

## 'Beyond gas' – energy security issues in the V4 after 2020

**14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**Venue: Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Budapest, Fő utca 44-50,**

**Meeting Room 701**

### **Agenda:**

8.30-9.00 Registration

#### *SESSION 1 SETTING THE LANDSCAPE: REGIONAL OUTLOOK AND COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS*

##### *Opening keynote speeches*

- 9.00-9.10 *Péter Kaderják*, State Secretary for Energy and Climate Policy, Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary (confirmed)
- 9.10-9.20 *Pál Ságvári*, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary Republic (confirmed)
- 9.20-9.30 *Václav Bartuška*, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic (confirmed)

##### *Country presentations*

The aim of this session is to summarize the most important long-term energy security issues based on the ministerial and expert interviews and on the think tank's own assessment. Each presentation consists of two parts: i) the list of energy security issues in the given country and ii) a proposed short list of regional energy security challenges for the coming 2-5 years. All presenters have 10 minutes for speaking and 5 minutes for questions.

- 9.30-9.40 Regional outlook by REKK
- 9.40-9.55 Country Report of Slovakia - Presentation by Slovakian Foreign Policy Association
- 9.55-10.10 Country Report of Poland - Presentation by the Jagiellonski Institute
- 10.10-10.25 Country Report of the Czech Republic - Presentation by AMO
- 10.25-10.40 Country Report of Hungary - Presentation by REKK

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

*SESSION 2 OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE LISTED ENERGY SECURITY ISSUES, PART I - ELECTRICITY*

11.00-12.45

Chair: *László Szabó*, Director, REKK

This session will focus on the open question in electricity markets and will start by the opening proposals of the chair based on the draft country papers and the findings from the morning session. After this, all four governments' position will be presented by a ministerial representative (8-10 minutes each). The discussion will be based on active participation of the invited participants and will cover for example the planned functioning of Regional Operation Centres, the cross-border co-ordination of renewable based electricity auctions, and how to deal with the increasing volatility within the system with the growing share of weather dependent renewables (wind and PV) and on its possible implication on system balancing and grid integration. The objective of the discussion is to mark those challenges which can be handled within national scope of authority and those which would require regional co-operation.

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch

*SESSION 3 OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE LISTED ENERGY SECURITY ISSUES, PART II – GAS*

13.30-15.10

Chair: *Borbála Takácsné Tóth*, Head of Gas, REKK

The aim of this session is the same as in case of Session 2, but the focus is on gas markets. This session will focus on the open questions in gas markets after 2020 and will start by the opening proposals of the chair, based on the draft country papers and the findings from the morning session. After this, all four governments' position will be presented by a ministerial representative (8-10 minutes each). The participants will discuss whether the measures implied in the recent years were sufficient to enhance the security of gas supply, or still urgent actions are required. Further open challenges might be the implications of the Polish and the planned Croatian LNG terminals, and the integration of the Ukrainian gas markets into the V4 countries. The discussion will aim to prepare a list of those open issues which could be solved in co-operation in a more efficient way.

15.10-15.30 Coffee break

*SESSION 4 CONCLUSION – PREPARATION OF FINAL LIST OF KEY CHALLENGES AND IDENTIFYING THE WORKABLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS*

15.30-16.30

During this session the participants will rank the energy challenges identified during session 2 and session 3. The session will be moderated by REKK, and an optimal ranking methodology will be proposed. After prioritising the issues, the workshop participants will come up the most important ones. This session is moderated by REKK. In the second half of this session, we will have a discussion on the most efficient or the most desired solution for each energy challenge and collect all relevant proposals. The session will end by the introduction of the V4 Think Tank Energy Platform.

**Output of the workshop:** Proposed list of key V4 energy security challenges and draft list of efficient solutions to the raised issues

**Participants:**

- 1 or 2 experts from the project partner research institutions
- Representatives of the Energy Ministries from each country (1-2 person/country, head of department level or above)
- Representatives of the Foreign Affairs Ministries from each country (1-2 person/country, head of department level or above)