



4th Stakeholder Seminar of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region,
Priority Area 2 "To encourage more sustainable energy"

‘Can we complete gas market integration in the Danube Region by 2020?’

5th December 2017

Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, 92-98 Rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

AGENDA

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:30 **Opening Remarks**

- **H.E. Mr Tibor Stelbaczky**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU
- **H.E. Mr Jaroslav Zajíček**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to COREPER I, Deputy Head of the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU

09:30-10:00 **Keynote Speech**

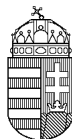
- **Mr Dominique Ristori**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

10:00-10:15 **Coffee break**

10:15-11:00 **Challenges and opportunities to gas market integration in the Danube Region**

The panel aims to identify the potential steps to complete gas market integration in the Danube Region, in line with the Energy Union goals. The discussion will be kicked off by the presentation of two studies from the CZ and HU side. The first one will focus on the current situation and obstacles of the market integration, with comparison of the structural and market specificities to the oil sector. The second one will take a look at 2020 as an important milestone from an analytical approach and will take stock on the important elements impacting the way ahead, such as policy questions, infrastructure and geopolitical developments.

Presenters: Mr Martin Jirušek/ Mr Tomáš Vlček (Masaryk University) and **Mr Péter Kaderják** (Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research; REKK)



11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-12:15 **Open debate**

Open discussion based on the studies presented (with 5 panel participants)

*Moderator: **Mr Drew Leifheit**, Natural Gas World*

- **H.E. Ms Natalia Boyko**, Deputy Minister of European Integration, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine
- **Mr Martin Jirušek**, Masaryk University
- **Mr Milan Sedláček**, Head of EU Affairs and Strategy at eustream
- **Mr Predrag Grujičić**, Head of Hydrocarbons at Energy Community Secretariat
- **Mr Péter Kaderják**, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK)

12:15-12:30 **Closing remarks and conclusions of the Stakeholder Seminar**

12:30-13:30 **Networking Lunch**