



**HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING ON
CENTRAL AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE CONNECTIVITY
CESEC**

**Agenda 29 June 2018
Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria**

29 June 2018, Friday

Venue: Boyana Residence

08:00 - 8:30 Transfer from Hotel Marinela to Boyana Residence

08:30 - 9:00 Arrivals at Boyana Residence

09:00 - 09:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks by **Temenuzhka Petkova**, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria

Welcome by Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union **Maroš Šefčovič** and Commissioner on Climate Action and Energy **Miguel Arias Cañete**; introduction to the Agenda of the day.

09:30 - 10:30 State of play and next steps in the implementation of the CESEC Memorandum of Understanding and Action Plan on gas

Presentation and discussion by the Commission and Ministers on:

- Overview of the progress achieved on gas priority projects and the Gas Action Plan 2.1
- State of play of the physical reverse flow project on the Trans-Balkan

- Symbolic ceremony for the start of construction works on the Romanian section of the Bulgaria- Romania- Hungary- Austria (BRUA) project

10:30 - 10:45

Steering energy transition in the CESEC region: regional cooperation in the areas of electricity, renewables and energy efficiency

- Presentation by the Commission of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on a Joint approach on electricity market, energy efficiency and renewable development
- Comments from the Energy Community Secretariat

10:45 - 11:30

Progress and discussion on renewables and energy efficiency

- Report by the Commission on the Energy Efficiency Forum
- Presentation by Commission of EFSI 2.0 and of the new proposal for Connecting Europe Facility including cross border renewable projects
- Comments from IRENA on renewable's potential in the CESEC region
- Comments from the International Financial Institutions

11:30 - 12:00

Regional cooperation in the area of electricity

- Overview progresses achieved on electricity projects
- Presentation of smart grid project SINCRO.Grid
- Symbolic ceremony for the Connecting Europe Facility grant Cernavoda - Staplu (Romanian internal reinforcement)
- Symbolic ceremony for the increase of 30% capacity between Slovakia and Ukraine

12:00 - 12:40

Ceremony for the start of investment and works for Interconnector Greece – Bulgaria

- Video presentation of the project and of the main achievements
- Statements by Ministers, the European Commission and the project promoter (ICGB)
- Announcement of the project promoter's inclusion as a beneficiary for a European Regional Development Fund grant by the Bulgarian Monitoring Committee
- Signature ceremonies:
 - o Project promoter's exemption decision(s) by the National Regulatory Authorities

- Cooperation Agreement with Trans Adriatic pipeline
- Preliminary Interconnection Agreement with Bulgartransgaz
- Preliminary Interconnection Agreement with DESFA
- Memorandum of Understanding between Bulgarian Energy Holding and the European Investment Bank
- Term sheet of Intergovernmental Agreement for tax purposes - initialization by the Energy Ministers of Bulgaria and Greece

12:40 - 12:50	Adoption of meeting conclusions
12:50 - 13:25	Press conference
13:25 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Transfer from Boyana Residence to Hotel Marinela