

Conference

Internal gas market: How will Central and Eastern European markets catch up?

Wednesday, 26 March 2014
Hilton Prague, Czech Republic

Programme

08.30	Registration / Coffee
	Welcome by:
09.00	Jean-François Cirelli , President of Eurogas Martin Herrmann , Vice-President of the Czech Gas Association and Member of the Eurogas Governing Board
09.20	Keynote speeches
	Czech Minister of Industry and Trade
	Jonathan Stern , Chairman Natural Gas Research Programme and Senior Fellow, The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (tbc)
10:00	Implementing the internal gas market: objectives and challenges – Panel sessions
Panel 1:	Gas in Central and Eastern Europe, towards the benefits of integration? This session will address the future role of gas in the CEE Member States, including potential new market developments and the need to develop a well-functioning gas market in the CEE at national and regional level, with ensuing benefits for the whole EU energy market.
	Panel moderated by tbc
	Catharina Sikow-Magny , Head of Unit, DG ENER, European Commission
	Kiril Temelkov , CEO, Bulgartransgaz (tbc)
	Representative of Lietuvos Dujos (tbc)
	Hans-Peter Floren , Executive Board Member Gas & Power, OMV Gas & Power
	Slawomir Hinc , Chief Executive Officer, PGNiG Upstream International
	Andreas Rau , CEO, NET4GAS
	Discussion / Debate
11.00–11.30	Break

Panel 2: What are the obstacles and solutions?

This session will discuss network and regulatory issues that should address how to promote network development in the CEE as well as the regulatory framework that will deliver more efficient integrated markets.

Presentation of issues overview by **Leigh Hancher**, Professor of European and International Public Law, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Panel moderated by **Slavtcho Neykov**, Energy Policy Expert, former Director of the Energy Community Secretariat

Rafał Wittmann, Board Member of ENTSOG / Director Development Division, GAZ-SYSTEM, Poland

Dennis Hesseling, ACER, Head of Gas Department, Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Pola Naydenova, Executive Director, Dexia Bulgaria

Peter Kaderjak, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Budapest

Alexander Antonyuk, Expert, Energy Markets and Regulations, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Daniel Křetínský, Chairman of the Board of Directors, SPP (tbc)

13.00–14.30 Lunch

Panel 3: Delivering the benefits to customers

This session will focus on how best to meet customers' interests, and will address customer switching issues, the challenge of phasing out regulated prices, as well as ways to empower customers.

Introduction to the topic by **Edvard Kožušník**, MEP, Czech Republic (tbc)

Panel moderated by **Katrina Sichel**, freelance moderator

Fernand Felzinger, President, International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (IFIIEC)

Pamela Taylor, Director, FTI Consulting

Representative of the Customers and Retail Markets Working Group, Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) - tbc

Kyriakos Gialoglou, DG SANCO, European Commission

Miloslav Zaur, Executive Officer, RWE GasNet

Closing remarks by:

15:50 **Beate Raabe**, Secretary General, Eurogas

Jan Ruml, Executive Director, Czech Gas Association