



PROGRAM

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**9:30-10:00 OFFICIAL OPENING**

Ivan Ayolov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy
Konstantin Stamenov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Federation
of the Industrial Energy Consumers

10:00-11:45 FIRST DISCUSSION PANEL: ENERGY POLICY IN THE NATURAL GAS SECTOR IN BULGARIA – PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGESModerator: **Ambassador Peter Poptchev**

Energy prices within the EU: Impact on EU's competitiveness vis-à-vis its global economic counterparts. (**Konstantin Stamenov**, Chairman of the Bulgarian Federation of the Industrial Energy Consumers)

Regulatory policies and regimes towards the natural gas sector in Bulgaria. The role of SEWRC in the current and future market model. (**Anjela Toneva**, Chairman, State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission)

Project financing in the Natural gas sector: infrastructure and regulatory framework. (**Daniel Berg**, Director, EBRD Bulgaria)

Bulgargaz EAD - Perspectives and Development of our role in the regional gas market. (**Dimitar Gogov**, Executive Director and Member of BOD, Bulgargaz EAD)

11:45-12:15 COFFEE BRAKE/NETWORKING**12:15-14:00 SECOND DISCUSSION PANEL: MARKET COUPLING AND INTERCONNECTORS**Moderator: **Ilian Vasilev**, Managing Partner, Innovative Energy Solutions Ltd

Plans for development of the capacity capabilities of the Bulgarian gas transmission network in the context of the regional gas market development. (**Kiril Temelkov**, Executive Director and Member of the Management Board, Bulgartransgaz EAD)

Interconnector Greece – Bulgaria: Progress and Perspectives. (**Lyubomir Zlatanov**, Expert, Project Department, Bulgarian Energy Holding EAD)

Perspectives for alternative supplies. (**Kenan Mamedov**, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic SOCAR)

Opening the Southern Gas Corridor: Consequences and Conclusions. The Way Ahead. (**Ambassador Peter Poptchev**)

14:00-15:00 LUNCH COCKTAIL**15:00-16:30 THIRD DISCUSSION PANEL: POTENTIAL OF LOCAL NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION**Moderator: **Iliya Lingorski**, Regional Director at eCORP International

Environmental aspects and challenges for the exploration of fossil fuels. (**Chavdar Georgiev**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water)

Shale gas and the international gas market. (**Ivanka Dilovska**, Chairman of the Management Board, Energy Management Institute)

Is the EU market attractive enough for new gas supplies? (**Beate Raabe**, Secretary General of EUROGAS)

State of the natural gas market. Exploration licences and concession contracts for production. (**Ivan Bonev**, Chief expert, Natural resources and concessions directorate, Ministry of Economy and Energy)

Local production: Status and perspectives of Deventci-R1 well, Koynare area. (**Stefan Anastasov**, Resident manager, TransAtlantic Petroleum Ltd)

16:30 CLOSING SESSION

Konstantin Delisivkov, Executive director of the Bulgarian Federation of the Industrial Energy Consumers



LECTURERS



Ivan Ayolov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy

Mr. Ayolov has an engineering degree from Technical University in Sofia in the field of Power Plants, Grids and Systems, specialized in Electric Power System Automation. Mr. Ayolov specialized at the Academy of Economics with the Council of Ministers of the former USSR with a Diploma Paper with the topic: „Operational Management of the Production Process within the Power System of the Republic of Bulgaria”. Mr. Ayolov has over 35 year experience in the Energy sector, which includes: Member of the Executive Board of NEK EAD. Appointed for Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy on the 1st of July 2013.



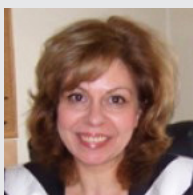
Konstantin Stamenov, Chairman of BFIEC

Mr. Stamenov is a Chairman of the Management board of Bulgarian Federation of the Industrial Energy Consumers (BFIEC) and director of “Strategic Planning and Investments” in Stomana Industry AD. He graduated a master degree in “Economical Informatics” in the University of National and World Economics. He post graduated in Public relations, in Logistics, in Finance and Payment Systems.



Peter Poptchev, PhD, is a career diplomat

He has held rank-and-file and Head of Mission positions in Lagos, Geneva, Brussels, Dublin and Vienna. Since 2006-7 he has worked as Ambassador-at-large for Energy Security and Climate Change, as Advisor to the Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, as well as National Coordinator for the Nabucco Project. He was on the Bulgarian delegation negotiating the South Stream bilateral agreement; headed the team in the negotiation of the Nabucco Intergovernmental Agreement, and helped establish institutional expertise on energy security at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Institute.



Angela Toneva, Chairperson SWERC

Angela Toneva has a Master degree in Economics from the University for National and World Economy Sofia. Ms. Toneva is working for the State energy and water regulatory commission since 2001. She participated in energy products and services pricing course and in the international projects for institutional support and assistance for the construction of the energy regulator in Bulgaria. She was part of experience exchange on energy regulation with the energy regulators in Portugal, Denmark, Hungary and Romania. In 2013 Ms. Toneva became Chairperson of SWERC.



Daniel Berg, EBRD's Director in Bulgaria

Daniel Berg became EBRD's Director in Bulgaria in July 2010. He manages the Bank's office which is responsible for annual investments of approximately Euro 300-400 million per year. In 2000, he moved to Almaty Kazakhstan, where he developed the Bank's operations across sectors. From Kazakhstan, in 2004, Daniel became Head of Office in the Kyrgyz Republic, managing the office and overall operations there. He was then asked to assume a similar role in Albania in 2007 where he worked until joining the Sofia team.



Dimitar Gogov, Executive Director and Member of the Board of Directors, Bulgargaz EAD

The University degree was obtained from the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” in the field of „Economics in Geography”. Mr. Gogov completed also a Post graduate course on „Natural Gas Strategy” at the EDI University of Groningen (Holland). Mr. Gogov is working for Bulgargaz since 1999. Since January 2007, when Bulgargaz EAD has become a daughter company of the Bulgarian Energy Holding EAD, Dimitar Gogov is elected as an Executive Director, a position that he is still occupying.



Iliyan Vasilev, Managing Partner, Innovative Energy Solutions Ltd

He is a diplomat, former ambassador to Russia (2000 – 2006). He was Executive Director and Vice President of the Bulgarian International Economic Association and Chairman of the Foreign Investments Agency. Mr. Vasilev is a founder and honored chairman of the Bulgarian Economic Forum and the Economic Forum for Southeast Europe. He has been Chairman of Deloitte Bulgaria and Resident Manager of the International Construction Consultancy - project development and appraisals D.G.Jones & Partners. Expert on international energy security, risk identification and management.



Kiril Temelkov, Chief Executive Officer, Bulgartransgaz EAD

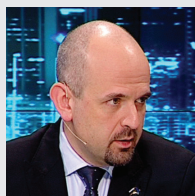
Kiril Temelkov obtained his Master's Degree in Economics in 1999 at the University of National and World Economy with a specialty “Economics and Management of Trade”. Since 1999 he has been working there, and after the restructuring of the company in 2007 – in Bulgartransgaz EAD. During the period 2000 - 2008 he held the position Head of the Commercial Department. He worked as consultant in the management of various energy projects between 2008 and 2010. In May 2010 he took over the management of Nabucco – Bulgaria EOOD. As of June 2011 he serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Bulgartransgaz EAD.



LECTURERS

**Lubomir Zlatanov, Bulgarian Energy Holding EAD**

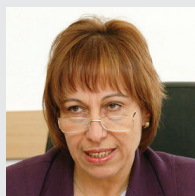
Lubomir Zlatanov holds the position Projects Expert at "Bulgarian Energy Holding" (BEH), Directorate "Projects Management". He is a member of the BEH team for planning and implementation of investment projects, and in particular takes part in their commercial structuring, raising of financing and interaction with the EU institutions. Lubomir Zlatanov is also responsible for coordinating the relationship with co-shareholders of BEH EAD in joint ventures.

**Iliya Lingorski, Regional Director, eCORP International**

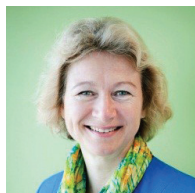
Iliya Lingorski has over 20 years of experience in banking, corporate management, public service and academia. Having graduated with honors from the University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy in Sofia he has conducted postgraduate research in Materials Science at Oxford. He has served in various senior roles in government as well as in the financial and commercial sectors.

**Chavdar Georgiev, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water**

He graduated from the Law Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". He started his career as Chairman of the Agency for legal advice. In the period September 2005 - July 2009 he was Deputy Minister of Environment and Water. In July he became Secretary in the Legislative Council to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, and from 2011 to February 2012 - Chairman. In the period May 1995 - June 1997 he was Deputy Secretary General of the National Assembly, and in 1995 - Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment.

**Ivanka Dilovska, Chairman of the Board of the Institute of Energy Management**

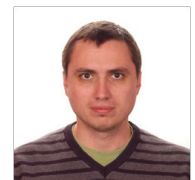
Ivanka Dilovska is Chairman of the Management Board of the organization since it was established in June 2010. Her extended professional experience in the energy sector began in ENERGOPROEKT JSC and afterwards she took over managing positions in the energy ministry as Director of directions for energy strategy, projects, markets and state governance (1993-1996, 2002-2005, 2007-2010) and Deputy Minister of Energy (1996, 2005-2006). Major areas of interest and responsibilities during these periods are the sector policies and strategies, energy balances, statistics, analysis and prognosis; energy markets and projects; regulation; privatization and restructuring of the branch.

**Beate Raabe, Secretary General of Eurogas**

The association representing the European gas wholesale, retail and distribution sector, in 2011. She started her career as a teacher and lecturer in the UK. In 1993, Beate Raabe came to Brussels to work in EU Affairs at the International Association of Combined Road-Rail Transport (UIRR) and later at the German and Swedish railways (DB and SJ). In 1998 she joined the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP), where she became Director of EU Affairs and Head of the EU office in 2005.

**Ivan Bonev, Chief Expert at Ministry of Economy**

Ivan Bonev - Chief Expert at Ministry of Economy and Energy, the „Natural Resources and Concessions“ department. Eng geophysicist with over 20 years working in exploration and production of oil and gas, well test analisist of oil and gas wells; interpretation and control of production.

**Stefan Atanasov, Resident manager of the Office of Direct Petroleum Bulgaria in Sofia**

Stefan Anastasov has been working as field engineer (drilling, completion, well testing and production) since 2007, on Projects with Direct Petroleum Bulgaria. In 2011 he was relocated as Field and office based Drilling engineer working on Projects in Turkey with Transatlantic Petroleum. After 4.5 years spent on field, In April 2012 he was promoted as resident manager of the Sofia office of Direct Petroleum Bulgaria.