

INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL MULTISTAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE EURO-ASIAN ENERGY SECURITY FORUM

Belgrade, October 26-27, 2018
National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

AGENDA

(As of October 20)
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DAY 1: October 26
09:30 – 18:30

Conférencier: Donald D. Dudenhoeffer, Director of Operations of the Energypact Foundation
Former Senior Information Security Officer, IAEA

08:30 – 09:20 **Registration**

Official Opening

- Aleksandar Antić, Minister of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia
- Veljko Odalović, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia
- Vladimir N. Cvetković, Dean of the Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade
- Alexandre S. Dimitrijević, President & Executive Director of the Energypact Foundation

Ministers

- Anton Anton, Minister of Energy of Romania
- Barsaman Pun, Minister of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of Nepal
- Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- George Stathakis, Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece

Session 1: Energy Security: Enhancing National Security and Global and Regional Stability

- Andrey Kazantsev, Director of Center for Central Asia and Afghanistan Research, MGIMO University (Session Keynote Speaker)
- Daria Melnik, Advisor Energy Department Eurasian Economic Commission
- Žarko Obradović, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
- Anita Richer, Programme Manager for South East Europe, OECD
- Admir Softić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Yiwei Wang, Director of Institute of International Affairs, Director of Center for European Union Studies, Renmin University of China (Session Keynote Speaker)

Session 2: International Cooperation & Security of Supply of Oil & Gas

- Dušan Bajatović, Director General of Srbijagas (Session Keynote Speaker)
- Nurlan Begaliev, Under-Secretary of the Minister in charge of Energy and Infrastructure, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Alexander Dybal, Deputy Director General-Corporate Communications Gazprom Neft (Session Keynote Speaker)
- Gulmira Rzayeva, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Session Moderator)
- Petar Stanojević, Associate Professor, Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade
- Branislav Todorović, Researcher Associate in the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) and in the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
- Károly Banai, Senior Advisor Governmental Relation, Nord Stream 2

Session 3: International Cooperation & Security of Electricity Supply

- Aziz Ameyoud, Director General of OS-Operateur du Systeme Electrique / SONELGAZ
- Donald D. Dudenhoeffer, Director of Operations of the Energypact Foundation, Former Senior Information Security Officer, IAEA (Session Moderator)
- Branislav Đukić, Director for International and Regulatory Affairs, Joint Stock „Elektromreža Srbije“
- Branko Kovačević, President of Supervisory Board of Public Enterprise „Elektroprivreda“ Srbije (Session Keynote Speaker)
- Miloš Mladenović, Managing Director of SEEPEX
- Ali Akbar Safavi, Head of International Relations, Iranian Society of Instrumentation and Control Engineers (ISICE), Professor of Systems and Control Engineering, Shiraz University (Session Keynote Speaker)

DAY 2: October 27

09:30 – 13:30

Special Session

- Ivica Dačić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia
- Ioannis Brachos, The Secretary General for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece
- Aleksandar Chepurin, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of Russian Federation to the Republic of Serbia
- Johan Galtung, Rector of the Transcend Peace University (remote participation)
- Vladimir Kostić, President of Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Diplomatic & Geopolitical Challenges of Global Integration Processes

- Vladimir N. Cvetković, Dean of the Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade
- Andrey Kazantsev, Director of Center for Central Asia and Afghanistan Research, MGIMO University
- Dmitry Pankin, President of the Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (Session Keynote Speaker)
- Dragan Simić, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade
- Yiwei Wang, Director of Institute of International Affairs, Director of Center for European Union Studies, Renmin University of China
- Philipp Wendel, Head of Unit, Foreign Policy Issues of Energy Transition, German Federal Foreign Office (Session Moderator)

Euro-Asian Youth Council: Challenges & Opportunities of the Euro-Asian Integration

- Ivanka Popović, Rector of the University of Belgrade
- Mohammad Allagha, Secretary General, Euro-Asian Youth Council
- Representative of Association of Chinese Students and Scholars in Serbia

Universities

- Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade
- Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade
- Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb
- Moscow Region State University
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations, MGIMO
- Renmin University of China
- Shiraz University, Iran
- University of Athens

Student Organizations

- AIESEC
- Belgrade Student Association
- Student Conference of Serbian Universities (SCSU)
- Students Parliament of the University of Belgrade

Session Standards

- Session duration: Between 90 and 120 minutes.
- Session keynotes: one or two keynotes per session, 10 minutes each.
- Session panelists: between four and six panelists, 5-7 minutes each.
- Session is moderated by one assigned moderator.
- Discussion: After the panelists presentations are over, the session keynote speakers could join the panel and the moderator fosters a discussion among the panelists.
- Audience involvement: moderator opens the floor for the questions from the audience.

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Inaugural International Multistakeholder Conference

Geopolitics & Cooperation • Energy Security

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In support of existing regional and global initiatives, the Energypact Foundation in cooperation with the Faculty of Security Studies and support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia, has developed a public-private partnership project, “Euro-Asian Energy Security Forum”. It aims at connecting major international multi-stakeholders (governments, business and civil society), through a series of conferences, held on a rotating basis. The Forum aims to position energy and infrastructure security cooperation as a driver for regional and interregional integration and cooperation as well as for securing peace and stability in the vast realm of Europe, the Middle East & North Africa as well as Asia. Supporting this project and initiative Serbia will host the inaugural conference at the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.

Shared Prosperity within the Eurasian Space

A complex geopolitical landscape and new challenges are presenting a significant risk to energy and infrastructure security, and to the global environment in most modern countries, especially the ones positioned between Europe and the Far East. There is a need to address the insufficient cooperation and the absence of a common energy and infrastructure security global framework by bringing together impacted European, Middle Eastern, North African (MENA) and Asian countries to discuss complex cross-border issues and prospects for future cooperation.

The world needs a win-win equation placing energy security as a “critical common good”, and as an essential element of sustainable economic development. Moreover, a global cooperative energy security mechanism should be seen as a precondition for peace and stability, and an enabler of shared prosperity from Lisbon to Beijing and in the wider region. It would support and potentially accelerate existing regional and global initiatives such as the *Paris Climate Agreement* or the *UN Sustainable Development Goals*, by establishing links and synergies between energy security and these goals. The Eurasian space is a dormant financial giant, with a combined GDP over 20 trillion Euros, massive financial instruments and a variety of major players such as regional development banks, sovereign wealth funds and leading private financial institutions. Recently China has added powerful enablers such as the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank as well as the Silk Road Fund in an innovative institutional approach combining government funding and public-private partnerships under the form of a flexible economic diplomacy.

The Energypact Foundation and Faculty of Security Studies has put forward the “Euro-Asian Energy Security Forum” initiative, which aims at becoming an ongoing forum through which governmental and industry leaders, leading experts, academics, professional associations and civil society representatives, can participate and exchange on perspectives and initiatives for promoting security in the energy sector.

Connecting International Multi-stakeholders

Government and business leaders, as well as civil society will be invited together with representatives of prominent international organizations. Major financial institutions will participate, including regional development banks, sovereign wealth funds, infrastructure and reconstruction banks, and other pertinent public and private financial institutions playing a role in upgrading energy security infrastructures, technology and services. This strategic project, “Euro-Asian Energy Security Forum”, is designed to help promote and improve the energy security/regional integration/sustainable development nexus in a space where we see several structuring forces such as the Trans-European networks, the Eurasian Customs Union, the Eurasian Land Bridge and the New Energy Silk Road. These profound and far-reaching developments need to pursue their objectives in an increasingly cooperative way to avoid tensions and overlaps and to fully benefit from their massive potential of synergies. Succeeding in positioning energy & infrastructure security cooperation as a driver for regional integration and interregional cooperation in the vast Eurasian space would represent a historic progress in terms of global governance, economic growth, social and intercultural cohesion, transition to a climate-resilient civilization and, ultimately, the advancement of peace and security, in an area covering more than 60 countries and comprising four billion people.

Inaugural Conference in Belgrade

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia, Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade and Energypact Foundation are co-organizing the inaugural conference of the Euro-Asian series of conferences, taking place in Belgrade in autumn 2018. Belgrade`s inaugural conference will be organized in three pillars:

- Initiating the Euro-Asian Energy Security Forum
- Diplomatic & Geopolitical Challenges of Global Integration Processes
- Euro-Asian Youth Council

Security of Supply of Oil, Gas and Electricity in the Eurasian Space

Regional electricity security coordination as well as security of oil & gas supply will be among the first priorities of the Euro-Asian Energy Security Forum initiative. The Power System Connectivity sub initiative is developed in order to ensure secured and stable electricity supply and cross border trade along the Euro-Asian corridor. This concept suggests division of overall routes into security regions, whereas each region would be covered by one regional cooperation center. Besides, this topic is extended subsequently, to security of supply of oil and gas, as a key issue for enhancing global energy security in Eurasian space. The overview of the oil and natural gas market and the related risks and incidents clearly indicate that there are many risks associated with energy supply today. It is therefore of utmost importance to shed the light on oil & gas supply infrastructure as a precondition towards fostering politico-economic integrations within the Eurasian realm.

Euro-Asian Youth Council

Euro-Asian Youth Council is an integral part of the Inaugural conference. It will gather exceptional students and young professionals from universities of the Eurasian space. This Forum under the title “Challenges and Opportunities of the Euro-Asian Integrations for Students and Young Professionals” will provide a platform on which the youth can exchange their views on the rising challenges of political and economic integration processes in Eurasia. Euro-Asian Youth Council intends also to foster academic and professional links among youth in Euro-Asia and to promote institutionalization of this cooperation in terms of closer cooperation among the Eurasian universities. It also aims at developing the programs on scientific cooperation among the Eurasian academic institutions.