

# The Role of IENE on Improving Greece's and SEE's Energy Policy

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# Presentation Outline

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## IENE's Background

- ❑ Established in 2003 as a **non-profit** and **non-governmental organization** by a small group of energy professionals active in the broad energy field
- ❑ **Headquarters:** Athens, Greece
- ❑ Active in all 13 countries of SE Europe, as defined by IENE

### Core Countries

- Albania
- BiH
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- FYROM
- Greece
- Kosovo
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Turkey

### Peripheral Countries

- Egypt
- Hungary
- Israel
- Italy
- Lebanon
- Moldova
- Syria
- Ukraine



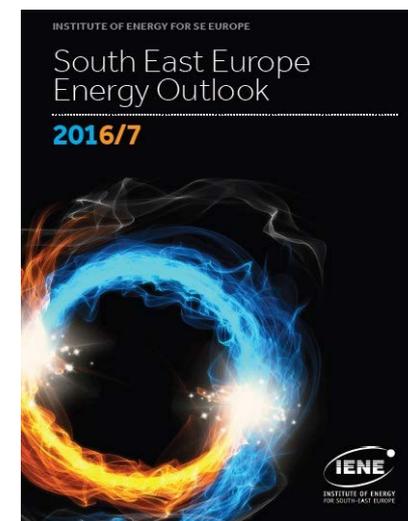
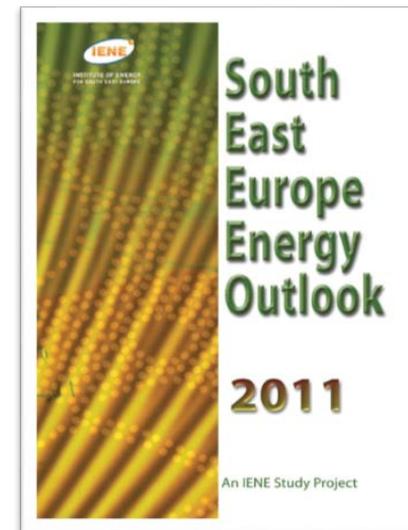
## IENE's Mission and Vision

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- IENE's **mission** is:
  - To promote a broader understanding of the key energy and environmental issues in the region
  - To provide a permanent forum and a suitable platform for the exchange of views and information
  - To be open to professionals, companies and stakeholders who are actively involved in the energy sector
  - To contribute in the formulation of energy policies at national, regional and international level, especially in SE Europe
  
- IENE's **vision** is to establish itself as one of the **leading energy think tanks** in the region and at the same time develop an even better, highly credible and worthwhile range of services, covering information provision, research, assessment studies, sectorial surveys, educational activities, event organisation and networking
  - These services are offered primarily to its members, but also to government and industry and energy professionals at large

# IENE's Activities

- ❑ Documentation
- ❑ Information provision and dissemination (daily news bulletin, weekly, monthly and bimonthly newsletters, conference proceedings)
- ❑ Education (seminars, lectures, specialized courses and mid-career training)
- ❑ Research and technological development
- ❑ Participation in EU, international and regional programmes
- ❑ Cooperation with national and international organizations and private entities
- ❑ Cooperation with other SE European institutes and organizations
- ❑ Event organisation (Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Roundtables)



## IENE's Voice in SE Europe – Past and Future Activities

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- Promotion of an Energy Dialogue in SE Europe (**already 10 SEE Energy Dialogues have been organised**)
  - The 11<sup>th</sup> SEED will take place in Thessaloniki on June 26-27, 2018 entitled as **“Energy Market Transition and Energy Security in SE Europe”**.
- In 2015, IENE published **“The Vertical Corridor: From the Aegean to the Baltic” (M26) study**, which described and analysed the Vertical Corridor concept **for the first time**.
- The Institute and the Financial Media Way (FMW) organised the **5<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Energy Symposium** on November 1, 2017, held in Nicosia, with the special theme of **“Cyprus: Europe's New Energy Gate”**
  - The Symposium covered the **latest developments in the energy sector of the country**, as well as several aspects of **regional cooperation** between Cyprus, Greece, Egypt and Israel, vis-à-vis **new geopolitical developments and challenges** in the SE Mediterranean.
- On March 9, 2018, IENE organised a half-day high-level event in Brussels, hosted by Eurelectric and entitled as **“Energy Market Integration and Transition in SE Europe”**
  - The aim was to explore the **opportunities** and **challenges** that lie ahead in SEE's energy sector (gas, electricity and RES) and which are associated to the ongoing process of market transformation.
- The Institute will organise in Istanbul the **“1<sup>st</sup> Greek-Turkish Energy Forum”** on April 25, 2018 (tbc)
  - Special focus on **bilateral energy relations** and **energy investment prospects**

## IENE's Voice in Greece – Past and Current Activities

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- Participation of IENE on **National Committee on Energy and Climate** with the presence of **Mr. Costis Stambolis**, IENE's Executive Director
  - In the first meeting of Committee, the objectives of Greece's energy strategy were set:
    1. Increase of RES penetration in energy production and energy savings
    2. Deal with energy poverty issue
- The Institute organised an ad hoc meeting on the **"Security of Greece's Energy System"** on March 15, 2017
  - The **critical** and **urgent problems** facing the Greek energy system which, in January 2017, nearly led to a black-out, were highlighted at IENE's special evening event.
- The Institute organised its annual National Energy Conference **"Energy and Development 2017"** in its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition on November 23-24, 2017
  - The Conference focused on "Energy Markets in Transition", wishing to underline the **major changes** already taking place in the shaping of the energy mix at both national, regional and global level.
  - Among others, the conference topics included energy markets, geopolitics, sustainability, energy security, energy poverty, economic development and investment in energy infrastructure and markets.

## IENE's Voice in Greece – Future Activities

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- The Institute will organise an ad hoc meeting on the **“Electricity Market in Transition – Latest Developments in Europe and Greece”** on March 28, 2018
  - **Cross-border cooperation** with a view to making Greece a regional energy market is an objective in the context of the transition towards an integrated market, with the **creation of Greece's Energy Exchange** that will contribute to the benefit of market participants and end-users.
  - Necessary changes in the **organization and operation of the domestic electricity retail market** in view of the significant decrease in PPC's share and the entry of several new players.
  
- The Institute will organise an one-day conference on **“Investing on Energy Efficiency”** on May 24, 2018
  - Special focus on **energy efficiency on buildings** and Greece's support programme **“Energy Saving at Home”**.
  - Specific reference to **energy poverty** issue.

## IENE's Voice is Heard in SE Europe

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- IENE has substantially **enhanced Greece's and SEE's energy policy** through:
  - the organization of numerous events (i.e. conferences, seminars, workshops, roundtables)
  - its participation in EU and regional programmes
  - its participation on Greece's public consultations (e.g. the creation of energy communities and Energy Exchange)
  - its intervention on highlighting key regional energy issues, opportunities, challenges and investment potential
  - its cooperation with international, regional and national organizations and private entities
  
- IENE will continue its work in order to satisfy its **vision** that is to establish itself as one of the **leading energy think tanks** in the region



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