



23 March 2017

Hotel Devín in Bratislava, Slovakia

Programme

08.30 Registration / Coffee

09.00 Welcome by **Pierre Poncik** – Vice-Chairman – SPP – Slovakia

Keynote speeches

Klaus Schäfer – President – Eurogas

Peter Žiga - Minister of the Economy of the Slovak Republic

Miguel Arias Cañete – Commissioner for Climate Action & Energy – European Commission

10.00 Panel session 1

The role of gas in energy market design

This session will address the specific role and requirements of gas in the medium and long term in a market enabling the transition to a cost-efficient low-carbon energy system, in which decentralised energy production from variable renewable sources will play an important role. Consideration will be given to supportive links between the electricity and gas grids as well as the perspective of the energy customer.

Panel introduced and moderated by

Margot Loudon – Deputy Secretary General - Eurogas

Panellists:

Sebastian Gröblichhoff – Board Member and Deputy Chairman of the Board – Latvijas Gaze

Nektaria Karakatsani – Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) – Greece

Mirek Topolánek – Director for International Development and Public Affairs – Eustream (Slovakian gas TSO)

Michael Woltran – Senior Vice President – OMV Gas Logistics

Franc Žlahtič - World Energy Council (WEC) Slovenia / Plinovodi d.o.o. (Slovenian gas TSO)

Péter Kaderják – Director – Regional Center for Energy Policy Research (REKK) – Hungary

11.30 Break

12.00	<p>Keynote speeches</p> <p>Pierre Poncik – Vice-Chairman – SPP – Slovakia Miroslav Mikolášik – Member of the European Parliament – European People’s Party – Slovak Republic</p>
12.20	<p>Panel session 2</p> <p>Practical examples of how gas is contributing to energy efficiency and decarbonisation</p> <p>This session will address how gas technologies do or will contribute to the energy transition, on its own or in partnership with electricity, and what is needed for optimal development.</p> <p>Panel introduced and moderated by Beate Raabe – Secretary General – Eurogas</p> <p>Panellists: Magdalena Andreea Strachinescu Olteanu – Head of Unit, New energy technologies, innovation and clean coal – DG ENER – European Commission Attila Nyikos – Vice President for International Affairs – Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority Petra Vargová Čakovská – S.O.S. Poprad – Slovakia Julian Popov – Chair - Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) Zdeněk Kaplan – CEO - Innogy Energy - Czechia Zuzana Princova – Managing Consultant, Gas Specialist – IPA Advisory</p>
13.55	Closing remarks by Beate Raabe – Secretary General – Eurogas
14.00	Lunch

The conference is preceded by a dinner at the conference hotel, on 22 March 2017, starting at 19.00.