

DEVELOPMENT & USE OF NATURAL GAS IN THE DANUBE REGION: PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Host Partner



16th September 2014 | Hilton Budapest Hotel

Preliminary Programme

09:00 – Arrival and sign-in at front of house

09:10 – Coffee

Panels moderated by Andras Jenei

09:30 – Welcome from Chair – Andras Jenei, Director of CFPA Energy Workshop

09:35 – Welcome from Laszlo Parragh, President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce

09:40 – Welcome from Miklos Sesztak, Minister for National Development, Hungary

09:45 – Welcome from Peter Szijjarto, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary (tbc)

09:55 – Current State of Energy Sector and Policy in Hungary and in the Danube region

- Marton Balint Sipos, Head of International Department, Ministry of National Development, Hungary
- Aleksandar Antic, Minister of Energy, Serbia (tbc) / Zeljko Sertic, Minister of Economy, Serbia
- Vassil Shtonov, Minister of Economy, Bulgaria (tbc)
- Christian Schoenbauer, Head of Department Energy and Mining - Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria (tbc)

10:15 – Energy Regulation in Hungary and in the Danube Region - Attila Nyikos, Deputy President, Hungarian Energy and Utility Office (tbc)



10:25 – Energy Regulation in the EU – (speaker tbc)

10:35 – Other Energy Sources - What are the Options for the Region – Alan Riley, Professor of Law, City Law School, City University, London

10:50 – Launch of Danube Energy Initiative: how the local energy market and its regional businesses would benefit from big infrastructural projects such as South Stream – Chambers' Presidents

- Laszlo Parragh, President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce
- How can South Stream contribute to the development of the local economy? - How local companies can find their interest and engage actively in the process of construction of the pipeline – Aleksandra Stanarevic, Interim President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce
- The State of the Bulgarian energy market and the opinion of the business representatives – Tsvetan Simeonov, President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce

11:15 – Coffee Break

11:30 – Infrastructure Developments in Hungary and the Region – György Harmati, Director of Strategy, MVM

11:45 – Infrastructure Developments in Austria and CEE – Andrea Reiss, MBA Head of Department Relations Management Russia OMV Gas & Power

12:00 – South Stream – Economic Involvement South Stream – Alexander Syromyatin, Deputy Head of Project Management Department, Gazprom (tbc)

12:15 – Regional Natural Gas and Energy Perspectives – Attila Sagodi, Head of Energy Department, Partner, KPMG

12:25 – Regional Energy Security – Andras Deak, Research Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

12:35 – Increased Cooperation Within the Region – Prospects – Austrian Chamber of Commerce (speaker tbc)

12:50 – Next Steps for the Danube Energy Initiative

13:05 – Panel Discussion and Q&A

13:20 – Final Remarks from Chair

13:30 – Lunch and Drinks