



14TH SE Europe Energy Dialogue

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The 14th meeting of IENE's Energy Dialogue brought together some 63 speakers and 120 delegates, in person and online, from 20 different countries and from 5 international and regional organisations and think tanks.

The conference comprised 10 thematic sessions and most speakers participated at experts level. Included was an Ambassador's forum which brought together senior diplomats from the UK, the USA and Greece. The conference topics covered a wide spectrum ranging from hydrocarbon exploration and gas supply and transmission to electricity and gas market operation, renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, hydrogen and electric mobility. Energy security, energy transformation and the role of renewables and hydrogen were widely discussed. The arduous path of decarbonisation in SE Europe was hotly debated.

The Rapporteur's report prepared by John Roberts summarises expertly the key points raised during this one and a half day conference and also reaches some interesting conclusions. SE Europe is attracting great interest as compared to the rest of Europe, in terms of energy resources and demand and supply options, as the need to strengthen energy security and at the same time maintain the momentum for energy transition walk hand in hand.

An effort has been made to fully document the proceedings of the conference through the present microsite and hence all available presentations and addresses have been included together with the video material from the various sessions. We hope this presents an accurate view of what transpired during the intense conference period.

Last but not least special mention is reserved for the group of companies and organisations which supported financially the event. Without their help it would have been impossible for IENE to stage such a demanding event.

The main sponsors of this year's "Energy Dialogue" were:

- **HELENIQ ENERGY**, Greece's biggest oil, petrochemicals, electricity and renewables group active throughout the Balkans and the East Mediterranean.
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- **EnEx Group**, Greece's Power Exchange which covers both electricity and gas trading.

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- **SEleNeCC** is the South East Electricity Network Coordination Center and is based in Thessaloniki. The Center oversees daily electricity flows across most of the SEE region and is involved in the long-term planning of the region's electricity networks. The secure operation of the region's electricity interconnected grid is a prime concern of the Center.

In addition to the above a number of media outlets acted as media partners and included Energia.gr, Greece's oldest energy portal, the NE Global portal, the Sofia based SEE News business information organisation and Energy Press, a major energy site.

The 14th SEE Energy Dialogue was held under the auspices of the **Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Regulatory Authority of Energy (RAE)**.