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Please allow us to present and at the same time invite you to actively participate at the

**fourth international *Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV* conference, subtitled**

***Governing a Climate Energy Policy*,**

**which will take place on Friday, March 11, 2016, in Ljubljana.**

**Presentation of the *Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV conference***

**A.      EPC IV conference**

The ***Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV*** conference is organized by the Slovenian World Energy Council Member Committee and the Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia with the support of the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia. This is the fourth conference in a series of **Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV** conferences.

The fourth conference will also provide national professional associations with the opportunity to participate at the *EPC IV* conference and, furthermore, to contribute to the joint conclusions of the conference from a professional aspect and with expert opinions.

**B.      Subtitles of the three conferences under the auspices of *EPC so far are as follows:***

* *Present State and Development (September 26, 2013),*
* *The Urgency of International Cooperation (May 19, 2014) and*
* *National Energy Roadmaps to 2050 (April 24, 2015);* within the EPC IV conference the following events were organized in 2015 as well:
  + *Discussion with the representative of the German energy company E.ON SE, Dr. Stefan Ulreich, about the new strategy of this energy company*, on May 28, 2015, and
  + *Conference and round table discussion on security of supply and development of the European market with electricity – Security of Supply: A Pan-European Approach; The Opportunities and Requirements of Greater Cooperation across European Electricity Markets*, on October 20, 2015, with the participation, among others, of experts of the German World Energy Council Member Committee WEC Germany – Dr. Carsten Rolle, EURELECTRIC – Marion Labatut, the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) – Christophe Gence-Creux, ELES, Ltd., Electricity Transmission System Operator – Miran Marinšek, Holding Slovenske elektrarne (HSE) – Tomaž Štokelj, Slovenian Energy Agency – Bojan Kuzmič and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia – Urška Dolinšek.

Detailed descriptions of previous *Energy Policy Considerations* conferences are available on the following website: <http://energypolicyconsideration.eu/>.

**C.      The main theme of the 2016 conference will be national energy and climate goals, whereas its subtitle:**

***Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV – Governing a Climate Energy Policy***

The response after the previous conferences in Slovenia and abroad has encouraged us to organize a new event under the main title *Energy Policy Considerations – EPC IV – Governing a Climate Energy Policy*. An open and in-depth dialog between domestic energy policy-makers is necessary and forms a basis for the unification of external viewpoints, as well as equal inclusion within the European Union’s Energy Policy.

*The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 21,* which was held in Paris, set ambitious targets to be pursued by national energy policies. The impact of the *COP 21* conclusions and commitments cannot be ignored by our national energy industry as well. These must be also incorporated into the *Energy Concept of Slovenia (ECS)*, which is in preparation.

Therefore, this conference is carefully targeted as it desires to highlight directions that need to be taken in order to achieve binding targets. Nevertheless, routes to these are more important than the goals. We must address these paths, namely policies on how and in what manner to meet them. We are aware of the fact that insistence merely on the renewal of the energy policy alone cannot lead towards the necessary transformation into a sustainable climate and energy future. Therefore, we support the efforts of the ministry, which intends to incorporate energy policy into national strategies, as well as consider and define them among others. It is our common obligation to constructively shape the energy policy.

This time we chose deliberately to highlight and review the *COP 21* commitments and decide what needs to be done and changed domestically. The national energy policy must serve as a platform for energy sector transformation. Furthermore, the path towards national goals must be defined with transparent and efficient incentive mechanisms. In order to do this:

a)      **We need to establish a sustainably-oriented energy policy, whereas this is impossible without projects in the field of energy**. Therefore, project promoters need a predictable regulatory framework.

b)      In addition to the targets, **it is important therefore to also show how, with which projects and under what conditions these are achievable**. Fragmentation and lack of connection between projects, which has been a regular occurrence in Slovenia, does not offer any advantages.

c)       Thus, **we look forward to a discussion on how to connect, manage and fund these, and, above all, how to use and connect the domestic expertise in order to prevent brain drain**.

**D.      Participants at the EPC IV conference**

        **Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant**, Director of the Florence School of Regulation and Holder of the Loyola de Palacio Chair at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence,

        **Prof. Péter Kaderják**, Director of the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research at the Corvinus University of Budapest,

        **Prof. Anne Galkina**, Oil and Gas Sector Development Department for Russia and the World, Energy Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences,

        **Prof. Alojz Poredoš**, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Ljubljana; Council for Energy of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts,

        **Prof. Nevenka Hrovatin**, Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana, Academic Unit for Economics,

        **Duška Godina**, Director of the Slovenian Energy Agency,

        **Einari Kisel**, Regional Manager for Europe at the World Energy Council Secretariat,

        **Stefan Ulreich**, Chair of the WEC’s Global Energy Frameworks and of the partnership with Bloomberg New Energy Finance; Political Affairs and Corporate Communications Political & Regulatory Affairs, E.ON,

        **Romana Jordan**, Assistant to the Director at the Jožef Stefan Institute; Chair of the Administrative Board of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER),

        **Zoran Kus**, Head of Delegation, Lead Negotiator for Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia,

        **Hans Ten Berge**, Secretary General at EURELECTRIC,

        **Gian Carlo Scarsi**, Manager for Distribution at EURELECTRIC,

        **Sibil Svilan**, President of the Management Board and CEO of SID Bank,

        **Stojan Petrič**, Kolektor Group, d. o. o.,

        **Hinko Šolinc,**

        **Ivan Šmon**, Elektro Gorenjska,

        **Robert Golob,**

        **Bojan Luskovec**, Director of Elektro Gorenjska,

        **Bojan Kumer**,

        **Krešimir Bakič**,

        **Aleksanser Mervar**,

        **Matjaž Vodušek,** Distribution System Operator (SODO),

        **Andraž Šavli,**

        **Marjan Eberlinc**, Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia,

        **Franc Žlahtič**, Slovenian World Energy Council Member Committee,

        **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia**.

**E.       EPC IV conference program**

**Opening plenary session: 9.30–10.30**

* **Franc Žlahtič**, Slovenian World Energy Council Member Committee,
* **Marjan Eberlinc**, Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia,
* **Peter Gašperšič**, Minister of Infrastructure, Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia,
* **Violeta Bulc**, European Commissioner for Transport,
* **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

**Plenary session: Governing a Climate Energy Policy: 10.45–12.15**

        **Einari Kisel**, Regional Manager for Europe at the World Energy Council Secretariat,

        **Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant**, Director of the Florence School of Regulation and Holder of the Loyola de Palacio Chair at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence,

        **Prof. Péter Kaderják**, Director of the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research at the Corvinus University of Budapest,

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        **Danijel Levičar**, Director General at the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia,

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**Panel: New Market Design – Energy Transformation: 13.00–14.30**

        **Romana Jordan**, Assistant to the Director at the Jožef Stefan Institute; Chair of the Administrative Board of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER),

        **Stefan Ulreich**, Chair of the WEC’s Global Energy Frameworks and of the partnership with Bloomberg New Energy Finance; Political Affairs and Corporate Communications Political & Regulatory Affairs, E.ON,

        **Gian Carlo Scarsi**, Manager for Distribution at EURELECTRIC,

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        **Krešimir Bakič**,

        **Aleksanser Mervar**.

**Panel: Energy Climate Projects – Fulfilling Energy Climate Goals: 14.45–16.15**

        **Sibil Svilan**, President of the Management Board and CEO of SID Bank,

        **Prof. Nevenka Hrovatin**, Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana, Academic Unit for Economics,

        **Stojan Petrič**, Kolektor Group, d. o. o.,

        **Ivan Šmon**, Elektro Gorenjska,

        **Matjaž Vodušek**, Distribution System Operator (SODO),

        **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia**.

**Discussion and conclusions: 16.15–17.00**

Participants will prepare short presentations. Key speakers will be given a slot of between 15 and 20 minutes for discussion, whereas other participants a maximum of 7 minutes. All are requested to present up to 5 conclusions. The collected conclusions of the conference will be shared both with the general public and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. Furthermore, the major part of the discussion shall also provide answers to written questions gathered during the conference.

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| dr. Franc Žlahtič  Slovenian Member Committee of the World Energy Council | Marjan Eberlinc  President  Energy Industry Chamber of Slovenia |