



8th Balkans

ENERGY SUMMIT 2023

Agenda

1st - 2nd, March 2023
Athens, Greece

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Unlocking the energy potential for Balkans

1st and 2nd of March 2023, Athens, Greece

Physical edition

The Energy Circle by IN-VR is delighted to host the energy community in Athens, March 2023.

Following the current energy agenda and new market needs, the Balkans region, being strategically placed in Europe's crossroads with Asia and African, holds the region's hydrocarbon and renewables potential and aims to become one of Europe's strategic powerhouses and important transportation corridors.

The event explores how the Balkans can fuel Europe with enough energy resources to counter the crisis in the light of the war in Ukraine. Participants will meet all the key regional stakeholders and projects that are transforming the future of the region.

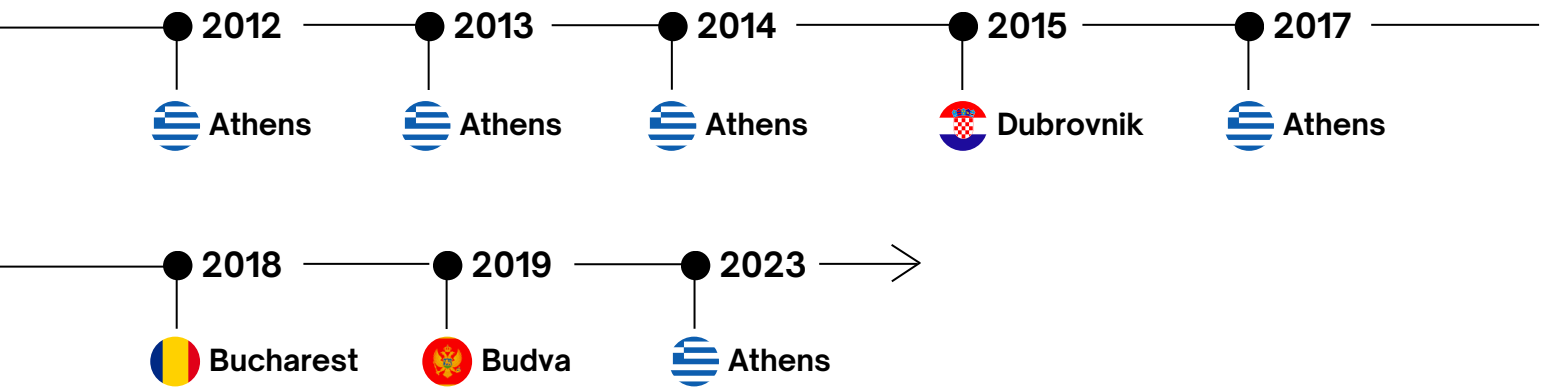
The 8th Balkans Energy Summit is gathering key regional and international energy stakeholders to address the pain points of the industry and build cooperation **between the countries aligning energy future and strategising resources.**

- **Accelerating energy transition** in the Balkans countries while recognizing the importance of existing deals and new exploration activities.
- **Securing investment in the region's energy projects** to meet the need for energy security and avoid energy poverty.
- **Exchanging experience, technologies and best practices** through dedicated workshops and meeting facilitation.
- **Focusing on finding bridges and points** for cooperation between the Balkans countries to strategise solar, wind, hydro, nuclear, and green hydrogen capacity as well as new oil and gas discoveries and build the potential to become Europe's power house.
- **Re-ignating hydrocarbon exploration** in Europe



More than a decade of bringing the most important players of the region together

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Participating countries



Greece



Albania



Romania



Montenegro



Croatia



Serbia



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Kosovo

The Balkans Energy Summit Speakers Include



Lyubomira Gancheva
Head of the Political Cabinet
**Ministry of Energy,
Bulgaria**



Admir Softic
Assistant Minister of Energy
**Ministry of Energy, Bosnia
and Herzegovina**



Bogdan Fatic
Managing Director
**Montenegrin Hydrocarbon
Administration**



Milly Tornaghi
Head of Exploration
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Maria Rita Galli
CEO
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Exploration Manager
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CEO
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**Office of the Prime Minister,
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Constantinos Papalucas
Coordinator of the National
Hydrogen Committee
**Hellenic Ministry of
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George Garantziotis
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The American University of Athens



Spyros Bellas
Principal Researcher
**Foundation for Research and
Technology - Hellas (FORTH)**

Day 1 - 1st March

Agenda

08:00 Registration

08:55



Opening Remarks

by Chryssa Tsouraki, CEO, IN-VR



09:00

Session 1: Keynote addresses from the region's key energy institutions

- Accelerating the development of energy sector
- Expanding the capacity to new technologies supporting energy transition
- Ensuring energy security in the light of the energy crisis



Lyubomira Gancheva

Head of the Political Cabinet, Ministry of Energy, Republic of Bulgaria



Admir Softic

Assistant Minister of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Bogdan Fatic

Managing Director, Montenegrin Hydrocarbon Administration

10:00

Session 2: Overviewing main oil and gas projects and opportunities in the Balkans

- Providing energy security in East Mediterranean and beyond
- Exploration opportunities in the Adriatic basin
- Creaming out gas resources offshore east Adriatic, Croatia



Milly Tornaghi

Head of Exploration, Energean



George Kovacic

Upstream Oil and Gas Expert/Energy Advisor



Jovic Goran

Exploration Manager, INA



Kostis Geropoulos

Director of Energy & Climate, Policy and Security at NE Global Media

11:30

Coffee Break



12:00

Session 3: The time is now: Decarbonising oil and gas sector

- CO2 & hydrogen Storage in Greece Energy Transition- Decarbonization
- Economic challenges and opportunities of decarbonising the Balkans' hydrocarbon sector



Spyros Bellas

Principal Researcher, Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas (FORTH)



Nikolaos Liapis

Director, Energy Projects. Hill International

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 **Session 4: Building secure LNG infrastructure and gas transmission network**

- Boosting cooperation among the Balkans to provide energy security of the region
- Connecting Azerbaijan to Europe through the South Caucasus Pipeline and TAP.
- The potential of the new Vertical Corridor



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Alper Tasdemir
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Director, TANAP



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Blue Grid



Ioannis Maris
Country Representative
Greece, TAP



Marika Karagianni
Energy expert, International
Hellenic University

15:30 Networking Break



16:00 **Session 5: Unlocking the Balkans' energy potential - Overlooking investments opportunities**

- Executives of the biggest energy companies and regulators discussing the region's oil and gas resources.
- Identifying the industry's pain points and challenges as well as potential for collaboration.
- Can the Balkans become the Europe's power and energy transportation hub?

17:00 **End of Day 1. Closing remarks**

18:00 Networking Drinks Reception

Day 2 - 2nd March

Agenda

08:25 Registration

08:55 Opening remarks

09:00 **Session 1: Accelerating energy transition in the Balkans**

- Auction models, regulatory frameworks, projects permitting, grid congestion
- Finding bridges and points for cooperation between the Balkans countries to strategise solar, wind, hydro, nuclear, and green hydrogen capacity.
- Funding energy projects in Western Balkans and overcoming political challenges



Konstantinos Mastrogiannopoulos
Country Manager for Kosovo and Albania, EIB



Johann Raunig
Partner, McKinsey & Company



Vartan Oskanian
Advisor to the CEO, Recom Technologies



Milica Sredanović
Senior Investment Officer, IFC - International Finance Corporation

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 **Session 2: Solar Projects transforming the region's energy landscape**

- Showcasing and discussing the most important solar projects in the region
- Ground-breaking integration of solar power into district heating in Kosovo
- Enabling communities to engage in energy transition



Konstantinos Mavros
CEO, PPC Renewables



Criss Jin
Director of International Sales Department, Huasun Solar

12:15 **Session 3: Unlocking wind power potential of the region**

Showcasing and discussing the most important wind projects in the region
The BLOW project - Pioneering 5 MW floating offshore wind turbine in Black Sea



Alain Morry
CCO EOLINK



Ubaldo Yanez Diaz
Senior Investment Manager Masdar

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00

Session 4: Building energy storage facilities

- Combining renewable and storage technologies
- The importance of providing low-cost efficient solutions for storage
- Overlooking groundbreaking new long-duration storage technologies



Yoseph Hirsch

Business Development Director for
Northwestern & Southeastern Europe
Nofar Energy



Panos Kapros

Technical Product Manager,
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David Levrat

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15:00

Session 5: National Net-Zero Strategies and the Path to Decarbonisation

- Plans and commitments aimed at promoting green energy projects.
- How governments are attracting companies and investors?



Urtina Zeka

Senior Officer for Policy Coordination,
Office of the Prime Minister, Kosovo

15:20

Networking Break

15:50

Session 6: The role of Hydrogen in the region's net-zero future

- The potential of hydrogen economy development if in the region.
- Optimising hydrogen technology to boost projects' efficiency.
- Overlooking the largest hydrogen projects: The White Dragon and Bluesky 300.
- Plans for construction of hydrogen plants and the future of hydrogen development.



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17:20

End of Day 2. Closing remarks

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"All the governments need this event to promote what we have done and renew our collaboration with the Ministries and IOCS."

Vladan Dubljevic

*Executive Director,
Montenegro Hydrocarbons
Administration*



I met so many people involved in the Oil and Gas industry and became familiar with the latest news. We met with service companies, NOCs & regional IOCs. It is phenomenal to have all the countries in the region involved.

Dina Skarep

*Advisor, Montenegro
Hydrocarbons Administration*



Balkans Petroleum is an excellent place to exchange ideas, meet with ministries and IOCs that are targeting the region. It is the only summit that focuses on South-Eastern Europe and the Balkans with full governmental support.

George Kovacic

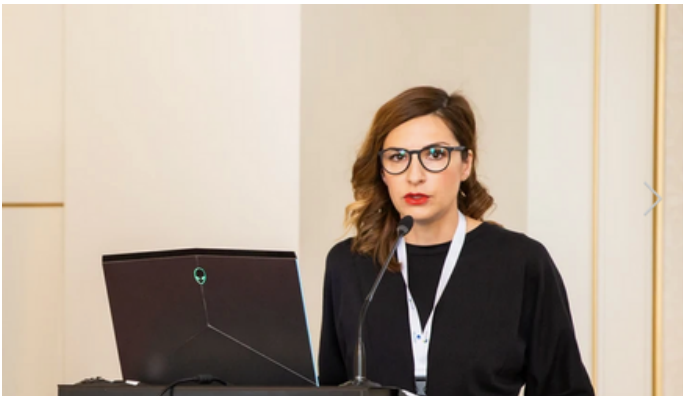
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- Comparative market analysis
- Market competitor analysis
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