Sixth Executive Training Programme for Young Professionals

Visegrad+ Session

Strengthening Energy Transition in Ukraine and Europe’s Eastern Neighbourhood:
Addressing the Region’s Challenges Through Good Governance Practices

Useful information

WHERE:
Energy Charter Secretariat
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WHEN:
From Tuesday 5th May 2015 to Friday 8th May 2015

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About the Training Programme

The sixth edition of the Energy Charter Executive Training Programme addresses the theme of energy transition in Ukraine and the EU’s wider eastern neighbourhood. Building upon the capacity and know-how developed in previous sequences of these programs, this training will provide very functional guidance on employing the practices of energy governance as a means of strengthening reform. Special attention will be given to EU eastern neighbours Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia, all of whom are seeking to integrate their energy economies closer with that of the EU. The training will offer multiple modes of experience sharing and best practices from within the EU energy market, in order to help officials from EU eastern neighbours apply better governance during the challenging period of energy transition.

Participants in the training will benefit from practical expertise elaborating on how EU countries have managed to push through their own energy market reform procedures, taking into special account the experience of the Visegrad states – Poland, Hungary, and the Czech and Slovak Republics. The training will help state officials as well as expert industry participants better understand the relationship between reform of domestic energy markets on the one hand, and energy security strategies on the other—the former often being a means to achieving the latter.

While the training will focus on areas that help officials push through reforms and improve their investment climates, a core feature of the event will once again be the model negotiations component. This segment of the training will feature simulated negotiations on a gas supply agreement, including a reverse flow component: a novelty of this year’s training. The training will once again be structured in a highly interactive and dynamic environment at the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels: an experience that will offer value added takeaways for all participants gathering for this unique event.

Programme features

• Four core “knowledge streaming” learning modules offered over three days
• Instruction and top level expertise from up to a dozen international energy specialists
• Simulation exercise modelling inter-governmental negotiations led by experienced energy practitioners
• Special focus on energy transition and governance in Ukraine and the EU’s wider eastern neighbourhood
• International participants from across the above mentioned region, as well as the wider Energy Charter constituency
• Field trip to EU institutions / LNG Terminal in Zeebrugge
• Dynamic and interactive professional learning environment at the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels
• Strong networking opportunities with specialists from international organisations, government, industry, regulators, EU officials, energy experts, NGOs, etc.
• Energy Charter Secretariat Knowledge Centre Certificate of Excellence upon completion
Programme Highlights

Tuesday 5 May 2015
Special Information Session: The Energy Charter and its activities (by invitation)

Wednesday 6 May 2015
Knowledge Stream I: Energy transition in Ukraine
Knowledge Stream II: Energy transition in Moldova and Georgia
Group seminar: Model negotiation exercise
Gala dinner: Mystery VIP guest speaker

Thursday 7 May 2015
Knowledge Stream III: Reformer case studies in the EU/V4 states/internal energy markets: leading to better regional governance and enhancing energy security
Field trip: EU institutions / LNG Terminal in Zeebrugge
Group seminar: Full negotiation simulation
Team-building dinner: with live music

Friday 8 May 2015
Knowledge Stream IV: Developing a stable investment environment: what can the Energy Charter do?
Awards ceremony: Cocktail reception

Who should attend
Participants are invited from the spheres of non-governmental organisations, international government and the wider energy industry.

Participants should have some relevant background in professional fields such as, but not exclusively, energy, law, economics, international relations, investment, strategy, finance, etc.

The programme caters to a maximum of 30 persons, so please register early.

The programme is offered to nationals of Energy Charter members and observers. Non-Energy Charter nationals are welcome to submit an expression of interest.

Registration & Payment
Registration for this programme closes on 30 April 2015. Participants should complete a registration form, including payment details, which can be downloaded here:

Completed registrations forms, or requests for further information, should be sent by email to training.course@encharter.org or by fax: +32-2-775-98-0

The training programme fee is 2,850 EUR per participant, which covers the cost of all deliverable learning modules during the three days and the special session, including all course materials, orientation sessions, receptions, lunches, coffee breaks and evening receptions. It is envisaged that participants will cover the cost of their accommodation and travel to Brussels.

Participants nominated by national authorities from across the wider Energy Charter constituency are likely to be exempt from the payment. Diplomatic status representatives from Brussels-based Missions may participate in programme sessions as guests of the Energy Charter Secretariat. Participants from academic institutions are invited to enquire about the academic rate category registration fee of 1,500 EUR.

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