious optimism
- However, the situation is still precarious and hard efforts should be continued in order to secure the health of the Greek economy in the long-run
- Energy is crucial for the economy's growth and consequently offers opportunities for transformation initiatives and sizable investments
- Currently there are certain reforms underway both in the electricity and in the natural gas market
- But while market reforms are absolutely necessary to boost productivity, efficiency and competition, there are also inherent risks and threats for the market players, especially for the incumbents ones



# **Reforms in the electricity market have significant impact on players involved**

- Reforms but also uncertainties in the Greek electricity market
- The new regulatory regime has changed the landscape and resulted in drastic reduction of gas demand for power generation
- Even recently constructed CCGT plants at risk of devaluation
- Vertical increase of electricity imports
- ToP clause for DEPA in 2014 (and consequently for many of its customers)
- The law for the formation of the "Small PPC" has been voted



## Reforms in the domestic gas market may have significant impact for players involved (including DEPA)

- Government to withdraw EPA's gas supply exclusive rights
- Supply activities will be legally separated from distribution ones in accordance with the European target model
- Distribution will be a fully regulated business, under strict rules for access to network and for applicable tariffs
- All industrial customers nationwide will become eligible as of 1/1/2015. Commercial and residential customers will follow within the next 2-3 years
- Changes will affect not only the retail market but also the wholesale gas market and consequently DEPA
- Reforms may have an impact on EPA's shareholders (including DEPA)



# **Vision and strategy**

Ensure long-term leadership in a competitive market and capture growth both in Greece and in the region



Contribute to the creation of a green, competitive and efficient energy market

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Strategic enablers

Build a fit-for-purpose organisation to win in a competitive gas market and prepare carefully for future differentiation in related businesses



## CNG and small-scale LNG: Proven Technology, Already in the Agenda of many Governments and Businesses





DEPA's vision is to create a new gas gate to SE Europe and establish Greece as a physical and pricing gas hub in the region

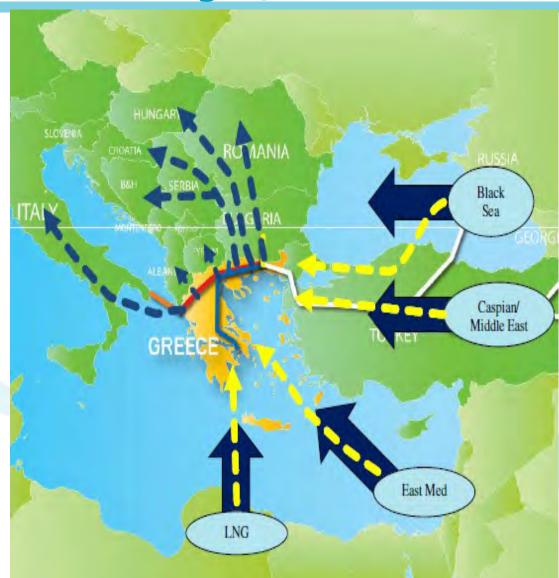




## SE Europe can be a key market for a number of new gas sources included East Med gas/LNG

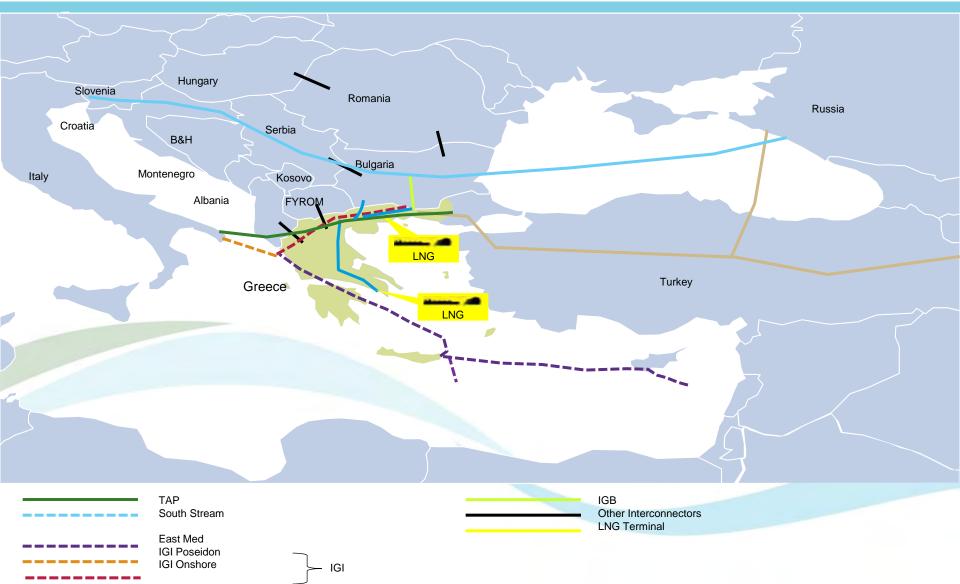
#### SEE's market is:

- the closest market to new sources, including LNG through Greece;
- a growing market with competitive prices;
- in urgent need to diversify its supply sources and increase its energy security.





### Greece supports certain gas pipeline & LNG projects of regional and European interest





# Conclusions

- Energy is crucial for the economy's growth and consequently offers opportunities for sizable investments and transformation initiatives
- Reforms in the sector are necessary to boost productivity, efficiency and competition, but often are accompanied with risks and threats for the market players involved, especially the incumbents ones
- DEPA is currently reviewing its strategy and redefining its initiatives to ensure leadership in a competitive market and capture growth both in Greece and in the region
- To this end the company is:
  - a) targeting enlargement of its customer base by expanding gas distribution networks in new areas and/or by employing the CNG / small-scale LNG technology and
  - b) continuously playing an active role towards diversification, security of supply and gas market integration in the region of the SE Europe



# Thank you for your attention

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