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Activity Overview

Energy Security Seminar “Strengthening the Energy Security in the EU’s Neighbouring South-Eastern Countries”

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Piata C.I. Motas 4, Mediaş, Romania

Background

In the context of strengthening the energy security in EU’s neighbouring South-Eastern countries, biggest share of the energy consumption in SEE is dependent on imports and being heavily reliant on a single supplier is a common problem. This import dependency poses a disadvantage as it causes vulnerabilities linked to supply disruptions created by political or commercial disputes. The European Commission took these concerns, together with other relevant considerations, into account when it developed its Energy Security Strategy and the Energy Union Strategy Framework in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Both documents aim at ensuring a stable and safe supply of energy for the European citizens and the European economies.

RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation has initiated an Energy Security project that is being carried out since 2015 when Romania assumed the role of the leading nation in the area of energy security in RACVIAC context.

The 2018 edition of the Seminar will be organised under the auspices of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and the Romanian National Company of Natural Gas Romgaz.

This year’s event will further focus on the main issues that the South-Eastern Europe countries are facing in the field of energy security. Taking into account the conclusions of the previous events organised in 2015, 2016 and 2017, a natural evolution towards cooperation formats between EU’s neighbouring South-Eastern countries (e.g. Energy Community and CESEC) and concrete solutions and measures to minimize the threats in energy supply have been borne in mind. Special focus will be put on the exchange of

information regarding the best practices in developing strategic natural gas storage capabilities.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this event is to continue to enable open expert debates on common energy security challenges in the context of the Energy Security Strategy and the Energy Union Strategy Framework. The main objectives are:

- To identify the developing energy security challenges for SEE and opportunities for regional co-operation;
- To provide participants with the opportunity to share the best practices in terms of specific national regulation, energy market development process or measures to deal with high levels of import;
- To learn more about the role of the EU energy strategy in the context of the Energy Union in relation to the political dialogue with the neighbouring countries in various regional cooperation formats (e.g. CESEC);
- To discuss and assess the security of energy infrastructure and the diversification of sources and routes;
- To discuss and share the information and best practices in developing strategic natural gas storage capabilities.

Participation

The aim of the Seminar is to bring together SEE representatives active in the field of energy security. Approximately a total of 30 participants - *senior level officials and experts from governmental institutions and agencies, relevant international and regional organizations, and selected experts in the field of energy security, including experts and the Romanian National Company of Natural Gas-Romgaz representatives* - are expected to attend the activity.

Detailed information and other arrangements regarding this event will be specified in the corresponding materials that will be sent accordingly.

Methodology

The event will last two days and will comprise lectures, presentations and discussions. It will include a study visit to the nearby power plant site.

The working language of the Seminar will be English.

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