



# 4<sup>th</sup> ENERGY INVESTMENT FORUM 2017

**16th FEBRUARY 2017**  
SMALL HALL OF THE  
VATROSLAV LISINSKI CONCERT HALL, ZAGREB

# THE BASIC CONCEPT

Energy Investment Forum (EIF) is a traditional Conference & Fair event addressing the issue of development of energy investment projects both in Croatia and in the region. During its last year's edition, EIF brought together 300 experts from the sector of energy and energy-related industries. This year the Conference will also address the most relevant topics, through participation of both domestic and international speakers linked with the issue of energy investment and it will yet again be a venue for meetings and discussions between representatives of executive authorities, financial institutions, project developers and industrial technology producers. During the last several years the immediate region has yet again seen a vigorous expansion of investment projects in energy sector. In Croatia alone investors are being offered projects worth €8 billion and there are investment plans of the same value to be implemented in the neighbouring countries. These projects, as well as the specific geopolitical circumstances, have finally attracted attention of the international investor community towards this part of the world. In addition to the expected continuation of exploration of hydrocarbon deposits in the continental part of Croatia, significant investment is planned also in electric power industry, both through projects linked with renewable energy sources and the so-called conventional facilities. Moreover, there is huge investment potential in the requirement of construction and modernisation of oil and gas infrastructure, as well as in the need to comply with both technological and ecological standards. In addition to the long-awaited Energy Development Strategy intended to harmonise energy supply safety and ecological objectives, these opportunities can be considered as a commencement of a new cycle of economic growth both in Croatia and in the region during the forthcoming decade.

## WHO IS THE CONFERENCE INTENDED FOR?

The Conference is a meeting venue between experts in energy sector and energy-related industries, representatives of scientific community and executive authorities, as well as project experts and equipment manufacturers.

### Lectures and presentations:

**Introductory lecture:** Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy of the Republic of Croatia

**Keynote presentation:** European Commission - Preparations of the EU for the Global Energy Transition

**Keynote presentation:** The Future of Investment in Upstream

**Keynote presentation:** Vermilion Energy Inc. - Investment Plans and Co-operation with the Croatian Economy

**Professional lecture:** PricewaterhouseCoopers - Global Energy Transformation

**Professional lecture:** Zdeslav Marić, special adviser to the Minister for Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy - LNG Terminal in starting position

## 1. PANEL DISCUSSION

### SUPPLY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - investment potential in low-emission development strategy

The features of energy sector currently differ substantially compared with a decade ago. Currently the key international challenge is to ensure safe and economically affordable energy supply, whilst simultaneously reducing the negative effects of climate changes and environmental impact. Hence, it is imperative to ensure energy supply safety and the provision of adequate technologies and financing models for the construction of energy facilities in compliance with the strict environmental criteria.

**Introductory presentation:** Davor Škrlec, European Parliament

**Expected participants in panel discussion:**

Hrvatska elektroprivreda, INA, RWE, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy of the Republic of Croatia, etc.

## 2. PANEL DISCUSSION

### INVESTMENT IN THE REGION – Encouraging Cross-Border Projects

By the end of November 2016 the European Commission presented the largest regulatory reform in the energy sector thus far which will have a significant impact on the future of the energy sector in the EU. Concerning energy supply safety, which is particularly important for countries such as Croatia whose energy imports range between 30% and 40 %, increased co-operation between countries is fundamental for which financing mechanisms under Investment Plan for Europe have been provided. The region is faced with an outdated energy infrastructure, poorly integrated markets and uncoordinated national energy policies. Hence, improvement of interconnections between power grids and infrastructure modernisation striving to reduce energy dependence, energy supply disruptions and ensuring affordable energy in the economy are the priorities.

**Expected participants in panel discussion:**

HOPS, Plinacro, Srbijagas, Geoplin, BH Gas, etc.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

<b>9:00 - 10:00</b>	Registration of participants
<b>10:00</b>	Opening of the Conference
<b>10:00 - 10:05</b>	Welcome address by the Editor-in-Chief of Poslovni dnevnik
<b>10:05 - 10:20</b>	Introductory lecture: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy of the Republic of Croatia
<b>10:20 - 10:40</b>	Keynote presentation: European Commission - Preparations of the EU for the Global Energy Transition
<b>10:40 - 10:55</b>	Keynote presentation: The Future of Investment in Upstream
<b>10:55 - 11:10</b>	Introductory presentation: Davor Škrlec, European Parliament
<b>11:10 - 12:10</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> Supply Safety and Environmental Protection - Investment Potential in Low-Emission Development Strategy
<b>12:10 - 12:30</b>	Coffee break
<b>12:30 - 12:45</b>	Vermilion Energy Inc. - Investment Plans and Co-operation with the Croatian Economy
<b>12:45 - 13:00</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers - Global Energy Transformation
<b>13:00 - 13:15</b>	Zdeslav Marić, special adviser to the Minister for Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy - LNG Terminal in starting position
<b>13:15 - 13:30</b>	Introductory presentation
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> Investment in the Region - Encouraging Cross-Border Projects
<b>14:30 - 15:30</b>	Lunch and networking
<b>15:30</b>	Closing of the Conference