

Redesigning Security of Supply

Leading Change in Regional Stability

SUMMARY

Background

The Romanian International Gas Conference (RIGC) is a yearly event that brings together representatives of the oil and gas industry, high-ranking government representatives and other key personalities of the international energy sector.

Providing the best networking platform for building a common vision for regional collaboration, RIGC reconfirms Bucharest's key role on the oil and gas map.

This year, RIGC's speakers plan to shed more light on the changes created by both the Russian aggression and the energy crisis in the context of tackling climate challenges. Thus, we hope to facilitate more regional cooperation for a stable future in energy supply under the high patronage of the Romanian Ministry of Energy.

Key topics

RIGC 2023 aims to create dialogue around stringent topics of the present. Thus, the panels will cover the specifics of regional markets and the ways to ensure the availability of energy for a sustainable security of supply.

EU and national legislation, solutions from the industry and an outlook for 2023 are just some of this year's focal points. Between insights from the most relevant professionals of the sector and updates from decision makers – RIGC 2023 is the event to join if you want to understand the trends of the energy sector at their very beginning.

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DAY 1 - MARCH 21

Welcome and introduction

10:00 - 10:45

Franck Neel, President of FPPG's Board of Directors
Virgil-Daniel Popescu, Minister of Energy, Romania

Nicolae Ciucă, Prime Minister, Romania

Keynote

EU - DG Energy Representative (*Ditte Juul Jørgensen TBC*)

Keynote

Panel 1 - EU Legislative challenges & opportunities for the Energy Sector

10:45 - 12:00

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

Cristian Buşoi, MEP (*TBC*)

Matthew Baldwin, DG Energy representative (*TBC*)

François-Régis Mouton, Regional Director Europe, IOGP

Didier Holleaux, President, Eurogas (*TBC*)

Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency (*TBC*)

Moderator: Corneliu Bodea, Adrem CEO & CRE President

Topics:

- Gas Package
- Solidarity contribution
- Security of Supply 2023-2024

Coffee Break

12:00 - 12:15

Panel 2 - The potential for Romania natural gas production in geopolitical context & challenges in 2023-2024

12:15 - 13:30

Christina Verchere, CEO, OMV Petrom

Răzvan Popescu, CEO, Romgaz

Ion Sterian, General Director, Transgaz

Mark Beacom, CEO, Black Sea Oil and Gas

Dan Drăgan, State Secretary, Minister of Energy

Moderator: Claudia Patricolo, Editor in Chief, CEENERGYNEWS

Topics:

- Legislative changes
- Security of Supply 2023-2024

Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:30

Panel 3 - Ministerial I - South-Eastern Security of Supply

14:30 - 15:30

Virgil-Daniel Popescu, Minister of Energy, Romania

Parviz Shahbazov, Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan Republic

Rossen Hristov, Minister of Energy, Bulgaria

Kostas Skrekas, Minister of the Environment and Energy, Greece

Fatih Dönmez, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Türkiye

Georgian Government representative

Moderator: Mihnea Cătuţi, Head of Research, EPG

Topics:

- Wayforward to boost local production
- Geopolitical challenges 2023-2024

Bilateral meetings & roundtables (by invitation only)

15:30 - 19:00

RIGC Dinner* (by invitation only)

19:30

*Dinner location: *The Marmorosch Bucharest, Autograph Collection*

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DAY 2 - MARCH 22

Welcome and introduction

10:00 - 10:15

Cătălin Niță, Executive Director, FPPG

Keynote Speaker (TBC)

Keynote

Panel 1- Regional Energy Outlook 2023

10:15 - 11:30

Dumitru Chisăliță, President, Intelligent Energy Association

Răzvan Nicolescu, Board Member, European Institute for Technology and Innovation

Iulian Fota, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Bende Sandor, Chairman of the Committee on Industries and Services, Romanian Chamber of Deputies

Antal Istvan-Lorant, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Energy Infrastructure & Mineral Resources, Romanian Senate

Zoltan Nagy-Bege, Vice President, The National Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)

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

Moderator: Vasile Iuga, Partner and Founder Valorem Management Consultants

Topics:

- Foreseen regulatory changes
- EU Power Market impact on Romanian natural gas market
- Methane emissions

Coffee Break

11:30 - 11:45

Panel 2 - Ministerial II – North-Eastern security in the context of Russian aggression

11:45 - 12:45

Virgil-Daniel Popescu, Minister of Energy, Romania

US State Department representative (TBC)

Dainius Kreivys, Minister of Energy, Lithuania

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

German Galushchenko, Minister of Energy, Ukraine

Anna Moskwa, Minister of Climate and Environment, Poland

Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Jozef Sikela, Minister of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic

Moderator: Mihnea Cătuți, Head of Research, EPG

Topics:

- Three Seas Initiative
- European Energy Axis
- Security of Supply & diversification

Closing remarks

12:45 - 13:00

Franck Neel, President of FPPG's Board of Directors

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00