

Conference Program "Natural Gas: The Perspectives for Central and South Europe"

Vienna – 2 July 2014, House of Industry

0930 – Arrival and sign-in at front of house

0940 – Coffee

1000 – *Welcome from Chair*

Rick Gill – CEO Natural Gas Europe and **Philipp Depish** - CEO of Middle European Initiative (IPM)

Peter Koren, Vice Secretary General – Federation of Austrian Industries

Thomas Schüssler (professional moderator – will host the panels).

Session 1: Political and Academic

1010 – *Opening remarks*

Christian Schönbauer - Head of Department Energy and Mining - Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy

1020 - *South Stream – A European interest*

Péter Szijjártó - Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

1030 – *The importance of Natural Gas to the European gas market*

Alan Riley – Professor and Director of the LLM Programme, The City Law School, City University of London

1045 – *Panel Energy Policies of Eastern European Countries*

- **Jochen Penker** - Austrian Ministry for Economy and science
- **Alfred Maier** Montan University
- **Andras Deak** - Consultant at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

1110– Break

Session 2: Region focused

1140 – *Welcome from Austrian Chamber of Commerce*

Marc Hall - chairman of the Association of Gas and District Heating Companies

1150 – *Gas issues in the Energy Community: legal and infrastructural implications*

Andrius Simkus – Gas Expert from the Energy Community Secretariat

1200 – *Introduction of the BEI – Convening the Balkan Energy Initiative*

- **Zeljko Sertic**, President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce,
- **Imre Toth**, Honorary President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce,
- **Vasil Todorov**, Secretary General and Member of the Executive Council of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

1220 – *Panel of Energy business representatives of the region – Facilitating energy flows to benefit consumers*

- **Ulrich Streibl**, Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy, OMV
- **Csaba Attila Kiss**, Chief Executive Consultant for New Gas business, MVM, Hungary

1240 – *Energy diversification in Europe – what is the future of the natural gas market?*

Leonid Grigoryev – Chief Adviser to the Head of Analytical Center for the Government of the Russian Federation, Chair of Global Economy of Higher School of Economics

1300 – Q&A

1320 – Final Remarks from Chair

1330 – Light lunch and Drinks