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Energy Security Challenges and Strategic Opportunities

Athens Hilton Hotel, Greece

Wednesday & Thursday, February 1-2, 2017

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY | February 1

11.30 Participants Arrival – Registration

12.00 **WELCOME REMARKS:** **Achilles Tsaltas**, Vice President, International Conferences, The New York Times

12.05 **OPENING ADDRESS:** **George Stathakis**, Minister of Energy and Environment, Greece

12.20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** **Konstantinos Skrekas**, MP - New Democracy Party, Head of Energy and Environment Sector, Former Minister of Development and Competitiveness

12.30 Remarks by **Prof. Yannis Maniatis**, MP, Democratic Coalition, fr Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change

12.40 **Panel 1: The Shifting Geopolitical Framework**

- The future of the European Union
- Widening Gap? The future of EU-Russian relations and the Ukrainian issue
- The illegal migration bomb and the continued Syrian deadlock

George Katrougkalos, Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Greece

George Koumoutsakos, Nea Demokratia Shadow Foreign Minister, Greece

Athanassios Platias, Professor of Strategy, Department of Int'l & European Studies, University of Piraeus

Introduction & Chair: **Andreas Andrianopoulos**, Director, Institute of Diplomacy & Global Affairs, American College of Greece

13.10 Remarks by **Representative** of the Embassy of the United States of America to Greece

13.20 **Panel 2: The Shifting Geopolitical Framework: The Regional Outlook**

- The renormalization of Russian-Turkish relations and its geostrategic impact
- The Turkish-Israeli rapprochement
- The geopolitics of the resolution of the Cyprus Question
- The challenges of Greek Triangular Diplomacy with Israel and Egypt
- The volatile trajectory of Greek-Turkish Relations and the Questioning of the Lausanne Treaty

Professor Efraim Inbar, Founding Director, Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies, Israel

Dr. Constantinos Filis, Research Director, Institute of International Relations, Panteion University, Greece

Dr. Erol User, President & CEO, User Danismanlik AS, Turkey

Introduction & Chair: **Constantinos Papalucas**, EastMed Energy Policy expert, USA

13.45 **Networking Break**

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14.30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Yiorgos Lakkotrypis, Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry & Tourism, Republic of Cyprus

Chair: **Symeon Tsomokos**, Managing Director, S.G.T. S.A.

14.45 Panel 3: Regional Upstream Developments: Political, Regulatory and Economic Challenges

- Cyprus' Third Licensing Round: Looking Ahead
- Israel's Upstream Dynamics: Tendering new Blocks amid Regulatory Uncertainty
- Greece's Aspiring Resurgence: Overcoming domestic and international challenges
- Political Risks and Lower Oil Prices

Part A: The View from the Region

Dr. Mike Efthymiou, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic & Member, Cyprus Energy Strategy Council, Republic of Cyprus

Niki Tzavela, former Member of the European Parliament, Greece

Dr. John Sfakianakis, Director of Economic Research, Gulf Research Center, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Part B: The View from Greece

Dr. Spyridon Bellas, Vice President, Hellenic Hydrocarbons Resources Management SA (H.H.R.M. S.A.), Greece

Yannis Grigoriou, General Manager Exploration & Production of Hydrocarbons, Hellenic Petroleum SA

Dimitris Gontikas, Vice-Chairman and CEO Kavala Oil, Greece

Chair: **Dr. Theodore Tsakiris**, Assistant Professor, Geopolitics & Hydrocarbons, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

16.00 Panel 4: Reforming the RES System & the Untapped Potential of Energy Efficiency

- Carbon reduction and renewable energy targets: contribution to national and EU targets
- Local energy resilience and security of supply
- What are the principal barriers for achieving energy efficiency?
- How can Renewable Energy Sources Act impact the region's energy landscape?

Part A

Nikos Chatziargyriou, Chairman & CEO, Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator S.A. - HEDNO

Loukas Lazarakis, CEO, EDF EN Hellas

Alkis Drakinos, Deputy Director for Greece, EBRD

Part B

Dr. Sotiris Kapellos, Chairman, Hellenic Association of P/V companies - HELAPCO, Greece

Efstratios Artopoulos, CEO, Hanergy Global Solar Power, Greece

Dr. Georgios Ayeridis, President, Hellenic Institute for Electric Vehicles – HEL.I.E.V., Greece

Introduction & Chair: **Alex Lagakos**, Founding Chairman, Greek Energy Forum | Member, Sustainable Energy Committee
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

17.30 End of the 1st Day of the Forum

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THURSDAY | February 2

09.00 Arrival of Delegates – Coffee/Tea

09.45 **OPENING ADDRESS:** **Gerassimos Thomas**, Deputy Director General, DG Energy, European Commission

10.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** **Kostas Hatzidakis**, MP, Vice President of New Democracy party, Greece

10.15 Remarks by **Michalis Verroioopoulos**, Secretary General for Energy & Mineral Resources, Ministry of Environment & Energy

10.25 **Panel 5: Completing the Midstream Puzzle: Exporting Gas from the Eastern Med**

- The revival of the Turkish/Greek Stream project
- Progress report on IGB and the dynamics of a second LNG imports facility in Alexandroupolis
- The feasibility of the East Med Gas Pipeline
- The feasibility of an Israeli-Turkish Gas Pipeline
- The strategic significance of Egypt's LNG terminals

Part A: The view from Greece and Italy

Theodoros Kitsakos, CEO, Public Gas Corporation | Chairman of the BOD, IGI Poseidon S.A., Greece

Panayotis Kanellopoulos, Managing Director, M&M Gas S.A., Greece

Thomas Achimastos, Vice Chairman, Gastrade, Greece

Part B: The View from the Levant

Dr. Theodore Tsakiris, Assistant Professor, Geopolitics & Hydrocarbons, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Dr. Sohbet Karbuz, Director, Hydrocarbons Division, OME, Mediterranean Energy Observatory, France

Gina Cohen, Energy Expert, Israel

Introduction & Chair: **Athanasios Ellis**, Senior Editor & Columnist, Kathimerini

12.00 **Networking Break**

12.30 **Panel 6: The Domestic and Regional Gas Market Dynamics**

- The "Odyssey" of DESFA's privatization
- The investment dynamics in the Regional Retail Gas Networks
- Regional infrastructure projects: moving from competition to cooperation
- The strategic imperative of Small scale LNG

Sotiris Nikas, President & CEO, Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator – DESFA, Greece

Theodore Terzopoulos, CEO, Gas Distribution Networks SA, Greece

Dimitrios Sarantopoulos, Natural Gas Portfolio Manager, HERON & President, Energy & Sustainability Club, Greece

Introduction & Chair: **Danila Bochkarev**, Senior Fellow, EastWest Institute, Russia

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13.00 Networking Break

13.15 Panel 7: The Domestic and Regional Electricity Market Dynamics

- The incomplete privatization of the electricity market
- An Achilles Heel: The lack of Inter-connectivity between the Islands and Mainland Greece
- The challenge of ADMIE's privatization

Stavros Goutsos, Deputy CEO, Public Power Corporation, Greece

Dr. Nektaria Karakatsani, Member of the Board, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Greece

Dr. Yannis Kabouris, Transmission System Planning Department, IPTO S.A., Greece

- The dynamic rise of the private retail providers

Dinos Benroubi, Chairman and CEO, Protergia Thermal Power S.A., Greece

Michel Piguet, CEO, Elpedison, Greece

Introduction & Chair: **Achilleas Topas**, Journalist, SKAI Media Group

14.15 End of Forum