

Energy Investment Forum 2024 - Powered by MEKH program

Registration

Section I: The Big Picture: The Situation and Future of the Hungarian Energetics Sector

Although energy prices have fallen significantly compared to two years ago, the pressure on energy policymakers and the largest players in the energy sector has not eased as energy supply must be continuously ensured, preferably at an affordable price, while also making progress towards climate goals. This demands a series of critical energy decisions at both the national and corporate levels, which we will cover in the first section, providing an overview of the big picture.

Moderator: Attila Weinhardt, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

08:15 - 08:25 Opening

Speaker:

Zoltán Bán, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Group)

08:25 - 08:45 Europe's competitive (dis)advantage & energy: Choices, no-regrets & imperatives (in English, with simultaneous interpretation)

Speaker:

Christian Zinglensen, Director, European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

08:45 - 09:05 The Main Challenges and Possible Solutions for the Hungarian Energy Sector

Speaker:

Csaba Lantos, Energy Minister, Energy Ministry

09:10 - 09:30 Key Regulatory Issues in the Hungarian Energy Markets

Speaker:

dr. Edit Juhász, President, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority

09:30 - 09:45 Energy of the Future - Security of Supply From MVM

Speaker:

Károly Mátrai, CEO, MVM Group

09:45 - 10:00 Shaping the Future of Energy: E.ON's Role in Hungary's Energy Transition (in English, with simultaneous interpretation)

Speaker:

dr. Guntram Würzberg, President, E.ON Hungária Csoport

10:00 - 10:15 Fit for Reality

Speaker:

dr. György Bacsa, MOL Hungary - CEO, MOL Group - SVP Strategy and Business Development

10:15 - 10:30 Presentation

Speaker:

Gergely Szabó, Regional Chairman, MET Central Europe

Coffee break & Networking

Section II/A: Decarbonisation and Electrification from a Leadership Perspective

Decarbonisation commitments must be upheld while another major trend, electrification, progresses. Companies need to navigate this dual challenge, which also involves considerable costs. Therefore, it is worthwhile exploring this complex topic in greater depth with the help of CEOs, executives, and the consultancy sector. This section is dedicated to presenting a range of perspectives on the matter.

Moderator: Attila Weinhardt, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

11:00 - 12:15 Leaders' Panel Discussion on the Situation and Future of the Hungarian Energy Sector

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

Conversation participants:

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

Gergely Jákli, CEO, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Paks II. Nuclear Power Plant

Gábor Králik, Vice President for Energy, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority

Péter Luczay, Deputy CEO, ALTEO

Károly Mátrai, CEO, MVM Group

Eszter Szekeres, CEO, MET Hungary Ltd., MET Central Europe

Balázs Torda, CEO, OPUS TIGÁZ, OPUS TITÁSZ

12:15 - 12:20 Presenting the Energy Section and Programme of the National Association of Entrepreneurs and Employers (VOSZ)

Speakers:

Zsolt Gyalog, President, Energy Section, VOSZ

dr. Róbert Sulyok, Co-chair, Energy Section, VOSZ

12:20 - 12:35 The Importance of Large Power Plant Developments

Speaker:

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

12:35 - 12:50 AI in Energy Management

Speaker:

Balázs Hajós, Sales Director, Schneider Electric

12:50 - 13:00 Presentation

Speaker:

László Krisán, Board member, KAVOSZ Egreen, President, ESG Association

Section II/B: Current Issues in Energy Efficiency and Energy Trading

Maximising energy efficiency in corporate operations is a key priority. This involves multiple approaches and is closely linked to strategic planning, smart energy management, and auditing the results. Alongside enhancing energy efficiency, it is also crucial to address the optimisation of the energy

procurement process while examining current issues, contractual frameworks, and effective strategies from the perspective of energy traders.

Moderator: Kata Tóth, Conference project leader, Portfolio

11:00 - 11:15 Implementation of REMIT II in Hungary

Speaker:

Sándor Herczeg, Head of Division (Strategic Analysis Department), Magyar Energetikai és Közmű-szabályozási Hivatal

11:15 - 11:30 Electricity Market 2024: Renewables, Volatility and Flexibility?

Speaker:

Márton Gábor Kádár, Head of Sales and Business Development, HUPX

11:30 - 11:45 „Qvik, How We Will Pay in the Future” - Energy Trade and Green Financing Questions

Speaker:

Miklós Luspay, Director, Magyar Nemzeti Bank

11:45 - 12:20 Paneldiscussion: Corporate Energy Efficiency Experiences in Practice, Directions, Opportunities

Moderator: **Levente András Koczóh**, Senior Climate Policy Advisor, Green Policy Center

Conversation participants:

Bernadett Papp, Senior Market Analyst, Pact Capital AG

Gyula Pintér, Head of Sales - Energy Efficiency Products & Services, MET CE Hungary

Péter István Vedres, Department of Sustainable Development Head of Department, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority

12:20 - 13:00 Energy Trade Roundtable: Energy for Whom, When, How, How Much?

Moderator: **Gábor Bali**, Managing Director, ENERGIQ

Conversation participants:

Tibor Fejes, Managing Director, Audax Renewables Kft.

Imre Fodor, Chief Commercial Officer, MVM Next Energiakereskedelmi Zrt.

Tamás Hiezl, Executive Director, CEZ Magyarország

Márton Szépfy, CEO, E2 Hungary Ltd., MET Central Europe

Lunch break & Networking

Section III/A: Electricity Market, Solar Power Plants, Flexibility

The significant growth of solar power capacities in Hungary and the expected further expansion have already raised numerous challenging questions, from negative electricity prices and return on investment issues to the sustainability of support systems and the urgent need for energy storage solutions. These issues highlight the crucial role of network development and increasing flexibility in achieving decarbonisation goals and meeting electrification demands.

Moderator: Attila Weinhardt, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

13:30 - 13:45 On-Site Generation and Hybrid Power Plants Could Be the Future of Solar Energy in Hungary

Speaker:

Róbert Fehér, CEO, 8G Energy

13:45 - 14:00 The Consequences of the Lack of Flexibility for the Hungarian Energy Mix and Short-Term Wholesale Prices

Speaker:

Gábor Szatmári, CEE Market Expert and Head of the Eastern Europe Sales region, Montel Group

14:00 - 14:15 Battery Storage Technologies: Trend or Long-Term Solution To Ensure Electricity System Stability?

Speaker:

Csaba Fekete, Director of Business Development, Alteo

14:15 - 15:00 Paneldiscussion: Solar Power Plants, Grid Development, Flexibility, Energy Storage

Moderator: **Csaba Novák**, President, Hungarian Renewable Energy Association

Conversation participants:

Barnabás Bárdi, Head of Division (Electricity Supervision and Price Regulation Department), Magyar Energetikai és Közmű-szabályozási Hivatal

György Czipó, Market Development Director, Ideona

András Mezősi, senior research associate, BCE REKK

Dániel Pintácsi, Asset Operations Director, MET Group

László Pokol, CEO, Green Cloud Platform

Section III/B: Gas Markets, Decarbonisation, and Flexibility

Various gases are key energy sources in the transition due to its flexibility, but they must also align with decarbonisation objectives. Therefore, alongside the flexibility of the natural gas system, it is crucial to discuss the prospects for (green) hydrogen and biogas in Hungary while also considering energy storage options in the context of flexibility.

Moderator: Kata Tóth, Conference project leader, Portfolio

13:30 - 13:45 Resilience in gas markets - the key role of the natural gas network

Speaker:

Szabolcs Ferencz I., Chairman-CEO, FGSZ Natural Gas Transmission Ltd.

13:45 - 14:00 Potential for Energy (Hydrogen) Storage in the Gas Market, Balancing Role

Speaker:

Csaba Vigassy, Managing Director, Hungarian Hydrogen Association

14:00 - 14:45 Panel discussion: Natural Gas System Resilience Issues, the Role of (Green) Hydrogen and Biogas in Corporate Decarbonisation Efforts

Moderator: **Tamás Pletser CFA**, EMEA Oil & Gas Analyst, Erste Investment

Conversation participants:

Zsolt Bohner, Managing Director, Messer Hungarogáz

Dr. András Csapó, Deputy Managing Director, O&GD Central

Károly Grébecz, Head of Division (Gas Supervision and Price Regulation Department), Magyar Energetikai és Közmű-szabályozási Hivatal

Ákos Kriston, CEO, Hungarian Gas Storage

Kornél Tóth, Head of Value Chain and Project Management, MOL

Coffee break & Networking

Section IV: Let's Discuss the Major European Challenges and the Future Ahead!

After the topics covered in the previous two sections, it is worth moving up a level and examining how the intensive spread of renewable energy sources in Hungary and across Europe, as well as the questions surrounding natural gas transit and energy supply in Ukraine, influence our prospects, and what kind of economic environment we can expect in Hungary. The final session of our conference will explore these comprehensive themes.

Moderator: Kata Tóth, Conference project leader, Portfolio

15:30 - 15:50 Integration of Green Energy Producers, System Management Issues

Speaker: MAVIR delegate representative

Speaker:

Dezső Szabó, Head of Source Preparation Department, MAVIR Zrt.

15:50 - 16:10 European Challenges of the Solar Boom, Fine-Tuning Subsidies, Management Options

Speaker: Solar Europe delegate representative

Speaker:

Jan Osenberg, Senior Policy Advisor, SolarPower Europe

**16:10 - 16:30 I Get That It's an Electric Engine, but What Drives It? -
Outlook for the Hungarian Economy**

Speaker:

István Madár, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

**16:30 - 16:50 The Situation of Energy Supply in Ukraine, the State of
Preparation for Winter**

Speaker:

Ádám Balogh, Leader of Ukraine Support Task Force, Energy Community

16:50 - 16:55 Closing words

Reception & Networking

After we have discussed the most important professional issues and challenges, it's time for some well-deserved relaxation and fun: we will be waiting for you with a standing reception on the terrace with a wonderful panoramic view, where you can continue to discuss professional issues and make new business contacts in a relaxed atmosphere.

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