

THE ENERGY COMMUNITY GAS DISTRIBUTION CONFERENCE

DRAFT AGENDA

25 September, 2008
Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Zagreb

Opening of the Conference

Chair: European Commission, Directorate General for Energy and Transport

08:45 -09:15 Welcome statements *by the Chair and the Presidency in Office of the Energy Community*
Keynote speech *on behalf of the government of Croatia*

09:15 –09:30 Distribution and the role of regulation
Mr. Slave Ivanovsky, ECRB Chairman

09:30 –09:45 The Energy Community Legal Framework
Mr. Slavtcho Neykov, Director of Energy Community Secretariat

Session 1 – Gas distribution: market perspectives, financial opportunities and regulatory challenges

09:45 -10:30 Expanding gas distribution in South Eastern Europe: an over view of plans, policies, regulation and market perspectives
Mr. Alfred Schuch and Mr. Sergio Ascari, Energy Community Secretariat

10:30 -11:00 Gas distribution in the Energy Community: Sources, costs, market demand and competitors
Mr. Stephen Wilson, Economic Consulting Associates

11:00 -11:30	The EU regulatory framework for gas distribution <i>European Commission, D.G. Energy and Transport</i>
11.30—12:00	Financing the development of gas distribution: resources and requirements <i>Mr. Frank Gerner, The World Bank</i>
12:00 –12:30	Discussions
12:30 –13:30	Lunch

Session 2 – Gasification experiences in the Energy Community and around

13.30 -16:45	Market and regulatory challenges in expanding gas distribution. Reporting experiences from the Energy Community and neighboring countries.
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Croatia – Gradska Plinara Zagreb Gas Distribution Company

Serbia – Srbijagas

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo Gas

FYR of Macedonia – Kumanovo Gas

Italy – Federutility

France – Gaz de France

Greece – Regulatory Authority for Energy

Turkey – Energy Market Regulatory Authority

Romania – Distrigas Sud

Discussion

16:45 -17:15	Social and energy efficiency aspects of gas distribution <i>USAID</i>
17:15 -17:30	Conclusions: Regulatory challenges of gas distribution <i>Mr. Michael Thomadakis, ECRB Gas Working Group Chairman</i>