



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1 | Wednesday, February 17

11:00 – 11:05 WELCOME REMARKS

Symeon G. Tsomokos, SGT S.A

11:05 – 12:00 MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE

CHALLENGES OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION TO THE 2030 MILESTONE

Kostas Skrekas, Minister of Environment & Energy, Hellenic Republic

Natasa Pilides, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Republic of Cyprus

Tarek El Molla, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt

Frank Fannon, fm. Assistant Secretary of State, Energy Resources, USA

Moderator: **Alexia Tasouli**, Diplomatic Correspondent, OPEN TV

SESSION 1 | ENERGY & GEOPOLITICS. CORRELATION OR CONFLICT?

Risks to regional energy security. European Energy Policy and national interests. Energy, security, and limits in the Mediterranean waters

12.00 – 12.15 **FIRE SIDE CHAT: H.E. Burak Ozugergin**, Ambassador of Turkey to the Hellenic Republic
with Manolis Kostidis, Journalist, SKAI TV

12.15 – 12.45 Discussion I: **Can energy generate security dilemmas or cooperation in S.E. Europe?**

Nikos Tsafos, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, CSIS, Washington DC

Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris, Associate Professor for Energy Policy and Geopolitics, University of Nicosia

Mariana Liakopoulou, Energy Security Research Fellow, NATO Association of Canada

Roudi Baroudi, CEO, Energy & Environment Holding, Qatar

Moderator: **Michalis Mathioulakis**, Academic Director, Greek Energy Forum

12.45 – 13.00 **FIRE SIDE CHAT: H.E. Geoffrey Pyatt**, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
with Marissi Balioussi, Editor in Chief, capital.gr



13.05 – 13.30 Discussion II: **The role of EUs energy diplomacy for regional stability**

Thanos Dokos, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister

Prof. Yannis Maniatis, fmr Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change

Prof. Yiorgos Stathakis, fmr Minister of Environment & Energy

Ben Haddad, Director, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council

Moderator: **Nikolaos Farantouris**, Senior Policy Advisor; Professor, University of Piraeus

13.30-13.35 BREAK

SESSION 2 | ENERGY MARKETS & FINANCE. WHERE SHOULD THE MONEY GO?

EU Recovery Fund: Financing mechanisms for the energy sector. Challenges in financing new energy projects. Financing sustainable projects: How to determine what is green?

13.35 – 14.00 Discussion I: **Critical milestones in Sustainability financing**

Theodoros Skylakakis, Alternate Minister of Finance, Hellenic Republic

Alexandra Sdoukou, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment & Energy, Hellenic Republic

Dimitrios Skalkos, Secretary General for Public Investments and Partnership Agreement,
Ministry of Development and Investments, Hellenic Republic

Athanasios Savvakis, President, Federation of Industries of Greece | Chairman, EnEx Group

Moderator: **Panagiotis Bousbourelis**, Director, worldenergynews.gr

14.05-14.35 Discussion II: **Safeguarding green investments. How do we know what is truly green?**

Konstantinos Petropoulos, General Manager Structured & Shipping Finance, Piraeus Bank

Argyro Banila, Head of Structured Financing Division, National Bank of Greece

Spyros Venetsianos, Dep. Gen. Manager, Head of Structured Finance Group Corp. & Investm. Banking, Eurobank

John Sinner, Energy Economist, European Investment Bank

Dimitris Koufos, Lead Direct Finance, EBRD

Moderator: **Christina Faitakis**, Partner, Karatzas & Partners

14.35-14.40 BREAK



SESSION 3 | REGULATORY MARKET INTERVENTION: WHERE IS THE LIMIT?

Energy Regulatory limitations in the Greek market. Energy Exchange: The View from the Trading Floor.
Balancing the Electricity market

14.40-14.50 FIRE SIDE CHAT: The implementation of the Target Model and the new era for the Greek and Regional Electricity Market

Dr. Alex Papalexopoulos, President & CEO, ECCO Intl, USA

14.50 – 15.20 Discussion I: Dynamic vs. steady Regulation: Should ad-hoc regulation interfere to “save” the market from itself?

Dr. Alex Papalexopoulos, President & CEO, ECCO Intl, USA

Dr. Athanassios Dagoumas, Chairman, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Greece

Yiannis Yiarentis, Chairman & CEO, Admin. of Renewable Energy Sources Operator & Guarantees of Origin

Prof. George Ioannou, CEO, EnEx Group, Greece

Dimitris Michos, Chief Officer of Operation, Infrastructure and Market General Division - IPTO

Moderator: **Michalis Mathioulakis**, Academic Director, Greek Energy Forum

15.20-15.45 Presentation: Accenture New Energy Consumer Research

Trends and developments in Energy Retail. New value pools for new energy proposition. New business models to tap into these new value pools. How to execute and win in the marketplace

Wytse Kaastra, Managing Director Utilities - Energy Transition Europe, Accenture

**15.45-16.20 Discussion II: Milestones for a mature electricity market.
How do we achieve regulatory balance and market depth?**

Andrea Testi, Executive Chairman, Elpedison

Dinos Benroubi, General Manager Power & Gas Business Unit, Protergia / MYTILINEOS

Miltos Aslanoglou, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Energy Suppliers

Antonios Kontoleon, Chairman, Hellenic Union of Industrial Consumers of Energy

Moderator: **Harris Floudopoulos**, Journalist, capital.gr

16.20-16.25 BREAK



16.25-16.40 Presentation: **The Greek electricity system evolution & the South-East North Electricity Highway**

Dimitris Papakanellou, Consulting, KPMG in Greece

Pantelis Biskas, Assoc. Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - School of Electrical & Computer Engineering

SESSION 4 | ENERGY PRODUCTION

The future of oil & gas in the transition period. Hydrocarbons Exploration. Where do we go from here?

16.40-17.00 Discussion: **Did the boat sail? Is it too late for East Med Hydrocarbons in the EU?**

Artistofanis Stefatos, CEO, Hellenic Hydrocarbon Resources Management S.A.

Demetris Fessas, Acting General Manager, Cyprus Hydrocarbons Company (CHC)

Joerg Koehli, DG Energy, Head of upstream oil and gas, Senior Expert, European Commission

Moderator: **Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris**, Associate Professor for Energy Policy and Geopolitics, University of Nicosia

17.00-17.05 BREAK

SESSION 5 | ENERGY NETWORKS

Gas Network Extension prospects. Electricity networks and the wholesale & retail market

17.05 – 17.30 Discussion: **Ensuring energy access along a pathway towards 2050**

Maria Rita Galli, CEO, Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator – DESFA

Dr Marios Tsakas, CEO, Public Gas Distribution Networks SA – DEDA

Moderator: **Harris Floudopoulos**, Journalist, capital.gr

17.30 End of Day I



Day 2 | Thursday, February 18th

10:00-10:30 **SESSION 6 | DECOMMISSIONING THE LIGNITE INDUSTRY IN GREECE AND THE BALKANS**

How fast can the Balkans move away from lignite? The role of natural gas for stability in the transition period
How to attract new RES investments in the Balkans

Simon Uzunov, Deputy Head of electricity Unit, Energy Community Secretariat, Austria

Nicolas Kuen, Intern. Relations Officer, DG Energy, European Commission

Dr. Sotiris Kapellos, Chairman, Hellenic Association of PV Companies

Spyros Economou, President, Center for Renewable Energy Sources

Jürgen Tzschoppe, Executive Vice President International Power, Statkraft

Moderator: **Dr Anna Plevri**, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia

10.30-10.35 **BREAK**

SESSION 7 | DECARBONISATION. BEST PRACTICES FOR THE FUTURE

European and Global Best Practices. The future of the Emissions Trading System. Carbon Capture Systems.
Sustainability & ESG

10.35 – 10.45 **FIRE SIDE CHAT: The UAE' s energy transition pathway**

H.E. Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany, UAE Perm. Representative, International Renewable Energy Agency, UAE
with **Odin Linardatou**, Head of Communications, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

10.45 – 11.15 Discussion: **Catalyzing sustainability**

Prof. Konstantinos Aravossis, Sec. General of Natural Environment & Water, Ministry of Environment & Energy

Eliot Whittington, Director of Policy, Cambridge Institute of Sustainability Leadership

Simone Tagliapietra, Research Fellow, Bruegel

Spyros Kouvelis, Director, European Public Law Organization – EPLO

Nick Keramidas, EU & Regulatory Affairs Director, MYTILINEOS

Moderator: **Odin Linardatou**, Head of Communications, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

11.20-11.35 **FIRE SIDE CHAT: George Kassapidis**, Regional Governor of Western Macedonia

with **Thodoris Panagoulis**, Editor in Chief, *energypress.gr*



11.40-12.10 Presentation: **Decarbonizing Greece by 2028**

Apostolos Zampelas, Senior Project Leader, Boston Consulting Group

Dr. Panagiotis Prontzas, Principal & Head of the Strategy & Investments Dept, Grant Thornton

12.10-12.15 BREAK

SESSION 8 | CLEAN AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS FOR THE GREEN TRANSITION

The Hydrogen and Ammonia era. Downstream LNG. Waste to energy, biofuels, biomass

12.15-12.45 Discussion I: **Alternative clean fuels & waste to energy**

George Kremlis, Principal Adviser to the Greek Prime Minister for energy, climate, environm. & circular economy

Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Secretary General, Hydrogen Europe

Saïd Mouline, CEO, Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency

Panos Mitrou, Global Gas Segment Manager, Lloyd's Register Marine & Offshore

Javier Calleja, CEO, Solaris Bus & Coach

Moderator: **Alexandros Lagakos**, Chief Operating Officer, Blue Grid

12.45-13.05 Discussion II: **Downstream LNG in Southeastern Europe**

Panagiotis Kanellopoulos, Deputy General Manager Power & Gas Business Unit, Protergia / MYTILINEOS

Sofoklis Papanikolaou, CEO, Blue Grid

Michael Thomadakis, Head of Strategy, Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator – DESFA, Greece

Moderator: **Kyriakos Mezopoulos**, Director LNG, Affinity Shipping LLP

13.05-13.10 BREAK

SESSION 9 | RENEWABLES AND ENERGY STORAGE. MILESTONES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

Rise in Renewables market shares: What does the future hold? Renewable energy: Getting the social license to operate. Boosting offshore renewable energy. New technologies in Energy Storage. Integrating large storage systems with energy markets and networks

13.10-13.40 Discussion I: **Are RES growing too slow for the planet but too fast for the electricity system?**

Dr. Sanna Markkanen, Research Associate, Cambridge Institute of Sustainability Leadership

Dr. Arthouros Zervos, Chair, REN21

Nikos Papapetrou, General Manager Renewables & Storage Development (RSD) Business Unit, MYTILINEOS

Nikos Mantzaris, Partner & Senior Policy Analyst, The Green Tank, Greece

Kevin Sara, Chairman, Nur Energie, UK

Moderator: **Dr. Valentina Dedi**, Lead Economist, KBR, London



13.45-14.15 Discussion II: **Can Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) help RES in growing faster and achieve target model goals?**

Dionyssis Grigoratos, CEO, Victus Networks

Dr. George Stamtzis, General Director, Hellenic Association of Independent Power Producers (HAIPP)

Miltos Aslanoglou, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Energy Suppliers

George Paidakakis, Head of European & International Affairs, Regulatory Authority for Energy

Moderator: **Konstantinos Eleftheriadis**, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte Greece

14.15-14.35 Discussion III: **Can offshore wind be a disruptive technology?**

Panagiotis Ladakakos, President, Hellenic Wind Energy Association (HWEA/ELETAEN)

Konstantinos Mavros, CEO, PPC Renewables

Nikolaos Alagialoglou, Director, Copenhagen Offshore Partners

Moderator: **Michalis Mastorakis**, Journalist, energypress.gr

14.35-14.40 BREAK

SESSION 10 | SMART CITIES AND SMART ENERGY

Electrification and e-mobility. Energy management and planning in Smart Cities. Smart energy systems and networks

14.40-15.05 Discussion I: **How to build smart energy systems in our cities**

Ioannis Kefalogiannis, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation, Hellenic Republic

Dimitris Papastergiou, President, Central Union of Greek Municipalities | Mayor of Trikala

John Saracakis, Vice President, Hellenic Association of Motor Vehicle Importers Representatives

15.05-15.25 Discussion II: **New tools for old energy grids. How do we actually make energy smart?**

Dimitrios Doukas, CIO & Country Manager, NET2GRID

Menelaos Ioannidis, CTO, Lightsource BP Labs

Yannis Perrakis, Principal, Digital Innovation, BP

Moderator: **Angelos Gkanoutas-Leventis**, President, Greek Energy Forum

15.25 - 15.30 BREAK

15.30-16.00 **FIRE SIDE CHAT: Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy**

with Apostolos Mangiriadis, Journalist, SKAI TV

16.00 End of the Athens Energy Dialogues 2021