



**HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING ON  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE CONNECTIVITY  
CESEC**

**28 - 29 June 2018, Boyana Residence  
Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria**

**AGENDA**

**09:00 - 09:30 Opening Session**

Welcoming remarks by **Tomislav Donchev**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, and **Temenuzhka Petkova**, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria

Welcome by Commissioner on Climate Action and Energy **Miguel Arias Cañete**; introduction to the Agenda of the day.

**09:30 - 10:30 State of play and next steps in the implementation of the CESEC Memorandum of Understanding and Action Plan on gas**

Presentation and discussion by the Commission and Ministers on:

- Overview of the progress achieved on gas priority projects and the Gas Action Plan 2.1
- State of play of the physical reverse flow project on the Trans-Balkan
- Symbolic ceremony for the start of construction works on the Romanian section of the Bulgaria- Romania- Hungary- Austria (BRUA) project

**10:30 - 11:15 Steering energy transition in the CESEC region: regional cooperation in the areas of electricity, renewables and energy efficiency**

Presentation by the Commission and Ministers, followed by comments from the Energy Community Secretariat on:

- The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on a Joint approach on electricity market, energy efficiency and renewable development
- Energy-related budget under the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework
- Presentation of smart grid project SINCRO.Grid
- Symbolic ceremony for the Connecting Europe Facility grant Cernavoda - Staplu (Romanian internal reinforcement)

**11:15 - 12:00**

**Renewables and energy efficiency: external speakers' perspective**

- Keynote speech from **Adnan Z. Amin**, Director General of IRENA on 'Which potential for renewables in the CESEC region?'
- **Giles Dickson**, CEO of WindEurope - WindEurope and Eurelectric joint perspective on conditions for enabling the future deployment of wind energy projects in South East Europe

**12:00 - 12:40**

**Ceremony for the start of investment and works for Interconnector Greece – Bulgaria**

- Video presentation of the project and of the main achievements
- Statements by Ministers, the European Commission and the project promoter (ICGB)
- Project promoter's exemption decision(s) by the National Regulatory Authorities
- Announcement on progress on Term sheet of Intergovernmental Agreement for tax purposes
- Signature ceremonies:
  - o Cooperation Agreement with Trans Adriatic pipeline
  - o Memorandum of Understanding between Bulgarian Energy Holding and the European Investment Bank
  - o Joint Declaration between the shareholders in the project company – Poseidon and Bulgarian Energy Holding
  - o Preliminary Interconnection Agreements