



ENERGY ALLIANCE IN CEE

Uniting Central and Eastern Europe for a Competitive and Secure Energy Future

under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8 OCTOBER 2026 • GRAND HOTEL SOFIA

I. MORNING PLENARY SESSION

08:30-09:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00-09:15

Opening Remarks:

- Svetoslav Benchev, Chairman of BPGA
- Iva Petrova, Minister of Energy
- Alexander Poulev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Dobri Mitrev, President of BIA

SIGNING CEREMONY

09:15-09:30

Signing of the Declaration by representatives of the energy associations of Central and Eastern Europe (from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Romania, Slovak republic)

FIRST PANEL: GEOPOLITICAL AND REGULATORY CHALLENGES FOR THE FUEL SECTOR IN CEE

09:30-10:45

Moderator – Simeon Ivanov, BNT

- Jan Sechter, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade of Czech Republic
 - Nikos Tsafos, Deputy Minister of Energy, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy
 - Svetoslav Benchev, Chairman of the BPGA
 - Daniel Apostol, Director General of FPE, Romania
 - Leszek Wiwala, President and Director General of POPIHN, Poland
 - Assoc. Prof. Yanko Hristozov, presentation of the Economic Impact Assessment of ETS II, prepared by UNWE
- Q&A**

10:45-11:00

Coffee Break and Networking

SECOND PANEL: GAS SUPPLIES, SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

11:00-12:10

Moderator – Hristina Hristova, BNT

- Kiril Temelkov, Deputy Minister of Energy
 - Marius-Viorel Poşa, Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Romania
 - Szabolcs Hodosy, State Secretary at the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
 - Cristian Hubati, Executive Board Member for Exploration and Production, OMV Petrom
 - Kiril Ravnachki Executive Director of Bulgartransgaz
 - Georgy Tatarski - Executive Director of Bulgargaz Plc
- Q&A**

12:10-12:20	Summary and Closing of the Morning Plenary Session
12:20-13:30	Lunch
II. WORKING MEETINGS	
13:30-14:30	Security and Cybersecurity in the Production and Supply of Gas and Petroleum Products Moderator – Yordan Bozhilov, President of the Sofia Security Forum
15:00-16:00	Current Challenges in Oil and Gas Trade and Logistics in CEE Moderator – Andrey Delchev, Executive Director of BPGA

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