

Energy Investment Forum 2022 - Powered by MEKH program

Registration

Session I: Two birds with one stone? - Possibilities for the realisation of climate targets and Russian divestment simultaneously

The Russian-Ukrainian war fundamentally affects the energy policy prospect of the EU, including Hungary, and cutting Russian fossil energy import has become necessary not only for climate but security policy reasons while Europe is facing an energy crisis. Countries and companies have to decide in this situation whether it is better to wait and see if energy prices drop while maintaining energy security or solve more problems at once with drastic steps and serious investments – reduce Russian fossil energy imports as soon and as much as possible while shifting to renewable energy, green sources that are also desirable from the point of view of carbon neutrality. The stakes are high, and the system is much more vulnerable than we thought...

08:30 - 08:40 Opening speech

Speaker:

Zoltán Bán, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Csoport)

08:40 - 09:00 EU regulation in service of crisis management (REPowerEU): plans and reality, short- and long-term measures

Speaker:

Mónika Zsigri, Head of Unit for the Energy TaskForce Unit dealing with “Global Demand and international Negotiations”, DG ENER, European Commission

09:00 - 09:25 Presentation

Speaker:

Dr. László Palkovics, Minister, Ministry of Technology and Industry (TIM)

09:25 - 09:45 Security of supply aspects of decarbonisation efforts

Speaker:

Péter János Horváth, President, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (HEA)

09:45 - 10:00 Fuel market and transport in the focus

Speaker:

Dr. György Bacsa, SVP Strategy and Business Development, MOL Group

10:00 - 10:15 The future of sustainable electricity production

Speaker:

Dr. Csaba Kiss, Deputy CEO, CTO and CNO, MVM Zrt.

10:15 - 10:30 Natural gas in the focus

Speaker:

Gergely Szabó, Regional Chairman, MET Central Europe

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break & Networking

Session II: Energy shift/divestment in practice - domestic challenges, plans, examples and aspects

Regulation in the big energy shift – how is it done in practice, and what do we have to pay attention to during the switch so that the security of supply is not damaged? The spread of renewables is also increasing the demand for balancing solutions, which further increases the need for stability in the electricity system.

Divestment from Russian energy sources also revived the need to increase domestic production, in addition to the extension of Paks' operating time. In the meantime, the war is prolonged, raising question marks regarding the continuity of the Russian gas supply. Domestic policymakers, producers, consumers, and traders must take into account all these aspects at the same time.

11:00 - 11:15 Possibilities and challenges ahead of E.ON Hungária Csoport

Speaker:

Dr. Guntram Würzburg, President, E.ON Hungária Zrt.

11:15 - 11:30 The practical limits of realising climate goals in the electricity sector - The challenges of the system integration of renewables

Speaker:

Pál Ságvári, elnökhelyettes, Magyar Energetikai és Közmű-szabályozási Hivatal

11:30 - 11:45 Energy 4.0

Speaker:

Balázs Hajós, Sales Director, Schneider Electric Zrt.

11:45 - 12:45 Leaders' panel

Moderator: **Géza Losonczy**, Associate Partner, Head of Energy & Utility Advisory Services, KPMG

Conversation participants:

Zsófia Beck, Managing Director and Partner, Energy and Utilities in CEE, BCG

András Biczók, CEO, MAVIR Zrt.

Szabolcs Ferencz I., CEO, Földgázszállító Zrt.

Gábor Hiezl, CEO, MVM Next Energiakereskedelmi Zrt.

Péter Horváth, Chief Executive in Office, Dunamenti Power Plant

Attila Ságodi, Partner, igazgatósági tag, Dentons Europe Consulting

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch break & Networking

Session III: The way out of high energy prices

A perfect storm passed in 2021 on EU energy markets, and it is far from its end. After last year's sustained increase, with the outbreak of the war, energy prices jumped even higher, resulting in a six to seven-fold increase in one year, accompanied by a five-fold increase in electricity prices and a four-fold increase in carbon quota prices. This means an unsustainably enormous cost pressure for countries and companies, forcing every player to seek a way out. But which are the realistic possibilities for reducing energy dependency and increasing the use of clean energy? Renewable energy sources, energy storage, energy efficiency, decarbonisation (countervailing market), hydrogen economy - how and to what extent can the different directions help?

13:45 - 14:00 Energy efficiency as the key to energy transition

Speaker:

Pál Kovács, Vice President, Hungarian Energy And Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH)

14:00 - 14:15 Business competitiveness in the context of high energy prices, alternative energy strategies (own production, energy storage, aggregators and energy communities)

Speaker:

ifj. Attila Chikán, CEO, ALTEO Group

14:15 - 14:30 Decentralised and innovative power generation solutions with respect to the EU and national regulations

Speaker:

Dr. Balázs Sepsey, Partner, Attorney-at-law, Kinstellar Budapest

14:30 - 14:45 Energy aspects and limitations of green hydrogen production in Hungary

Speaker:

László Pintér, Innovation Director, OPUS TIGÁZ Zrt.

14:45 - 14:50 Előadás

Speaker:

Dr. Csaba Nemes, Head of Sustainable Development Department, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority

14:50 - 15:35 Panel discussion: Mid- and long-term plans to increase energy efficiency - Ideas, solutions, practical advice

Moderator: **Attila Weinhardt**, Analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

Benjámín Feldmájer, Sustainability Manager, Schneider Electric Zrt.

Zoltán Hoffer, Senior consultant, 4iG Nyrt.

Dr. Csaba Nemes, Head of Sustainable Development Department, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority

Róbert Szabó, Director of Smart PV Solutions, Huawei Technologies Hungary Kft.

Balázs Zuggó, Managing Director, Daikin Hungary Kft.

15:35 - 15:55 Coffee break & Networking

Session IV: New practical aspects of energy procurement and use: experiences of replanning, cooperation, flexibility

The soaring energy prices and new supply security aspects have turned corporate energy procurement upside down. Everyone is looking for a solution to decrease vulnerability, be it renegotiating their contract, dealing with increasingly complicated commerce constructions, or introducing new energy efficiency technologies. Who decides based on what, and how do energy's consumer, producer, and trader sides collaborate?

15:55 - 16:05 Climate Action - How to do it right?

Speaker:

Alexandra Petrujinschi, Carbon & EAC Trader, Strive

16:05 - 16:20 Position of national industry during the crucial energy market situation

Speaker:

Dr. Zoltán Nagy, President, Hungarian Industrial Energy Consumers' Association (IEF)

16:20 - 17:00 Panel discussion: About energy procurement during crisis - company and trading experiences. What do the supply and demand sides say?

Moderator: **Balázs Felsmann**, senior research associate, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Chairman of the Hungarian Energy Traders' Association
Conversation participants:

Tibor Fejes, Managing Director, Audax Renewables Kft.

Erika Kun, Head of Energy Trading, ISD Power Kft.

László Sabján, Managing director, AGC Glass Hungary Ltd

Márton Szebeni, Managing Director, CYEB Group

Martin Tamaskó,

17:00 - 17:05 Closing remarks

Networking & Champagne

Be our guests for a glass of champagne after the program, and don't miss the opportunity to network with the participants and speakers!