



22nd National Energy Conference

“Energy & Development 2017”: *Energy Markets in Transition*”

Eugenides Foundation, Athens, 23-24 November 2017

The Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE) is organizing, once again, its annual National Energy Conference “Energy and Development 2017” now in its 22nd edition. The conference will take place in Athens on November 23-24, 2017 and will be held as usual at the conference centre of the Eugenides Foundation. The conference, which is organized by the **Institute of Energy for S.E. Europe** (www.iene.eu) has been established over the past years as a major event in Greece for energy policy and business (in order to view the last two year’s proceedings please visit <http://www.iene.gr/energy-development2015/> and <http://www.iene.gr/energy-development2016/>). The conference is backed by Greece’s major energy companies and is organized under the auspices of Greece’s Ministry of Environment and Energy.

This year, the Conference focuses on “Energy Markets in Transition”, wishing to underline the major changes already taking place in the shaping of the energy mix at both national, regional and global level. These changes have, to a large extent, obliged companies and organizations in Greece and SE Europe to revise their strategies and investment plans but also reconsider their market positioning. Their efforts to invest in a constantly changing economic, political and regulatory environment, where geopolitical developments play a crucial role, create serious new challenges. More specifically long-term energy investments in infrastructure and the opening up of new markets require a minimum of economic and political stability. Consequently the question which arises and will be hotly debated in the forthcoming IENE conference, is under what conditions companies and organizations will be able to meet long term energy requirements within the constraints posed by a stricter energy security framework but also in a view of an emerging new market structure.

The conference will be attended by senior executives, scientists, engineers and energy professionals from all the major Greek energy-related companies and also by policy-makers. Participation is also expected from other European countries especially from S.E. Europe and by international electricity, oil and natural gas companies, RES and energy efficiency companies. Representatives from various leading European energy and industry groups and international organizations will also participate and contribute actively to the proceedings of IENE's annual conference.

Among others the conference topics will include energy markets, geopolitics, sustainability, energy security, energy poverty, economic development and investment in energy infrastructure and markets.

A review of latest developments in the local and regional energy sector, the exchange of views and most importantly, the formulation of useful conclusions will form an integral part of the proceedings of this IENE annual conference, where more than 40 speakers and panelists are expected to participate. The various facets of energy policy, key developments in selected energy markets and the overall prospects of the energy sector in Greece and SE Europe will be analysed by some of the better known experts and professionals active in the local and international energy scene. Furthermore, panel discussions with the participation of well-known academic experts and market players will take place.

The "Energy and Development 2017" conference will be held at the "Eugenides Foundation" conference facilities in Faliron, a short distance from the centre of Athens (387, Syngrou Av., 175 64 Athens). Thanks to contributions and support by some of Greece's leading energy corporations as well as by some well known international energy companies, the "Energy & Development" conference has evolved over the years as one of the most important events for energy policy and business in Greece and SE Europe.

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