

“European Energy Policy – Challenges for Serbia Within the EU Accession Process”

20 February 2014
Venue: Tulip Inn Hotel

Conference Venue:

Tulip Inn Hotel

Organizers:

- Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, Berlin
- Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Berlin
- Delegation of the German Business in Serbia, Belgrade
- Southeast Europe Association (Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft), Munich

Background / aim of the conference:

The goal of a “low carbon economy” has become an integral part of EU-Energy Policy (EEP) and can be regarded as a guiding principle for discussions on future economic strategies on a European level. On 22 January, the European Commission has presented a new framework on climate and energy for 2030. It is likely to bring the Union one step closer to (the long-term vision of) a new low carbon energy regime. In this context, the challenges Serbia is facing within the accession process regarding the implementation of the Energy Acquis as well as the opportunities of the required reorientation of the energy policy should be discussed.

Serbia, like other states, also has to set the course for the construction and further development of renewable energy sources as well as the enhancement of energy efficiency. The required investments in this sector offer great potential for economic growth; German companies currently already contribute to this development.

Our conference aims to also present “best-practice” cases ranging from German municipalities to federations, companies and cooperation networks, thereby contributing to the process of developing a sustainable energy policy in and for Serbia. Questions that will be raised are such as: which operating experiences have companies and project running bodies made that are currently working in Serbia? How can the surrounding conditions for investments in the renewable energy sector be improved?

Conference language:

English

Program (as of 11 February 2014)

Thursday, 20 February 2014	
09:00	Registration of Guests Venue: Tulip Inn Hotel
10:00 - 10:15 hrs	Opening / Welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heinz Wilhelm, Ambassador of Germany, Belgrade • Dr. Hansjörg Brey, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association • Martin Knapp, Delegate, German Chamber of Commerce Serbia • Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations •
10:20 to 11:00 hrs	<u>Keynotes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dejan Trifunovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia • Hans van Steen – Head of Unit International Relations & Enlargement, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels
11:00 to 13:00 hrs	<u>Panel Discussion: European Energy and Climate Policy – Challenges for Serbia and its Neighbors</u> Chair: Helge Tolksdorf, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Berlin <u>Participants</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dejan Trifunovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia • Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna • Dimitrios Zevgolis, Policy Officer – Enlargement Coordinator, DG Climate Action, European Commission, Brussels • Sonja Licht, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence / Coordinator, Public Dialogue on the Sustainable Use of Energy in SEE • Hans van Steen – Head of Unit International Relations & Enlargement, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels • Volker Stehmann, Senior Manager Energy Policy / Public Affairs, RWE AG, Essen • Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo • Sarah Duhr, Counselor, Cooperation with Central and Eastern European Countries and New Independent States, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Berlin
13:00 to 14:30 hrs	Buffet Lunch

14:30 to 16:00 hrs	<p>Panel 2: Energy Efficiency: Practical Recommendations for Actions Chair: Martin Knapp, Delegate of the German Businesses in Serbia, Belgrade</p> <p><u>Participants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klaus Hoppe, City of Freiburg, Germany • Petar Vasiljevic, Deputy Director, District Heating Company, Belgrade • Dr. Jürgen Welschhof, Director, KfW, Frankfurt a.M. • Harald Rapp, AGFW, Der Energieeffizienzverband für Wärme, Kälte und KWK, Frankfurt a. M. • Gerold Franz, Geschäftsführer, Brandes GmbH, Eutin • Dejan Dotlic, M.Sc.Mech, Division Thermotechnology Industry, Robert Bosch d.o.o. (TT/SSC), Serbia • Nikola Ivošević, Rehau, Sales Manager Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia
16:00 to 16:30 hrs	Coffee Break
16:30 to 18:00 hrs	<p>Panel 3: Renewable Energies: Practical Recommendations for Actions Chair: Anja Quiring, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, Berlin</p> <p><u>Participants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helge Tolksdorf, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Berlin • Toivo Miller, Principal Product Development Manager, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Team, EBRD, London • Matthias Hoffmann, B2B Renewable Energies • Natalija Kurjak, Marketing & Communication Manager Victoria Group, Serbia • Ana Brnabić, Director, Continental Wind Serbia
18:00 hrs	End of the Conference