

Ministry of Foreign Affairs





Ministry of Energy

Energy Security Seminar

"Contribution of EU's Neighbouring South-Eastern Countries to Regional Energy

Security: Challenges and Opportunities for Cooperation"

(18-21 June 2017, RACVIAC, Rakitje, Croatia)

AGENDA

18 June 2017		
	Arrival of Participants	
19:00	Welcome reception (offered by the Romanian Ministry of Energy) "Barbara Club", RACVIAC, Rakitje	
19 June 2017		
09:00-09:30	Registration of participants	
09:30-10:00	 Introductory remarks (Welcome notes): H.E. Mr. Haydar BERK, RACVIAC Director H.E. Mr. Constantin Mihail GRIGORIE, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Republic of Croatia High level delegate representing the Croatian authorities 	
10:00-11:30	First session "Enhancing the energy market development in the Western Balkan countries and neighbouring countries" The first session will focus on the role of the Energy Community and will emphasize on the efforts made to integrate energy market through technical cooperation and policy dialogue for facilitating cross-border energy trade. In addition, the energy strategy of the EU in the context of the Energy Union release could also be highlighted in relation to the political dialogue with the Western Balkan countries in various regional cooperation formats (e.g. CESEC) in order to provide a proper view to the regional cooperation dimension and its importance to the enhancement of the energy security. Keynote speaker: Mr. Janez KOPAČ, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat Mr. Mate REBIĆ, Assistant Minister, Croatian Ministry of Energy and Environment Possible speakers: Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Turkey Moderator: (<i>tbd</i>)	

11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	 Second session "The Future of Energy: Renewable Energy and New Technologies" The second session will examine the current theme of alternative energy sources. The panellists will give insight regarding possible strategies for implementing the use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean technology focusing on the benefits these measures could provide to the enhancement of the energy security for the Western Balkan region in its entirety. Keynote speaker: Representative of the Romanian Ministry of Energy Possible speakers: Representatives from the Republic of Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo**. Moderator: (<i>tbd</i>)
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break, "Pleter" Restaurant, RACVIAC, Rakitje
15:00-16:30	 Third session "Readiness to respond to energy security challenges: the capacity to deal with energy shortages and import dependency" A rather more technical session, the third part of the seminar will facilitate a more detailed discussion regarding the energy challenges the Western Balkan countries are currently facing. The session is useful for information and best practices sharing in terms of specific national regulation, energy market development process or measures to deal with high levels of import dependency. A discussion on the security of energy infrastructure and the diversification of sources and routes is also encouraged. Keynote speaker: Representative from DG Energy Mr. Stefan MOSER, Head of Unit B4 in charge of Security of Supply Representative of the Romanian Ministry of Energy Possible speakers: Representatives from the Hellenic Republic, Republic of Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* Moderator: (tbd)
16:30-17:30	Open discussions and Closing remarks
17:30	Departure to the Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Croatia
18:30-20:00	Cocktail reception offered by Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Croatia
21:00	Return to RACVIAC

20 June 2017			
08:20	Departure to the TPP Plomin		
11:00	Visit to the TPP Plomin		
13:00	Lunch Break (Location TBC)		
18:00	Arrival to RACVIAC		
	21 June 2017		
	Departure of the remaining participants		

*Turkey recognize the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.