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Introductory Speeches *Key note Speech*



Urban Rusnák became Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat in January 2012. Prior to his appointment with the Energy Charter Secretariat, Amb Rusnák worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and was the Leader of the Project for Slovakia's External Energy Security. Before that, he was Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine (2005-2009), Head of the MFA Political Analysis Division (2003-2005), Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Turkey (1994-1998) and MFA Desk Officer for South Caucasus, Central Asia, CIS and South East Europe. He also held the position of Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund in Bratislava (2000-2003) and Director of the Slovak Institute for International Studies (1999-2000).

Official Opening Introductory Remarks



Dušan Chrenek is Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia. He has broad experience within the Slovak diplomatic service and the European institutions. He had been working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (i.e. as Head of Office of the Chief Negotiator for EU accession) as well as in the team of the former High Commissioner for Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana. After joining the European Commission in 2007 he was Head of Unit for enlargement at the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development. Since January 2012 he leads the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia. He graduated in Diplomacy at the Oxford University and at Diplomatic School in Madrid. He also studied at the Institute of International Relations of the Comenius University in Bratislava and Slovak Technical University.



Alexander Duleba is Director of the Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA). He obtained the PhD degree in political science from the Institute for Political Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in 1998 and the Ass. Prof. (Doc.) degree from the Comenius University in Bratislava in 2009. Since September 1995 he started to work as a research fellow for the RC SFPA; in May 2000, he became its director and simultaneously head of the Center's Eastern Europe research program.



Pavol Pavlis has been the 1st State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic since 2012. After his studies at the Slovak Technical University (Slovak Institute of Technology) in Bratislava, Department of Engineering, he worked as a Researcher in the Research Institute of the Computer Technology, Head Specialist in SLUVIS, Foreign Trade Enter and CEO in Port Service Bratislava, Ltd.. In 2003 he became Member of the Supervisory Board of the National Property Fund of the Slovak Republic. Before joining the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic he was member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic.



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Pál Kovács serves as Minister of State for Climate and Energy Affairs at the Ministry of National Development since 2012. His career as an expert on nuclear energy started in 1988 when he joined the Paks Atomerőmű Corp. where he held a number of positions including department head, technical secretary to the technical deputy general director, the leader of the nuclear power plant project of the capacity development tender and technical secretary of the general director until 2004. Since 2004 until 2009 he also worked as a nuclear energy expert supporting international research and development projects at the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency. Between 2010 and 2012 he worked as Deputy State Secretary for Energy Affairs at the Ministry of National Development. He also has professional experience from the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Energy where he served as an expert on nuclear energy at the Energy Management and Regulation Head Department.



Tomasz Chłoń, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Slovak Republic is a career diplomat since 1987 (internship 1987-1989). Worked at the MFA Consular Department, the Polish Embassy in Helsinki, the Security Policy Department and the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to NATO. In 2004-2005, he was deputy director of the United Nations System Department. He served as Poland's Ambassador to Estonia in 2005-2010. Upon his return to the MFA, he was director of the United Nations and Human Rights Department. In 2011-2012, he was director of the Minister's Office in the MFA. He graduated from Hungarian Studies at Warsaw University and post-graduate studies at the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw University and the University of Maastricht. He was decorated with the Silver Cross of Merit and the Estonian Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana 1st class. He is author of many academic papers: and articles published in the Polish, Finnish and Estonian press. Member of the Euro-Atlantic Association.



Inge Bernaerts is Head of Unit Internal Market II: Wholesale markets, electricity & gas (B2), at the DG ENER of the European Commission. From 1996 to 2003, she was a member of the Brussels bar where she practiced European competition law with Stibbe Simont Monahan Duhot and then Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, two leading international law firms. In parallel she was teaching seminars on European law as Assistant to Professor Koen Lenaerts at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. In 2003, Inge Bernaerts joined the European Commission. She worked for 7 years in the Competition Directorate General. In 2010, Inge Bernaerts joined the Energy Directorate General. In July of that year she was appointed as Head of Unit for Internal Market II: Wholesale markets, electricity & gas and is in charge of the implementation of the internal energy market legislation in the EU. Inge Bernaerts has published and lectured extensively on a broad range of European law and policy issues, with a particular emphasis on market functioning and regulation of network industries.

Panel I. Regulation and Regional Integration *Chair*



Jan Klepáč became Executive Director of the Slovak Gas and Oil Association in June 2007. Previously he has worked for sixteen years in the company Oil and Gas Industry, which was a predecessor of SPP. In 1990 he interrupted this activity and began to act in Slovak politics, at first as vicepresident of the Slovak parliament for one legislative period, then as a general director in the Office of the President of the Slovak republic. He came back to his former profession in the year 2001, when he was appointed as member of the Board of the Regulation Office for Network Industries (RONI) and simultaneously a vicechairman of RONI responsible for gas industry.



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Panel I. Regulation and Regional Integration
Speakers, Discussant



Alberto Pototschnig is an economist and econometrician by training and currently the first Director of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, established pursuant to Regulation (EC) no. 713/2009. Before joining the Agency, he was a Partner in Mercados EMI, an international consultancy specialising in the energy sector, where he served as CEO and Deputy Chairman. He previously served as Director of Electricity Regulation in the Italian Energy Regulatory Authority (AEEG), as the first CEO of the Italian Electricity Market Operator and as adviser to the Italian Government. Since 2004, he has been an adviser at the Florence School of Regulation, where he regularly teaches on energy regulation.



Alena Vitásková graduated from the Brno University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering. A considerable part of her career she worked in managerial positions in the gas industry. As the most important can be mentioned her positions as CEO and Chairwoman of the Board in Severomoravská plynárenská, a. s., Chairwoman and CEO at RWE Transgas, a. s., and Chairwoman of Pražská teplotárenská, a. s. Throughout her career Mrs. Vitásková has supported various charitable projects and events of culture, sports and education. She was Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of Livia and Václav Klaus Foundation, and served on the Board of Trustees of the Prague Spring International Music Festival. She ranks among the prominent figures of the economic sphere of the Czech Republic. For her outstanding managerial skills and the use and development of modern methods of company management she won the title of the Manageress of Year 2002.



Jozef Holjenčík is Chairman of the Slovak Office for Regulation of Network Industries.



Attila Nyikos is Vice President for International Affairs at the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority. Between 2010 and July 2013 he was Head of International and Legal Department at National Directorate General for Disaster Management of the Hungarian Ministry of Interior. During Hungary's EU Presidency in 2011 he chaired the EU Civil Protection Committee PROCIV and was in charge of issues of mass evacuations from North Africa during the Arab Spring, the Fukushima nuclear disaster, explosion of the Vasilikos power station in Cyprus and three Council Conclusions including one on the protection of critical infrastructures. After the Hungarian red sludge disaster in 2010 he was appointed as legal supervisor of the aluminum producer and trader MAL Zrt. Between 1998 and 2002 he served as second secretary at UN Mission in Geneva. From 1994 to 1998 he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Department of International Law, as international lawyer.



Jozef Badida is an independent energy analyst cooperating with the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association. Jozef has been active in the gas industry since 2009 when he began working as an energy advisor for GDF Suez management active in Slovakia. He has also been responsible for the implementation of the ITO model within eustream, a.s. - Slovak gas TSO as a member of its Coordination Team. He was drawn to the energy sector thanks to cooperation with renowned professionals Ján Klepáč and Martha Roggenkamp during his European law studies at the University in Groningen. His experience in the field of European affairs was also expanded by participating in an internship at the European Commission. Jozef regularly contributes to various energy-oriented magazines, such as European Energy Review, SLOVGAS.



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Panel II. Central European Gas Corridor *Speakers*



Karel Hirman is Director of the Energy Policy Section at the Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency. During the last years he also served as Head of the Supervisory Board of the TEKO Košice (2010-2012), Head of the Supervisory Board of Transpetrol Bratislava (2010 -2012) as well as an External Advisory for Energy at the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovakia during the period 2010 – 2012. Previously he has worked in a number of companies at manager positions including Steelinvest, Ltd, SPP or Blast Ltd. He publishes regularly on issues related to energy.



Rafal Wittman, Director of the Development Division at the Gas Transmission Operator GAZ SYSTEM S. A. has been managing the strategic infrastructure development area since 2007, being responsible for all strategic investment planning and implementation in GAZ-SYSTEM, including international projects (the projects aiming at market integration, strengthening competition as well as enhancing the security of supply i. e.: Interconnections with Germany, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic and Lithuania). Responsible for preparation and implementation of 2014's investment program comprising the construction of 1000 km of new pipelines in Polish transmission system and preparation of new development plans until 2023. Before joining GAZ-SYSTEM S. A. in 2005 he had been employed in Gazoprojekt engineering company and responsible for international gas pipelines projects. Starting from 2013, Rafał has become the Board Member of ENTSOG (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas).



Réka Szemerényi was nominated Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister of Hungary in 2011, she covers security policy, energy security and cybersecurity issues. Prior to this position, between 2006 and 2011, she was Chief International Public Relations Advisor to the Chairman of the Board of MOL Group, the Hungarian Oil and Gas Company. Réka Szemerényi held various governmental posts previously: between 1998 and 2002, she was State Secretary for Foreign Policy and National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Hungary, from 1991 to 1994, she was Senior Advisor to the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Hungary. In her academic and research work, she was university lecturer at Pázmány and Károli Universities in Budapest, as well as at the ASERI Centre of International Relations, Catholic University of Milan, Italy. She was foreign policy op-ed author of the Hungarian weekly magazine *HetiVálasz*. She is author of several publications in international relations, security policy and energy security.



Milan Sedláček joined the gas sector in 1994. Since then he worked in various positions in gas transmission part of company SPP. After unbundling of the company he has worked for the transmission system operator eustream, heading contracting, business development and regulatory issues on national and European level. Currently he is a Head of regulatory affairs and business concept development at eustream. During his career within Slovak gas industry he was responsible for a number of projects dealing with gas transmission capacity sales and energy legislation development. He is coordinating the activities of eustream in ENTSOG and representing eustream in IGU and other bodies.



György Harmati is Deputy Chief Executive for Strategy at the Hungarian MVM.



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Panel II. Central European Gas Corridor *Speakers*



Thomas Kleefuss became Managing Director and CEO of NET4GAS s.r.o., the transmission operator in the Czech Republic in 2006. He has more than 20 years of experience in the oil & gas industry, where he has been working in various positions in finance and commercial oil and gas trading. Mr. Kleefuss started his career with DEMINEX GmbH in Essen in 1990 as controller. In 1996 he was assigned to Egypt for RWE Dea's Egyptian upstream operations as finance manager in Cairo. RWE Dea in Egypt acts as joint venture operator and holds interests in various oil and gas concessions. Thereafter in 2000 he became head of the oil & gas marketing department of RWE Dea AG in Hamburg, where he was responsible for marketing and trading of RWE Dea's domestic and international oil & gas reserves. Between 2004 and 2006 he has held the position as Head of Gas Purchasing West in RWE Energy AG, and was responsible for the group's gas purchases from Norway and the Netherlands for RWE's continental market.



Piotr Kus is Director of the Brussels Office of GAZ-SYSTEM (Polish Natural Gas TSO), where he is responsible for managing the Company's EU affairs, relations with the EU institutions and liaising with industry organizations and trade associations based in Brussels. He is also involved in the GAZ-SYSTEM's international activities and projects. Before joining GAZ-SYSTEM in 2008, Mr. Kus worked for Polish Oil and Gas Company (PGNiG S.A.). Being an employee of the Representative Office in Brussels he was dealing with EU policy issues. Mr. Kus started his professional career in the financial sector. He was employed in one of the large Polish commercial banks, where he was working on projects in various areas such as corporate finance, corporate loans and risk management.

Panel III. Market – Coupling of Electricity Markets *Speakers*



Jaroslav Kubinec is Executive director for trade at Slovenská elektrizačná prenosová sústava, a. s. Mr. Kubinec graduated in 1991 from the Technical University in Košice with a degree in Electricity generation and electric power transmission. In 1993, he joined Slovenský energetický podnik ("SEP"), later transformed into the Slovenské elektrárne, š. p., and after the process of unbundling joined Slovenská elektrizačná prenosová sústava, a. s. - Slovak TSO. His professional career started at the National Energy Dispatch Centre where he was responsible for network calculation and planning and crossborder capacity allocation. Since 2004 he has been working at Trade Section of SEPS. First he was on behalf of Slovak side the leader of the Project SK CZ Market Coupling and then, after the project was extended of the trading zone of HU, he was on behalf of SEPS also nominated its leader. He was also responsible for preparatory works leading to the setting-up of the OKTE – Slovak market operator.



Kaja Hollstein is Vice Convenor of ENTSO-E's Market Integration Working Group (MIWG). This group is responsible for the development of market concepts on a European basis. Currently, its activities are focused on the development of market related Network Codes as required by European legislation, in particular the Network Codes on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management and on Forward Capacity Allocation. Furthermore, the group coordinates the early implementation works resulting from these Network Codes. Before entering the TSO business, where she held different positions working on market design, strategic and regulatory issues, she worked in the trading department of German utility MVV Energie. She studied international economics in Maastricht (NL) and Berlin (DE).



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Panel III. Market – Coupling of Electricity Markets
Speakers, Discussant



Michal Cabala, Chairman of the Board and Director of OKTE, a. s., graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology in Bratislava, specialization of electricity production, transmission, distribution and utilization. He completed the postgraduate studies in 2010. Almost his entire professional career he has been closely linked to the transmission system operator, where he served since 2002 in various positions related to the strategy and development of the transmission/power system as well as the system management and SEPS market services. In the period from 2009 to 2010 he was Director of energy field of the Regulatory Board of the Office for Network Industries Regulation. Currently he is Chairman of the Board and Director of OKTE, a. s.



Igor Chemišinec graduated from Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, in 2002. In 2005 he completed his Ph.D. studies (Electric Power Engineering) at the same faculty. In 2010 he obtained MBA degree in Prague, Czech Management Institute (CMI-ESMA). In 2000–2005 he worked in ČEZ, a.s., in the field of preparation of sources operation and optimization of sources portfolio. On 1 September 2005 he joined OTE, a.s., first in the operations support department, and from 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2011 in the position of Senior Manager for supply and demand balancing strategy. On 1 June 2011 Mr. Chemišinec was appointed as member of the Board of Directors.



Zsolt Bertalan is CEO of HUPX Hungarian Power Exchange. He had worked in the TSO business for twelve years in national and also international environment. He is also Founding President of Smart Future Innovation Cluster an industry initiative to promote smart grid projects. He is an invited lecturer at Budapest University of Technology and Economics. He obtained an MSc degree in Electrical Engineering, specialized in power systems, from the Technical University of Budapest. He also holds a BA degree in Economics from the College of Finance and Accountancy and a MBA degree from Budapest University of Technology and Economics. He began his career in 1997 as Engineer for MVM, a Hungarian state owned electricity company and served in the electricity transmission for over 15 years.



Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk is Head of the Energy project at the Polish Institute of International Affairs. She has a PhD in Economics and MA in Administration. Her research interests concentrate on the EU's energy policy, with particular emphasis on the internal market, as well as the EU's climate change policy. She is also the author of *The Significance of Energy Policy in the European Integration Process* (2011). As a former employee of the Energy Regulatory Office she dealt with the issues of domestic energy sector and regional electricity markets.



Michal Hudec is a co-founder and CEO of the company energy analytics, s.r.o. He attends above all to natural gas and electricity. He is also member of the Board of Directors of company energy online, a.s. and co-founder of a specialist portal energia.sk, which he was a publisher of since its establishment in July 2010 until the end of 2012. From September 2011 he acts as the NCP - national contact point for research and development projects of the FP7 in the topic of „energy“. He is a member of the Supervisory Board of a research and development oriented technological company GA Drilling, a.s. At the beginning of 2012 he completed the selection expert “International Visitor Leadership Program” in the USA on the topic of “U.S. Foreign Policy and Energy Security”. He successfully graduated at the university, completed a scholarship program abroad and performed at several Slovak and international energy forums.



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Dinner Session I. New Energy Policy of the Slovak Republic



Maroš Kondrôt is Deputy of the National Council of the Slovak Republic. He is also a member of the Committee on Economy, Construction and Transport and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs.



Ján Petrovič he has been working at the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic in several positions since 1993. In 2004 he became Director of Energy Policy Department. Since September 2007 he has been undertaking the function of General Director of Section of Energy. In his position he is responsible for creation of state energy and raw materials policy, energy and mining legislation, international relations. Previously he was a Member of the Board of Želba, j.s.c., Spišská Nová Ves and Member of Supervisory Boards of Východoslovenské energetické závody, s.e., in Košice, Transpetrol, j.s.c., in Bratislava and Zvolenská teplárenská, j.s.c., in Zvolen. He is a Member of Supervisory Board of OKTE, j.s.c., in Bratislava.



Peter Marčan is Chairman of the Energy Security Institute since its founding in 2009. In the Institute he is responsible for regulatory issues and energy policy. Prior to founding of ESI, Peter started to get in contact with energy issues in 2001 as a reporter of the press agency SITA, later on he was responsible for energy sector also in the business weekly TREND. Nowadays he is using his expertise also in the consultancy company neuropea.

Dinner Session II. LNG Supply from the United States to Europe



Robert Zajdler practices as a legal advisor and runs his own firm which provides services for the energy sector (Zajdler Energy Lawyers). He is an associate professor at the Warsaw University of Technology. He is an expert in energy issues at the Sobieski Institute (think tank). While working for the State Treasury Solicitors' Office he represented Poland as a co-counsel in arbitration proceedings, including those carried on under the Energy Charter Treaty and FIDIC. While working for the Office of the Committee for European Integration he was involved in the negotiations on Poland's accession to the European Union and approximation of the Polish law with the UE requirements. He also worked for the European Commission. He has authored many publications on energy issues.



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Llewellyn King already had a distinguished career in journalism when he founded The Energy Daily in Washington, D. C., 40 years ago. He covered Southern Africa for a variety of British and American publications, including The Daily Express and Time magazine. In London, King was an Executive at The Sunday Mirror and a news writer at the BBC. In New York, he worked for The Herald Tribune; in Washington, D. C., he was an assistant editor of The Washington Post. Currently King is the executive producer and host of "White HouseChronicle," a weekly news and public affairs program, airing nationwide on PBS and SiriusXM Satellite Radio's POTUS (Politics of the United States)Channel 124, and worldwide on Voice of America Television. He is also a columnist for the Hearst-New York Times Syndicate and a commentator on SiriusXM Satellite Radio.



Michael Gonchar is Director of Energy Programs of the NOMOS Centre (Sevastopol) since 2006 and also President of the Centre for Global Studies Strategy XXI (Kyiv) since 2008. He holds a higher engineering degree and graduated in 1986. From 1994 to 2000 Mr. Gonchar worked in the system of National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine as a Senior Fellow of National Institute for Strategic Studies, Consultant to the Secretary of National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. From 2001 to 2006 he worked in the system of National Oil and Gas Joint Stock Company "Naftogaz Ukraine" as Adviser, Head of Strategy Department, Deputy Chairman of the Board of JSC UkrTransNafta. He is an author of a number books and articles on energy and security issues in Ukraine and abroad.

Dinner Session III. World Energy Outlook 2013



Ingrid Brocková took up her duties as Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OECD on 18 October 2011. From 1989 to 1991, Ms. Brocková was a Financial Officer with ZSNP a.s. In 1993, she entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving as Deputy Director of the Department of International Economic Cooperation. Then, in 1996, she was posted the Embassy of the Slovak Republic to the United States where she served as Economic Officer. In 2000, she returned to Bratislava and was appointed Deputy Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Subsequently, in 2001, she was named Director of the Department. From 2001 to 2008, she served as Country Manager at the World Bank office in Bratislava. Prior to her nomination as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OECD, Ambassador Brocková was Director of the Department of E.U. Policy at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Paweł Olejarnik as a senior energy analyst is one of the key contributors to the eight latest volumes of the International Energy Agency's (IEA) flagship publication - World Energy Outlook - which is internationally renowned as an authoritative source of energy analysis and projections. Paweł Olejarnik has a background in international economics and business from the American University of Paris.



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Opening Remarks



Pavol Sýkorčín belongs to well-experienced Slovak diplomats. During his career at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, he was Director of the Investment and Service Department, Director of the Office of the Secretary General or Director General for Economy and General Administration. Moreover, Pavol represented Slovakia as Head of the Administration and Economy Section at the Embassy in Moscow and Consul General in Shanghai. He graduated at the Slovak Technical University, Bratislava, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Institute of International Relations, School of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava.

Panel IV. Nuclear Energy in Central Europe *Speakers*



Břetislav Dančák is Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University in Brno and Associate professor at the Department of International Relations and European Studies, FSS MU. His research and teaching activities focuses on energy security and international relations, with emphasis on the Central European countries in the context of the Trans-Atlantic energy security debate. He is a guarantor and leading person of the MA study program Energy Security Studies, launched at FSS MU few years ago.



Hergen Hays is Head of New Nuclear, Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Since joining the then Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in 2001 Hergen has led on a number of key governmental projects including Competition policy, Consumer Credit policy and European Energy Policy where he led on behalf of the UK the Government's response on the completion of the single market reform. In 2007 he led one of the largest Government consultations on the future of nuclear power in the UK and in February 2008 he was appointed Director of Distributed Energy & Heat Policy, ensuring the development of a coherent UK micro generation and distributed Energy policy. In 2010 Hergen took up the role of Head of New Nuclear within DECC where he is responsible to enable companies to build and operate new nuclear power stations in the UK from the earliest possible date and to enable new nuclear to make the fullest contribution towards the UK's emission reduction target and energy security. This will include ensuring the UK electricity market reform plans are suitably structured to bring forward new nuclear alongside other low carbon generation investment and to ensure maximum UK economic benefit from new nuclear infrastructure projects.



Václav Bartuška is Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security for the Czech Republic.



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Paolo Ruzzini holds the position of the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Slovakia's largest electricity producer Slovenske elektrárne, a joint stock company, subsidiary of Italy based energy utility Enel SpA, and is also in charge of Enel's operations in the Central Europe. Following the purchase of 66% stake in Slovenske elektrárne by Enel in 2006, he transformed a former state owned company into one of the most successful enterprises on the market and started the largest private investment in the history of Slovakia, the completion of Units 3 and 4 of the Mochovce Nuclear Power Plant. He joined Enel in 2003 as a Director of Organization and Human Resources and was a member of the Board of Directors of Enel Distribuzione SpA and Enel Produzione SpA. Before joining Enel, he held various executive positions in the Olivetti Group and in its foreign subsidiaries. He was also the Solutions Managing Director for Wang Laboratories Italy and CEO of Getronics Solutions Italia SpA. Mr. Ruzzini holds a degree in Electronic Engineering from Politecnico di Milano.



Denisa Volekova graduated from the Faculty of Management at University Comenius in Bratislava. She worked for a number of companies including WOOD & Company and The Boston Consulting Group, as well as Czech leading power company ČEZ, where she focused on the development and execution of the investment opportunities in the nuclear and green energy projects. She became the Head of Rusatom Overseas Branch in Slovakia in November 2011.



Pavel Janík was appointed by Westinghouse Electric Company as managing director for Czech Republic in June 2013. Mr. Janík will head Westinghouse operations in the Czech Republic and he also became President of WCR within the newly-created position. He will be responsible for stakeholder relations. Additionally, he will be engaged in all commercial negotiations, including the tender for the Temelín 3 and 4 Project. Mr. Janík most recently served as chairman of the board for ČEZ Bohunice. Previously he was a project manager at Mergers and Acquisitions, for ČEZ. Prior to joining ČEZ in 2007, he served in a variety of commercial and project management and technical positions with ŠKODA PRAHA and ŠKODA POWER. Mr. Janík will report directly to Yves Brachet, president, Europe, Middle East and Africa Region.

Panel V. Emerging Energy Security Challenges and Europe *Speakers*



András Deák is an Associate Fellow on Energy Security at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. He received his Diploma (MA) and his Doctorate (Ph.D.) in International Relations, in 1997 and 2003 respectively, both from the University of Economic Sciences, Hungary. His special field of interest is the Political economy of Post Soviet energy with a particular focus to Russia and Ukraine. His activities include foreign and energy policy analysis, political and corporate consultancy on Hungarian or CEE – Russian energy relations, teaching (1-2 courses at the Corvinus University) and also some civil activities in energy conservation.



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Panel V. Emerging Energy Security Challenges and Europe *Speakers*



Urszula Paltasz is senior policy advisor in the Strategic Planning Division of the EEAS. Previously she worked at the Polish Permanent Representation to the European Union. In 2002-2008 she was head of division "Institutional EU affairs" at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Warsaw. She joined the Ministry in 1991 and until 2002 had been working in various positions on the whole range of Polish-German relations.



András Szörényi is Senior Advisor on energy issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary. He is responsible for analyzing the prospects of energy security and elaborating on the energy diplomacy that responds adequately to the emerging challenges of today's rapidly changing environment. He is a career diplomat. Previously he served in different capacities at the Embassy of Hungary in Washington, D.C. between 2009-2013 and at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU in Brussels when Hungary joined the European Union in 2004. Earlier in Hungary he served as chief of staff for the Secretary of State for European Affairs in the MFA. He regularly attends postgraduate courses at among others the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (Austria) or the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany). Mr. Szörényi is currently working on his Ph.D. thesis analyzing the role of non-state actors in international relations. He is author of several articles and book chapters on foreign affairs and European issues in English, French and Hungarian.



Frank Umbach is Associate Director of the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), Department of War Studies, King's College London; Senior Associate and Head of the Programme "International Energy Security" at the Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS) GmbH, Munich-Berlin & Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington D.C. He's an expert on energy, foreign and security policies (incl. cyber security of critical infrastructures) with a regional expertise of Russia, the Caspian Region, Asia-Pacific (i.e. China and Japan) and Europe/Transatlantic. He studied Political Science, East European History and European/International Law at the Universities of Marburg and Bonn. Author of more than 350 publications in 25 countries; as a contract author, he publishes regularly for the "Geopolitical Information Service" since 2011.



Iana Dreyer is a political economist specialising in trade and energy policies with exposure to long-term foresighting. She has published extensively on European trade and energy strategies towards its neighbours, Russia and Asia for think tanks and specialised media in Brussels, London and Paris. At the EUISS she works mostly on the interrelationships between developments in global energy markets and energy policies in Europe and beyond.



Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz is Head of the Research Office at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), formerly he coordinated the Eastern and South Eastern Europe Programme. He is also adjunct professor at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Warsaw. Main area of his research includes energy security, international relations on the Post-Soviet space as well as contemporary Russia. He studied at the Universities in Warsaw, Moscow and Strasbourg.



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**Panel VI. EU Energy and Climate Policy after 2020:
Trends in Energy Prices and Competiveness of EU Companies**



Filip Černoš obtained the Ph.D. title at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University, with his work Energy Interests of the Czech Republic and EU Energy Policy. He worked as a researcher at the International Institute of Political Science of MU and as a redactor of the economy weekly Profit. He is currently engaged at the Department of International Relations and European Studies at the FSS MU, where he coordinates the activities of the analysts focused on the issue of energy policy.



Livia Vasakova studied economics and European Studies and has a professional experience of over 10 years in EU institutions, including 8 years in the Directorate General for Energy at the European Commission. She prepared several analyses that underpin main Commission's documents in the area of internal energy market, renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy infrastructure and long term energy strategies. She works currently as an Economic Advisor in the European Commission representation in Slovakia following a wide range of economic and social issues.



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