

## **GEOPOLITICS, ENERGY AND CENTRAL EUROPE: WHAT NEXT?**

Business and Political repercussions on Energy Policy in the V4 Countries and the EU

A conference to launch the Czech Presidency  
of the V4 Countries in Brussels organized by  
Czech members of the European Parliament Dita Charanzová (ALDE), Kateřina Konečná  
(GUE-NGL), Luděk Niedermayer (EPP), Olga Sehnalová (S&D), Pavel Svoboda (EPP),  
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and

Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

**Brussels, 14 July 2015, 9.30 to 12.15**

**followed by a reception**

European Parliament Building, Room PHS 3C050

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

#### **9.30 Opening of the Conference**

by **Bohuslav Sobotka**, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

#### **9.45 Key Note Speeches**

**Maroš Šefčovič**, vice-president of the European Commission for Energy Union

**Jerzy Buzek**, chair of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament

#### **10.15 Panel discussion on Geopolitics, Energy, Internal Market and Business in the context of Energy Union: V4 Perspectives**

##### **Moderator:**

**Peter Spiegel**, Brussels bureau chief at Financial Times

##### **Panelists:**

**András Aradszki**, Minister of State for Energy Affairs, Ministry of National Development of Hungary – *“Hungarian energy strategy from the Energy Union and V4 perspective”*

**Pavel Cyrani**, Chief Commercial and Strategy Officer, member of the Board of Directors of ČEZ - *“Geopolitics, Energy and Central Europe”*

**Martin Herrmann**, CEO at RWE East - *“Energy Markets Integration as a Step Towards an Energy Union”*

**Marek Woszczyk**, President and CEO at PGE - *“Energy Union from the Polish and CEE perspective”*

**Miroslav Bodnár**, Director of Strategy and Member of the Board of Directors of Eustream – *“Infrastructure & Energy Security: Three hot topics – European Gas Market”*

**12.00 Closing remarks**

by **Jan Mládek**, Minister for Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

**12.15 Reception** hosted by Ambassador Martin Povejšil and Czech members of the European Parliament/Room Yehudi Menuhin

**Participants:**

Brussels Business and Diplomatic Community, officials of the EU institutions, Member States Governments, representatives of NGOs, Think-tanks, etc.

**Goal:**

to raise the importance of the V4 countries as a political force, draw the attention on the Czech Presidency of this group, contribute to the debate on the EU Energy policy within the new geopolitical environment in Central Europe and its political and business aspects, underline the need for a closer cooperation among the MEPs from the V4 countries.

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