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Stimate Domnule Preşedinte,

Institutul Aspen România şi Adevărul Holding organizează în zilele de 23 şi 24 mai 2013, între orele 08:30 şi 15:30, Bucharest Forum Energy - Construcţia energetică regională: politici sustenabile şi profitabile, cu sprijinul Maldon & Wat şi al Consiliului Naţional de Dezvoltare.

Bucharest Forum Energy îşi propune să creeze o platformă trans-regională de dezbatere pe termen lung a opţiunilor de politici publice şi a strategiilor din domeniul energiei, pentru ţările dintre Marea Caspică, Marea Adriatică şi Marea Neagră. Totodată, se doreşte abordarea într-un mod integrat, non-partizan şi inclusiv a unor aspecte critice legate de mix-ul energetic, interconectări trans-regionale, investiţii în infrastructură etc.

Acest eveniment va reuni actori relevanţi la nivel european şi regional (atât din sfera publică cât şi din cea privată), din Balcani dar şi din ţările învecinate Mării Negre şi Mării Caspice. Aceştia vor include experţi din domeniul energiei, autorităţi de reglementare naţionale şi europene, reprezentanţi ai guvernului, corporaţii şi companii relevante din domeniu, mari consumatori, furnizori, firme de investiţii, beneficiari, furnizori şi producători de echipamente, media europeană de specialitate, reprezentanţi ai Comisiei Europene şi ai Parlamentului European. Printre vorbitorii care au confirmat prezenţa se numără Daniel Stein, Senior Advisor on Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State, Julian Popov, Ministrul bulgar al Mediului şi Apelor, Tudor Constantinescu, consilier principal la Comisia Europeană, Edward Chow, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

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Având în vedere importanţa sectorului energetic şi rolul pe care Parlamentul României îl are în stabilirea politicilor şi a cadrului de referinţă pentru dezvoltarea sectorului energiei în România, dorim să organizăm acest eveniment la Palatul Parlamentului. Vă rugăm să oferiţi sprijinul Dumneavoastră pentru realizarea celui mai important eveniment în domeniul politicilor energetice care va avea loc în 2013, în România.

Buna colaborare şi succesul Forumului Economic Bucureşti din noiembrie 2012, care a beneficiat de Înaltul Dumneavoastră Patronaj şi sprijinul Parlamentului României, ne întăresc încă o dată convingerea că Parlamentul României şi Camera Deputaţilor sunt partenerii în măsură să găzduiască un eveniment de acest prestigiu.

În acest spirit, vă rugăm să ne puneţi la dispoziţie cu titlu gratuit în zilele de 23 şi 24 mai o sală cu o capacitate de 200 persoane pentru şedinţele plenare şi două săli cu capacitate de 60-100 persoane pentru atelierele în paralel. De asemenea, am fi onoraţi dacă aţi accepta să susţineţi un discurs în deschiderea evenimentului.

Cu aleasă consideraţie,

Andrei Ţărnea
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Bucharest Forum Energy

Navigating Changing Currents

New Energy Policies and Business Trends in the Black Sea - Caspian region

May 23-24, 2013

The key objective of the Forum is to create clarity of perspective for both policymakers and investors. We expect that this would facilitate, nationally and across the region, a more integrated approach to the energy sector. Achieving this requires a common perspective on available data, policy and technical options, but also out of the box thinking when it comes to cross border cooperation and regional solutions to technical and market challenges and opportunities.
A mix of plenary and working group sessions is proposed. This will allow both a high level overview of private and public sector perspectives and a series of in-depth discussions designed to further the inclusion of technical and cross-sectorial and cross-national expertise.

Day One – Thursday May 23

OFFICIAL OPENING

SESSION I: The Rationale for a Black Sea Energy Agenda - *Plenary session*

The narrow triangle between the Adriatic, the Caspian and the Back Sea is in many ways a key to the future of trade and economic security for Europe when it comes to its South East. For ***Bucharest Forum,*** *this area, as well as the connection it creates between Europe, Central Asia and the Levant, is the central object of attention. In this logic, the Black Sea is the very hinge of the economic and political forces that shape the dynamics of the three seas triangle. From hard-core security issues to East -West relations and economic competition versus cooperation, all types of challenges converge here. When it comes to energy, again the Black Sea is a gateway, a solution provider but also a source of contentions and tough competition. An almost closed sea reputed for the fierce storms that haunt it (in particular during winter) and that appear very quickly and apparently from nowhere. Navigating its waters is the purpose if this opening panel of* ***BF Energy****. We will raise questions regarding the future of energy exploration, trade, investment and cooperation at the Black Sea. Some of the items on the agenda of the panelists are:*

- *Exploration of Black Sea offshore energy resources; state of play and future development expectations; investment needs and opportunities; energy cooperation, business opportunities; environmental concerns*
- *Certificates and standards*
- *The Lugar Report on "Energy and Security from the Caspian to Europe"*
- *The Black Sea as an energy transport and trade route: South Stream, Nabucco etc.*
- *Energy markets around the Black Sea and plotting a course for a cooperative energy agenda*

SESSION II: The Known Unknowns: New Classics - *Working session*

Despite the downturn in the economic growth rates in the region and in particular in the EU, energy appears to be a long term and stable growth sector. There are many good reasons for this. From renewable sources and energy efficiency to fossil fuels, all sectors see investment and a rethinking of operational paradigms. Trade and investment patterns but also interlocking economic development, profitability and energy independence or energy security issues play a significant role. One area that has seen a very dynamic interest from investors, governments and regulators concerns the new classics. Shale, third and fourth stage gas and oil fields exploration are hot items for energy investors and energy technology companies. Among the proposed topics for discussion:

- *Shale gas exploration and use*
- *Technology and technological challenges; Environmental concerns*
- *Models for regulatory framework for various phases*
- *Investment requirements and opportunities*
- *The role of the new classics in the energy mix of Romania and the region*
- *Pricing policies and impact on energy security and trade*

SESSION III: Mutual Benefits: Trans-regional Opportunities - *Working session*

The key to a cooperative energy agenda in South Eastern Europe is inevitably linked to trans-regional opportunities. These include a whole spectrum of undertakings, from cross-border electricity and gas interconnections that make a trans-European market for energy practical, if not necessarily easy, to long distance gas and oil pipelines and port and river terminals. Discussions will cover not only physical infrastructures but also legal and institutional ones. All these face economic, political and governance challenges. Besides a common vision, or at least a set of shared perspectives, there is the practical need for bilateral and multilateral agreements, joint projects and the competition and the jostling for rich but limited resources (both in terms of energy and investment capabilities) remain acute. We will cover some of the critical issues:

- *Interconnections - pipelines; long-term contracts; governmental agreements; compensations; stock exchanges; European directives regarding interconnections and energy cooperation*

- *State of play of energy cooperation in the region*
- *Energy transport agreements between states*
- *Intra-European compensation mechanisms*
- *EU energy security policy*

SESSION IV: Green Economy, Energy Efficiency - *Plenary session*

Closing the first day, we will look at what are the main driving forces for competitiveness in the future European economy. Energy price and security of supply are certainly part of it, but equally so are the elements related to the EU framework for a green economy and emerging green energy technologies and solutions. The 20/20/20 targets the energy efficiency directive, as well as the entire green economy package of EU policies, which need to be considered together. Besides, there are challenges related to implementing costly schemes and using new technologies that have an impact on both managing greenhouse emissions and cost via energy efficiency and clean energy solutions. We are not only talking about energy generation but the entire ecosystem. For Europe and Romania, this offers a new technological revolution on a par with the impact of the digital economy. All these, however, have a price tag for companies, the government and the end user. Making the right policy choices in the framework of EU policies is not always easy. When, on top of everything, the Romanian economy needs to balance the reindustrialization and retooling of its economy and its workforce for a digital and globalized context, it is clear that decisions are becoming critical and their effect lasting.

- *Renewables, lessons learned and what next*
- *European directives – Romania's energy efficiency gap*
- *Energy efficiency dimensions: technology, public policy*
- *Green economy – investments in technology by businesses, competitiveness, cost, impact on employment*
- *Smart grid and the electricity sector's contribution to a green economy*
- *Public authorities – transport, thermal insulation*

Day two – Friday May 24

SESSION V: More than Energy: a Continuum of Natural Resources - *Plenary session*

Energy is maybe the highest growth game in town but it is not the only one. Also, it is intimately linked to other natural resources that are or may be explored and exploited. The question of managing a resources mix becomes a very special area of policy making. This panel looks at some of the interactions and aims at exploring existing and future opportunities in the field. Energy is a factor in natural resources exploitation but it also offers synergies in investment, infrastructure development, etc.

- *Coal – is it still worth it? What's the future?*
- *Smart exploitation*

- *Industrialization*
- *Water*
- *Uranium*
- *What about the other resources?*

SESSION VI: How to Build the Ideal Legal and Regulatory Framework for Energy: Local Market Trends and Expectations - *Working session*

Public and private players in this sector are constantly balancing EU, regional and national frameworks for energy sector development and investment. Making the right choices creates opportunities for investment and, in the context of Romania, it could facilitate its role of regional energy gateway or hub. We will consider existing and new regulation and trends; the need for a new environment and economic legislation package for all types of exploration and extraction; royalties; state property regimes; market liberalization.

SESSION VII: Financing Energy - *Working session*

This session is dedicated to the conditions and challenges to putting money behind ideas. Banking institutions IFO, national budgets and the EU as well as private and public corporations all have billions of euros scheduled for investment in this sector and in Romania's region. What will make those businesses really profitable for both investors and developers, as well as the countries in the region, is a complex question. This panel is dedicated to addressing this question via the voice of those making investment decisions from corporate leaders in the energy but also banking sector, European Commission and EBRD, EIB representatives, to ministry officials.

- *Corporate investment in the electricity and oil and gas sector*
- *Public investment in the energy sector; Financing efficient transformation of the transport sector*
- *Investment in transportation rehabilitation*
- *Developing the electricity grid*
- *Large scale investment in energy infrastructure*
- *Local schemes for energy efficiency*
- *Certificates and the role of*
- *Competition and regulatory issues*
- *Legal and institutional stability for large scale investment*

SESSION VIII: Realistic Scenarios for the Energy Mix – Competing options, possible outcomes - *Plenary session*

We conclude the Forum with a topic that integrates all the previous elements into a classical question: what energy mix for Romania? Public and private players need to answer this *question. From both an investment perspective and from a strategic angle, the answer to this question cannot be autarchic. Trade and investment developments, EU regulatory framework, corporate stockholder's options and policies, employment and competitiveness contexts, political priorities, technological and geological challenges, financing questions, security issues all have to come together in shaping the possible into the actual energy mix. Romania has options. That is the good part. Some are better than others, but several may be considered. However, the scale of investment and the duration of choices make the window of opportunity relatively narrow. This panel will look into how to best link these aspects into a strategic conversation on the optimal mix. Ideally, this is one that offers: the best price for the highest availability and independence, with greatest competitive advantage for the Romanian economy, maximizing employment, FDI and trade, but also transferring technology, protecting the environment and fulfilling Romania's EU obligations. In fact, this is not impossible. We aim less for a theoretical discussion about the energy strategy and more for an educated conclusion building on the expertise of panelists and the results of the work done in previous panels.*