



Joint CEPS ECH, CRE (Romanian Energy Centre), GEF (Greek Energy Forum)

## **Workshop on investment climate in SEE Moving towards a Low-Carbon Economy in South-eastern Europe Regulation, finance and investment**

Venue:  
CEPS,  
Place du Congrès 1  
1000 Brussels

8 April 2018  
14:00-17:25h

**The Workshop will be organised under the Chatham House Rules<sup>1</sup>**

Objectives:

- Focus on 'low-carbon' challenges given the prevalence of coal, e.g. security of supply, affordability/energy poverty, investment in low-carbon technology.
- Highlight the importance of securing investment and regulatory predictability as essential elements in transition to a low-carbon economy in the context of the EC Long-term Strategy (LTS)

Many EU countries of south-eastern Europe use a significant proportion of coal for their energy needs. EU energy policy aims to increasingly decarbonise power generation and ultimately move to a net zero carbon economy by 2050. Several countries face a major challenge to replace the energy from coal from other sources. Increased energy efficiency and greater regional energy market integration will play a role in balancing supply and demand. Issues of regulatory uncertainty have made investors reluctant to finance new energy projects in the region. This event will bring together stakeholders from the energy and finance sectors with EU and national policymakers to discuss the challenges facing countries of region to make the transition to low carbon and how to attract the necessary investment. It is the start of a series of events and other deliverables on the issue.

*The workshop is the beginning of a series of CEPS ECH activities in this field.*

<sup>1</sup> "Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".

## Agenda

*All speakers are confirmed*

**13:00 Light lunch**

**14:00 Welcome**

- **Christian Egenhofer**, Director CEPS Energy Climate House
- **Razvan Grecu**, President, Romanian Association for the Promotion of Energy Efficiency (ARPEE)
- **Kyriakos Gialoglou**, Greek Energy Forum

Moderators: **Christian Egenhofer**, Director CEPS ECH and **Julian Popov**, European Climate Foundation

**14:10 Opening: SEE region perspective for 2050 low-carbon economy**

- **László Szabó**, Director of REKK, Director SEERMAP project
- **Grigoris Krallis**, Senior Sector Engineer, Energy Department, EIB
- **Tom Howes**, Deputy Head of economic analysis and financial instruments unit, DG Energy, European Commission

14:40 Discussion

**14:50 Session 1: Challenges and Opportunities to achieve the 2050 low-carbon Economy**

Speaker:

- **Eero Ailio**, Adviser for energy transition and local governance, DG Energy, European Commission

Stakeholder comment:

- **Claudiu Negrisan**, Deputy Director, Bioenergy Suceava, Romania
- **Nikolaos Keramidas**, EU Affairs Director, Mytilineos S.A.
- **Ivo Prokopiev**, Co-founder Solar-Pro Holding, Sofia
- **Razvan Grecu**, President, Romanian Association for the Promotion of Energy Efficiency (ARPEE)

Discussion

15:50 **Break**

**16:10 Session 2: Improving the investment framework**

Speakers:

- **Gwilym Jones**, Head of Brussels Office, EBRD
- **Jorge Nunez-Ferrer**, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS

Stakeholder comments:

- **Olivier Marquette**, President, AES Bulgaria
- **Claudia Brandus**, Director, Regulatory Affairs, ENEL Romania
- **Kyriakos Gialoglou**, Greek Energy Forum

Discussion

17:10 **Closing**

- **Marion Perelle**, Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete for Climate Action and Energy, European Commission

17:25 End of meeting