

## 10<sup>th</sup> SE Europe Energy Dialogue

### Connecting SE Europe's Energy Markets

Belgrade, June 13-14, 2017

#### Announcement

IENE's long established event, the **"SE Europe Energy Dialogue"** this year is to be organized in Belgrade, Serbia on June 13-14, 2017. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Energy Dialogue which was first launched in Thessaloniki in June 2007. This year's Energy Dialogue comes at a time when momentous global developments are taking



place with profound implications for the region's energy situation.

The purpose of this regional forum which is being organized by IENE, under the auspices of Serbia's Ministry of Energy and Mining, and with the support of leading international and regional

organizations and major energy companies, is to bring together high-ranking government officials, senior business executives and energy experts from all countries of S.E. Europe and beyond. The objective being the exchange of information and ideas, networking and the development of co-operation for the tackling of the increased global and regional energy and environmental challenges.

The special theme for this year's SEED is **"Connecting SE Europe's Energy Markets"** signifying the tremendous effort now taking place in connecting regional energy markets in more ways than one. Also, the SE Europe Energy Dialogue gathering next June is highly



topical given EU's major drive to establish the "Energy Union" and the emphasis placed on energy security in view of persisting regional instability. Europe's, and SE Europe's in particular, high dependence on hydrocarbon imports, the current volatile energy pricing environment, the global concern for the development of viable alternatives and the need to promote further carbon free solutions emerge as key policy issues. The Dialogue will focus too on the latest developments in the region's evolving natural gas, electricity and RES markets and the region's ongoing energy partnerships with Russia, the Caspian Sea, the East Mediterranean and North Africa. Furthermore, IENE's recently published major study the "**SE Europe Energy Outlook 2016/2017**", will be presented for the first time at regional level at the conference as it will provide very useful background material.

In addition to the official representation from each one of the SE European countries and the participation of top management executives from most major energy companies of the region, senior executives from banks and financial institutions



donor representatives as well as high ranking officials from major international organizations are expected to actively participate in this two day high powered regional meeting.

After ten successful years the SEEED is now considered 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, the World Energy Council (WEC), the European Investment Bank (EIB), EBRD, the World Bank, Energy Fuel Europe, Eurelectric, Eurogas, EFET, EPIA and COGEN. The forum's delegates and speakers over the past years have included senior executives from major international corporations including BP, Shell, Gazprom Export, Statoil, EDF, GDF Suez, ENEL, RWE, EON, Endesa, but also from national champions such as PPC, Serbgas, Plinacro, Transelectrica, KESH, AERS, RAE, Bulgarian Energy Holding, CEZ, Edison, DEPA, DESFA, Energean Oil and Gas, Mytilineos Group Hellenic Petroleum and many others.

The IENE by organising this year's "SE Europe Energy Dialogue" in Belgrade aspires to contribute once more to a high level discussion on the region's key energy issues but also act as a facilitator for much needed co-operation between suppliers and

consumers and thus promote the role of SE Europe as a vital East-West, North-South energy bridge.

The 10<sup>th</sup> SE Europe Energy Dialogue is organized under the auspices of Serbia's Ministry of Energy and Mining

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