

The End of the Pipeline Saga?

Southern Corridor and South Stream in the Making

Time: October 4, 2013 (Friday) **Venue**: Auditorium, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

This three-panel expert conference is dedicated to the Southern Corridor issues in a broad sense. We would like to use this opportunity to give an overview of European gas dilemmas with a strong focus on South Eastern Europe pipeline economics and politics. The conference aims to keep a healthy balance between producers' representatives and potential consumers, providing a forum for a vivid economic and political debate on these approaching matters.

Program

- 09.00 09.30 Registration
- 09.30 09.40 Opening Remarks

John Shattuck, President and Rector, Central European University, Hungary

09.40 – 10.20 Keynote Speech

Péter Hónig, Former Minister of Telecommunication, Transportation and Energy, Hungary **Reha Aykul Muratoğlu,** Head of Department for Transit Petroleum Pipelines, Turkey

10.20 – 12.20 Panel I. <u>The European gas market through the producers' glance</u>

Chair: Christof van Agt, Senior Researcher, Clingendael Institute, Netherlands

László Varró, Head of Gas, Coal and Power Division, IEA, France Andrey Konoplyanik, Adviser, Gazpromexport, Russia Nikolay Kaveshnikov, Head of Department of European Integration Studies, MGIMO, Russia Ingilab Ahmadov, Dean, School of Economics and Management, Khazar University, Azerbaijan

12.20 – 13.10 Buffet Lunch

13.10 – 15.10 Panel II. The economics of new supply in Southern Europe

Chair: András Deák, Associate Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Hungary

István Zsoldos, Chief Economist, MOL Group, Hungary Haris Boko, Chief Advisor, Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar, Croatia Ilin Stanev, Journalist, Energy Expert, Capital, Bulgaria

15.10 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.30 Panel III. Is the rivalry over? – Political aspects of the new pipelines

Chair: Andrej Nosko, Senior Program Officer at Think Tank Fund, Open Society Foundations

Konstantin Simonov, Director, Russian Energy Security Fund, Russia Elnur Soltanov, Assistant Professor, ADA, Azerbaijan Ana Otilia Nutu, Expert Forum, Romania Vito Bobek, Professor, FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria

17.30 – 17.45 Concluding Remarks

Péter Balázs, Director, CEU Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Hungary

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