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EU4Energy Governance: South Caucasus High-Level Policy Talks

Venue: Courtyard Marriott, 4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi

Date: 25 May 2018

Registration and welcome coffee	09:30 – 10:00
Press Briefing	10:00 – 10:30

Session 1: How to create the South Caucasus regional market?

Welcome remarks	10:30 – 12:00	Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili <i>First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</i>
Challenges and perspectives of the regional market		Mr. Janos Herman <i>Ambassador of the EU to Georgia (tbc)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory and technical cooperation among national power markets Envisaged reforms of energy undertakings in the region Political & economic sensitivities of the energy market reform Regulatory challenges & future prospects 		Mr. Janez Kopač <i>Director, Energy Community Secretariat</i>
		Ms. Elizabeth Rood, <i>Chargé D 'Affaires, US Embassy in Georgia (tbc)</i>
		Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan <i>Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of Armenia</i>
		Mr. Alparslan Bayraktar <i>Deputy Under Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey (tbc)</i>
		Mr. Samir Veliyev <i>Deputy Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan (tbc)</i>

12:00 – 12:15 Coffee break

*A robust legislative and regulatory framework is vital for the development of a sustainable energy sector. The EU4Energy governance project, part of the EU4Energy Initiative of the European Union, works with the six Eastern Partner countries to strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks, to draft policy recommendations, and to help identify investment opportunities in key strategic energy infrastructure projects.



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Session 2: How to take full advantage of existing infrastructure to boost regional trade and what is missing?

Panel Discussion to be Chaired by the USAID

12:15 – 13:00

Mr. David Tvalabeishvili
General Director, GOGC

Challenges and perspectives of the Regional Infrastructure projects

Mr. Sulkhan Zumburidze,
Chairman of Management Board,
GSE

- Security & diversification of energy supplies
- Prospective cross-border cooperation
- New infrastructure developments
- Efficient cross-border capacity utilisation enhancing financial gain for energy trade

Mr. Mnatsakan Mnatsakanyan
General Director, Operator of Power
System (tbc)

Mr. Etibar Sinabaddin Pirverdiyev
President, Azərenerji (tbc)

Mr. Serhat Metin
Transmission Planning Manager
Turkish Electricity Transmission
Company (TEIAS) (tbc)

Ms. Karina Tsurkan
Member of the Management Board
Head of Trading Unit Inter Rao (tbc)

Panel discussion

13:00 – 13:30

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

Session 3: Is South Caucasus so much different?

Experiences of financial institutions in financing energy infrastructure projects

14:30 – 15:15

Mr. Hans Rieck
Director Sector Coordination South
Caucasus Energy-Transport, KfW
(tbc)

Mr. David Managadze
Principal Banker, EBRD
(tbc)

Mr. Joseph Melitauri
Senior Operations Officer, World Bank

Ms. Yesim Elhan-Kayalar
Country Director Georgia
Asian Development Bank (tbc)

Panel discussion

15:15 – 15:30

Closing remarks

15:30 – 15:45

16:00 Networking Cocktail

*The EU4Energy Initiative covers all EU support to improve energy supply, security and connectivity, as well as to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewables in the Eastern Partner countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It does this by financing projects and programmes that help to reform energy markets and to reduce national energy dependence and consumption. Over the longer term, this makes energy supply more reliable, transparent and affordable, thus reducing energy poverty and energy bills for both citizens and the private sector.