**EU4Energy Governance:**

**South Caucasus High-Level Policy Talks**

Venue: Courtyard Marriott, 4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi  
Date: 25 May 2018

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

**Welcome remarks**  
10:30 – 12:00  
Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili  
First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

**Challenges and perspectives of the regional market**  
- 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

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| 10:30 – 12:00 | Mr. Janos Herman  
Ambassador of the EU to Georgia (tbc) |
|             | Mr. Janez Kopač  
Director, Energy Community Secretariat |
|             | Ms. Elizabeth Rood,  
Chargé d’Affaires, US Embassy in Georgia (tbc) |
|             | Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan  
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of Armenia |
|             | Mr. Alparslan Bayraktar  
Deputy Under Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey (tbc) |
|             | Mr. Samir Veliyev  
Deputy Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan (tbc) |

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.*
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

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<th>Challenges and perspectives of the Regional Infrastructure projects</th>
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| Mr. David Tvalabeishvili  
General Director, GOGC | Mr. Sulkhan Zumburidze,  
Chairman of Management Board, GSE |
| 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) |

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

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

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| 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.