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**Programme**

**9 – 9.30 a.m. Registration**

**9.30 – 10 a.m. Welcome**

* ***Nikolay Nikolov,*** *Deputy Minister of Energy, Government of the Republic of Bulgaria*
* ***Pierre Jean Coulon***, *President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, EESC*
* ***Lalko Dulevski****, President of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Bulgaria and Member of the EESC*

**10 – 11.15 a.m. The European Energy Union – Opportunities and Challenges of Integrating Energy Markets and Policies**

**Moderator:**

* ***Milena Angelova****, Secretary-General of the Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association*, *Member of the EESC and Member of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Bulgaria (ESC)*

**Panellists:**

* ***Ignacio Perez Caldentey****, Energy Policy Coordination, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission*
* ***Thomas Pellerin-Carlin****, Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute*
* ***Toni Vidan****, Energy Programme Coordinator of Friends of the Earth Croatia, Member of the EESC, Vice-President TEN Section*
* ***Dimitar Manolov****, President of the Confederation of Labour Podkrepa, Member of the EESC and Member of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Bulgaria (ESC)*

**11.15 – 11.30 a.m. Coffee break**

**11.30 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. The Case of Bulgaria: Evolution and State of Energy Markets After Bulgaria's Accession to the EU**

**Moderator:**

* ***Pierre Jean Coulon****, President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, EESC*

**Panellists:**

* ***N.N.****, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)*
* ***Ivan Ivanov****, Chairman, DKER (Energy Regulator of the Republic of Bulgaria)*
* ***Vasil Velev****, Chairman of Governing Board of Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association, Member of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Bulgaria*
* ***Bogomil Nikolov****, CEO of the Bulgarian National Consumer Association, and Member of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**12.45 – 1 p.m. Closing remarks**

* ***Pierre Jean Coulon****, President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, EESC*

**1 – 2 p.m. Lunch**

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