

REKK Regional Energy Policy Forum***Gas phase-out - A blessing or threat for decarbonisation***

13 September, 2022

Budapest Music Center, 1093 Budapest, Mátyás u. 8.

- 9:30 – 9:40 WELCOME BY LÁSZLÓ SZABÓ, DIRECTOR, REKK
- 9:40 – 10:00 KEYNOTE – ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPEAN REGION
Costis Stambolis, Executive Director at the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE), Greece
- 10:00 – 10:15 KEYNOTE – GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF GAS PHASE-OUT IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES, CHALLENGES AND POLICY VISIONS
Andrej Nosko, Energy Policy Expert, Researcher at the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
- 10:15 – 10:35 SHORT, MID AND LONGTERM COSTS OF PHASING OUT RUSSIAN GAS IN CEE
Péter Kotek, Senior Research Associate, REKK, Hungary
- 10:35 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00 – 11:45 SESSION 1 – SUBSTITUTION FOR PHASED-OUT RUSSIAN NATURAL GAS - SUPPLY SIDE
Moderator: Borbála Takácsné Tóth, Senior Research Associate, REKK, Hungary
Panellist:
 - Eszter Szekeres, Executive Director of Wholesale Operations and Optimization at MET Group, Hungary
 - Pál Ságvári, Vice-President for International Affairs, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority
 - Costis Stambolis, Executive Director at the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe, (IENE), Greece
- 11:45 – 12:30 SESSION 2 – REDUCING GAS DEMAND IN THE HEATING SECTOR
Moderator: Andreas Graf, Senior Associate, Agora Energiewende, Germany
Panellists:
 - Oskar Mazur, project manager at Siemens Energy, Sweden
 - István Bart, Managing Director, Climate Strategy 2050 Institute, Hungary
 - György László, energy expert, MaTÁSzSz Association of Hungarian District Heating Enterprises
- 12:30 – 12:45 Questions and answers with the audience

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12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 14:15 KEY NOTE – REDUCING DEPENDENCY ON FOSSIL FUELS – European Gas Demand Reduction Plan and REPowerEU

Katalin Kovács-Toperczer, Senior Economic Analyst, Representation of the European Commission in Hungary

14:15 – 15:00 SESSION 3 – REDUCING GAS DEMAND IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR

Moderator: Balázs Felsmann, Senior Research Associate, REKK

Panellists:

- Erika Kun, Head of Energy Trading, ISD Power, Hungary
- Zoltán Bige, Chief Strategy Officer, Nitrogénművek Zrt., Hungary
- Zoltán Reng, CEO at Hungrana, Hungary

15:00 – 15:45 SESSION 4 – REDUCING GAS DEMAND IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Moderator: Balázs Felsmann, Senior Research Associate, REKK

Panellists:

- Gergő Batta, Deputy CEO for Operations, MAVIR Hungarian Transmission Operator Co. Hungary
- Péter Horváth, CEO, Dunamenti Power Plant, Hungary
- András Mezősi, Senior Research Associate, REKK, Hungary

15:45 – 16:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, CLOSING REMARKS

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