

## SUMMARY

### Background

The Romanian International Gas Conference (RIGC) is a high-level event bringing together a wide range of stakeholders from Member States' governments and the industry, together with European Institutions' and energy regulators' representatives to discuss the role of natural gas in the energy transition and exchange views on the regulatory framework needed to diversify energy imports and ensure security of supply.

RIGC is a must-attend event to hear national and EU leading decision makers share their views on the EU's energy security, gas domestic production and diversification of supply.

### Key topics

RIGC 2022 will focus on security of gas supply in view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. In particular, the panels will cover diversification of gas supplies, domestic production of natural gas, the state of existing gas infrastructure, the role of blue hydrogen towards net-zero, and the role of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in decarbonizing hard-to-abate industries.

## DAY 1 - 21 SEPTEMBER

### Welcome and introduction

10:00 - 10:40

**Franck Neel**, President of FPPG's Board of Directors

10:00 - 10:10

- Welcome
- Organisational remarks
- Explain the rules of the conference
- Introductory speech (goals, vision, etc.)

**Virgil-Daniel Popescu**, Minister of Energy, Romania

10:10 - 10:20

#### Keynote

- Domestic gas production outlook
- Regional cooperation

**Nicolae Ciucă**, Prime Minister, Romania

10:20 - 10:30

#### Keynote

- Romania and the Black Sea
- 2030 and 2050 plans

**Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director - General, European Commission, DG Ener

10:30 - 10:40

#### Keynote

- Versailles objectives
- REPowerEU Plan
- Future role of gas
- The Black Sea Region's role

### Day 1 Opening Speeches

10:40 - 11:30

**François-Régis Mouton**, Regional Director Europe, IOGP

10:40 - 10:50

#### Opening / Introductory speech

**MEP Cristian Buşoi** (EPP, RO)

10:50 - 11:00

#### Keynote

- Presentation of key outcomes of the Rystad Energy study "Natural gas for Europe: options to rebalance the market by 2027". - presented by **Axel Scheuer**, Head of Energy & Climate Policy, IOGP Europe
- Benchmark of European measures to protect gas & power consumers and recommendations for Romania - **Axel Ghanimi**, Senior Consultant, EMERTON

### Panel 1 - How will the new EU energy security architecture look like?

11:30 - 12:30

**Dan Drăgan**, State Secretary, Minister of Energy

**Roxana Caliminte**, Deputy Secretary General, GIE

**Carolina Novac**, Energy advisor to the Moldovan PM

**Eric Stab**, Chairman & CEO, ENGIE România

**Volker Raffel**, CEO, E.ON România

**Axel Scheuer**, Head of Energy & Climate Policy, IOGP Europe

#### Panel topics:

- Where can Europe source its natural gas?
- Existing pipeline links and future projects
- South-Eastern European LNG projects
- Black Sea LNG terminal

**Moderator: Corneliu Bodea, Adrem CEO & CRE President**

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### Lunch

12:30 - 13:30

### Panel 2 - Which are the missing links in the EU's gas infrastructure?

13:30 - 14:30

**Boyana Achovski**, Secretary General, GIE  
**Louis Watine**, Development Director, ENTSOG System  
**Sotirios Bravos**, Commercial Services Division Director, Desfa  
**Mykola Kolisnyk**, Deputy Energy Minister, Ukraine  
**Teodora Georgieva**, Executive Officer and Board Member, ICGB AD  
**Gregor Weinzettel**, Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

#### Panel topics:

- TEN-E Infrastructure categories to ensure consistency with the climate neutrality objectives of the Green Deal priorities
- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) financial assistance
- PCI implementation
- Cross-border gas infrastructure needs
- Reverse flows
- Gas storage
- Re-stream study

**Moderator: Axel Scheuer, Head of Energy & Climate Policy, IOGP Europe**

### Panel 3 - Is Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) back on the EU agenda?

14:30 - 15:30

**Andreea Mitiriță**, Partner, PwC Romania  
**Will Webster**, Energy Policy Manager at Offshore Energies UK  
**Florina Sora**, Head of CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Office, The National Agency for Mineral Resources (NAMR)  
**Alastair Hamilton**, Partner & CCS European Leader, McKinsey & Company

#### Panel topics:

- CCS deployment in Romania paper
- The EU vision on CCS
- Presentation of the Northern Lights Project
- The need for a European Strategy for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) with a form and level of ambition similar to the Hydrogen Strategy
- Role of CCS in decarbonizing hard-to-abate industries (Steel, Cement, Chemicals) Importance of CCS in meeting 2050 net zero ambitions

**Moderator: Radu Dudău, Director, EPG**

### Coffee break

15:30 - 16:00

### Panel 4 - Is an economic crisis avoidable in times of energy crunch? Is the Romanian regulatory framework fit for purpose?

16:00 - 17:00

**Antal Istvan-Lorant**, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Energy Infrastructure & Mineral Resources, Romanian Senate  
**Radu Oprea**, Senator  
**Zoltan Nagy-Bege**, Vice President, The National Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)  
**Theodor Livinschi**, Vice President, Association of Energy Consumer Companies in Romania (ACCER)  
**Cristian Popa**, Member of the Board, National Bank of Romania  
**Lăcrămioara Diaconu-Pințea**, CEO, CE Oltenia

#### Panel Topics:

- Steps in improving the dialogue between public and private sector
- The role of industry associations in providing expertise
- Shared responsibilities for overcoming crises

**Moderator: Silvia Vlăsceanu, Executive Director, HENRO**

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## DAY 2 - 22 SEPTEMBER

### Day 2 Opening Speeches

09:00 - 09:30

**François-Régis Mouton**, Regional Director Europe, IOGP

09:00 - 09:15

- Welcome remarks

**Adina-Ioana Vălean**, Transport Commissioner (RO)

09:15 - 09:25

**Valeriu V. Jinescu**, Secretary-General of Technical Sciences Academy of Romania (ASTR)

09:25 - 09:30

### Panel 1 - Is the EU gas market ready for hydrogen?

09:30 - 11:30

**Behrang Shirizadeh**, Economic Advisory - Energy Markets & Modelling, Deloitte

09:30 - 10:00

- Presentation of "Hydrogen4Europe" Study

**Georgian Albu**, General Director, FEL

**Oana Ozmen**, Member of Committee on Industries and Services, Romanian Chamber of Deputies

**Alexandru Floriștean**, Director Hy Legal | Operating Partner Five T Hydrogen

**Richard Molnar**, New Business Development Manager, Linde Gas

**Petru Rușeț**, CEO, Siemens Energy Romania

**Ionuț Ciubotaru**, Vice President Business Development Gas & Power Division, OMV Petrom

#### Panel Topics:

- Hydrogen4Europe study
- EU Hydrogen Strategy - where do we stand?
- Biogas
- Electrolyser manufacturer / green hydrogen producer in the region
- Blue Hydrogen project

**Moderator: Axel Scheuer**, Head of Energy & Climate Policy, IOGP Europe

### Coffee break

11:30 - 11:50

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## DAY 2 - 22 SEPTEMBER

### Regional Perspectives

11:50 - 12:00

**Franck Neel**, President of FPPG's Board of Directors

### Ministerial Panel - From vision to reality

12:00 - 13:00

**Parviz Shahbazov**, Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan Republic

**Andrei Spînu**, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Republic of Moldova

**Rossen Hristov**, Minister of Energy, Bulgaria

**Kostas Skrekas**, Minister of the Environment and Energy, Greece

**Virgil-Daniel Popescu**, Minister of Energy, Romania

**Mykola Kolisnyk**, Deputy Energy Minister, Ukraine

**Péter Sztáray**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

**Alparslan Bayraktar**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Türkiye

**George Chikovani**, General Director, JSC Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation

#### High-level exchange of views:

- Energy imports by 2027-2030
- Feasibility of EU plans to disconnect from some sources of natural gas
- Role of the Black Sea region and key challenges
- Regulatory alignment to make this happen
- Implications for national energy strategies
- Regional cooperation

**Moderator: Mihnea Cătuți**, Head of Research, EPG

### Panel 2- The potential for Black Sea oil and gas production

13:00 - 14:00

**Christina Verchere**, CEO, OMV Petrom

**Răzvan Popescu**, CEO, Romgaz

**Mark Beacom**, CEO, Black Sea Oil & Gas (BSOG)

**George Sergiu Niculescu**, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Romania

#### Panel topics:

- E&P potential in the Black Sea
- Regulatory obstacles and recent changes
- Challenges ahead

**Moderator: Adrian Măniuțiu**, Journalist & Entrepreneur

### Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

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