



“The Nuclear Option for South East Europe” IENE/ROEC conference

**Welcome speech by Eugenia Gusilov,
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Distinguished audience, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning!

It is my great pleasure to join Mr. Stambolis in welcoming you to our event, especially a “Warm Welcome!” to those of you who have travelled from other countries to be with us here today.

For Romania Energy Center, this event carries a special meaning, since it is our first event dedicated to nuclear energy.

Our organization has a fledgling project: *Romanian Nuclear History Project*, launched in 2012, which has produced several publications, but it has mostly a historical, diplomacy (interdisciplinary) focus and studies the beginning of Romania’s nuclear pursuit through archival research. I believe you have received (as it is included in your welcome package) our most representative work so far, written by our colleague Dr. Eliza Gheorghe: *“Romania’s Nuclear Negotiations Postures in the 1960’s: Client, Maverick and International Peace Mediator”*.

In this context, we were very happy when our partners from Greece had the initiative of organizing today’s event with a focus on current regional developments. We have worked hard to put together an exciting program for you, we have excellent speakers and we wish you most fruitful discussions during the three sessions today.

One quick administrative note: in our first session, we do not have four, but five speakers, since we are most delighted to have a presentation from Romania’s National Commission for the Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN) that will be given by Mr. Cantemir Ciurea (Director, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Division).

Without further ado, I would like to invite our first speaker, Mrs. Elena Popescu, Director General at the Romanian Ministry of Energy, SMEs and Business Environment (Directorate for Energy and Environment), to take the floor.