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Mrs. Temenuzhka Petkova, Minister of Energy of the Republic of
Bulgaria

Next year Bulgaria will take over the Presidency of EU. As we all witness dynamic changes in the energy development of the region and also throughout all Member States of the European Union and the world, the Conference will give the opportunity to a plethora of stakeholders to discuss energy related issues with impact on both the region and EU.

The event will also aim at assisting the Bulgarian government to elaborate the priorities it will bring forward during the presidency, at raising the awareness of the challenges we all face in the short and medium term and bringing together various parties to share views on the proposed topics.

We expect to have leading prominent speakers from across European Institutions, state administrations responsible for energy development planning, entrepreneurs, national regulators, power producers and energy traders, technology supply companies, consultants, NGOs and other think-tank organizations to give presentations and discuss on the issues of energy planning, energy storage, market coupling, liberalization and regionalization, energy efficiency, renewables, ETS, energy innovations, climate change, challenges to conventional power generation (nuclear and coal), etc.

We would be more than glad to welcome all of you in Sofia!

Ivan Hinovski
Programme Director

The working languages of the Conference are Bulgarian and English, with simultaneous translation.

Tentative agenda:

Panel 1: Energy development planning, low carbon economy and energy storage

The energy development planning methodology and principles will be topic of the discussions with accents on the results from recent plan for needed investments in new and replacement generation capacities. The low carbon economy will be considered as a part of energy development plans accounting for international agreements and recent European recommendations. The role of local power generation and energy storage will be topic of discussions, as well.

Moderator:	Vladimir Uruchev, MEP, Valentin Nikolov, MBP
Keynote speaker	Olivier Marquette, AES, Energy development towards sustainable energy systems and the increasing role of energy storage today
Panellist	Representative of ROSATOM, Prospects for nuclear energy development in the region and the possibilities of Bulgaria (tbc)
Panellist	Scenarios for development of the Bulgarian energy sector (tbc)
Panellist	Brian Ricketts, EURACOAL, Future of the coal in Europe and socio-economic consequences of potential coal mines' closure (tbc)
Panellist	Presentation from China, Vision for the future of nuclear energy development in the region (tbc)

Panel 2: European Energy Union and South East Europe – market coupling and liberalization, the role of CESEC;

The EC Concept for European Energy Union and its projection in South East Europe as CESEC places many questions and actions to be undertaken. Recent EU and ENTSO-E recommendations and plans for market coupling and market liberalization will be discussed as well as the future of new investment strategy for new interconnections in the region to increase the interconnection capabilities.

Moderator	Amb.Peter Popchev, Slavcho Neykov, EMI, Bulgaria
Keynote speaker	Karl-Dieter Borchardt, DG Energy, European Commission
Panellist	Laurent Schmitt, Secretary-General, ENTSO-E, SEE market coupling report (tbc)
Panellist	Konstantin Konstantinov, IBEX, How can the exchange support the regionalization of the electricity market in SE Europe
Panellist	Slavcho Neykov, Energy Management Institute, Regional connectivity of the electricity markets in SE Europe
Panellist	Ivan Ivanov, Chairman of Energy Regulatory Commission – The 4th Energy package – expectations (challenges vs opportunities)
Panellist	Presentation from Ministry of energy of Bulgaria (tbc)
Panellist	Presentation from CESEC (tbc)

Panel 3: Smart grids and green cities – the role of IT in the energy sector;

New urban concepts and real achievements in intelligent cities and smart grids creation will be presented, in parallel with an assessment of expected future contribution of renewable electrical and heat energy generation and energy storage technologies. Real achievements in this area are expected to be presented.

Moderator	Doncho Barbalov , Deputy Mayor of Sofia, Nikolay Stoynev , Sofia City Council, Head of Economic Committee
Keynote speaker	Representative of Sofia municipality , Policy towards development of Sofia as a green city, environmental protection and clean air improvement
Panellist	Oliver Rapf, BPIE , Buildings as energy grids
Panellist	Representative of Burgas municipality , Successful policies on sustainable development and clean air in Burgas municipality
Panellist	Milena Agopian, Association of Bulgarian Energy Agencies , Modeling of scenarios – roadmaps of energy policy for better air quality in the Bulgarian cities
Panellist	Ina Karova, Energy Agency – Plovdiv , Web-based platforms for intelligent urban energy management – good practices in Bulgaria

Panel 4: Diversification of energy sources and routes. Role of the domestic production

Moderator	Illian Vassilev, Innovative Energy Solutions, Krassen Stanchev, IME
Keynote Speaker	Xavier Faugas, Total , Update of the geological model for the western part of the Black Sea in the context of the drilling results in the Khan Asparuh Block (tbc)
Panellist	Alexander Kayes, Shell , Vision of Shell on the geology of the SW part of the Black Sea (tbc)
Panellist	Boyan Rashev, Denkstatt – A sustainability check of Maritsa East mines
Panellist	Teodora Georgieva, ICGB , Progress on the activities on the project
Panellist	Valentin Georgiev, GeoMarine Center Ltd. , New energy sources – gas hydrates methane
Panellist	Representative of the Macedonian Ministry of Energy , Vision for diversification of natural gas sources for Republic of Macedonia (tbc)

Panel 5: Increasing role of energy efficiency and renewables in the energy policy;

The role of energy efficiency as a main stream of European energy policy will be in the centre of the discussions in this panel. Local and foreign good practices are expected to be presented with accent to energy savings and reduction of dust and other emissions into the environment. The recently announced changes in the intentions for revision of internationally adopted documents on the climate change require revisiting the European energy policies. The Bulgarian presidency of EC in 2018 will aim at creating grounds for discussion and adoption of an action plan to tackle the new challenges the European policy will face. Also discussed will be the ETS and the energy innovations.

Moderator	Tasko Ermenkov, MBP, Prof. Atanas Tassev, BEMF
Keynote speaker	Ellen Wasylina, IGMO , The role of energy efficiency in the modern energy strategies – the good practices in policy implementation
Panellist	Julian Popov , Fellow, European Climate Foundation
Panellist	Paul Hodson , Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, The 4 th Energy Package – energy efficiency and renewable energy as priorities
Panellist	Adnan Amin , Director General, IRENA, Renewables potential and increasing role in the European energy development (tbc)
Panellist	Violeta Hristova, EMICERT , Recent developments in ETS and expected impact on power producers
Panellist	Yavor Vassilev, CO2 Cards

