



21st Energy Community Gas Forum Programme Overview

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof,
Herrengasse 10, 1010 Vienna
Chaired by the European Commission
9:00 -17:30, 22 September 2026

09:00-09:30 registration

09:30 Opening

- **Welcome-** DG ENER, European Commission
- **Keynote Speech** - Artur Lorkowski | Director, Energy Community Secretariat
- **Setting the scene:** long-term outlook for the European gas network- Piotr Kus | General Manager, ENTSOG

10:15 Session I – Europe's gas reset: navigating the Middle East crisis and the end of Russian gas

- **Middle East crisis and LNG supply implications** – Natasha Fielding | Argus Media
- **REPowerEU policy update** – Andras Hujber | European Commission
- **Southeast Europe gas markets after Russian gas phase out** – Borbala Toth | REKK

Moderator: Energy Community Secretariat

11:30 Networking Coffee

12:00 Session II – Delivering the next stage of gas market integration: the way forward

- **Implementing network codes across the EU border** – Gergely Szabó | MEKH
- **Energy Community network code application: state of play** – Gojko Vukoje | Transportgas Srbija



- **Closing the remaining gaps** — Tetiana Kryvonoh | Energy Community Regulatory Board
Ivana Spasic | Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia

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13:15 Networking lunch

14:30 Session III – Trans-Balkan Pipeline: ushering in a new era for cross-border gas trade

- **The Trans-Balkan Pipeline ready for commercial cross-border operations** — Klaus-Dieter Borchardt | CESEC Coordinator
- **Panel debate:** stakeholders along the Trans-Balkan Pipeline:
Natalya Boyko | GTSOU; Slav Nikolov | ICGB; Michael Thomadakis | DESFA

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15:45 Invited talk: TAP as a European strategic interconnector

- Maria Savova, TAP

16:00 Networking coffee

16:30 Methane emissions in the energy sector: findings and mitigation ways

- **Energy Community Methane emissions Report** - Karolina Cegir | Energy Community Secretariat
- **Panel contributions:** Approaches and actions to mitigate methane emissions
Oleh Dudkin | Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine; Lisa Nicole Solomchuk | UNEP; Kristin Engen | OGDC; MiQ (tbc)

Moderator: GIE

17:30 Conclusions

18:00 Cocktail Reception