



## Regional Conference

### “Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan: towards Integrated and Sustainable energy region”

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Vilnius, Lithuania**

**Conference aim:** the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP) was endorsed by the eight Baltic Sea EU Member States and European Commission on 17 June 2009 and so far has been successfully developed. First time the BEMIP Regional Conference took place in Vilnius on 25 November 2009 with the objective to officially launch the implementation of the BEMIP project. During this period important projects were started in order to create the fully functioning and integrated electricity market. In 2014–2015 the first real results should be achieved. Now we are in the middle of the process and it is right time to evaluate the intermediate results: what has been done and what more we should do to achieve the objective of the BEMIP.

**Participants:** BEMIP countries (officials, regulators, companies, energy associations, academic and research), financial institutions, EU representatives, European associations (ENTSOs, etc.).

**Conference e-mail:** BEMIP-CONFERENCE2012@enmin.lt

**Conference venue:** Vilnius City Hall, 31 Didžioji str., Vilnius

**Working language:** English

**Organizer:** Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania (supported by European Commission DG ENER and Baltic Assembly)

8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 – 9:10	<p><b>Welcome address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Andrius Kubilius, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania</li> <li>• Mr Paulius Saudargas, President of the Baltic Assembly, Member of the Seimas (the Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania</li> </ul>
9:10 – 10:00	<p>Keynote speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Günther Oettinger, EU Commissioner for Energy</li> <li>• Mr Arvydas Sekmokas, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:20	<p><b>Session I. The needs and means of BEMIP region in energy sector</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jean-Arnold Vinois, Director of Internal Energy Market Directorate, DG ENER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Power generation – releasing economic growth in the BEMIP region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Masaharu Hanyu, Vice President and Executive Officer CEO, Nuclear Power Systems Company, Hitachi, Ltd., Japan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Energy infrastructure – empowering the regional and European markets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Virgilijus Poderys, Chief Executive Officer of Litgrid AB, Lithuania</li> <li>- Mr Einari Kisel, Senior Fellow, European Policies and Partnership Development, World Energy Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prospects of the regional gas market and shale gas: possibilities &amp; challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Joachim Hockertz, Deputy General Director - Commercial Director, AB Lietuvos Dujos &amp; Mr Rafał Wittmann, Director of Development and Investment Division, Gaz-System S.A.</li> <li>- Mr Mauri Valtonen, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Energy Department, Finland</li> <li>- Ms Andrea Cirlicova, Business Area Manager, System Development, ENTSO-G</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Each participant delivers 7-10 minutes opinion, tour de table followed by Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>11:20 – 11:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:40 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session I. The needs and means of BEMIP region in energy sector (continued )</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Integration of renewables into the market: balancing the security of supply and competitiveness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Gatis Ābele, Deputy State Secretary Ministry of Economics, Latvia</li> <li>- Mr Lars Andersson, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden</li> <li>- Ms Ulrike Czerwonka, Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Regulatory means of energy efficiency: synchronizing the objectives and instruments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Hans Jorgen Koch, Deputy State Secretary, Danish Energy Agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Investing into power generation and infrastructure – between investors’ responsibility and commercial payback</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Yngve Söderlund, Senior Manager, Nordic Investment Bank, Finland</li> <li>- Mr Thomas Schmidt, Head of the Helsinki Office, European Investment Bank</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Each participant delivers 7-10 minutes opinion, tour de table followed by Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session II. BEMIP and external dimension of EU energy policy</b>
	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Romas Švedas, Independent Energy Security Expert, former Vice Minister of Energy, Lithuania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Externalities of EU internal market: EU acquis expansion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Juris Ozoliņš, Latvian energy expert, former advisor to the EU Energy Commissioner</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Competing regulatory regimes of BEMIP and neighbouring countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Timo Tatar, Deputy Director of Energy Department, Ministry of Economy and Communication, Estonia</li> <li>- Mr Juha Kekkonen, Executive Vice President, Fingrid Oyj (the Finnish Electricity Transmission System Operator), Finland</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>External dimension of EU energy policy: potential and challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Szymon Polak, External Energy Policy, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Each participant delivers 7-10 minutes opinion, tour de table followed by Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Closing BEMIP challenges: what has been achieved and where to go further (Jean-Arnold Vinois)</b>