



## Eastern Europe Energy Update – 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

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### Armenia

#### **Energy policy, economic and business news**

#EU4Energy photo competition: Sustainable energy around you 29 May

#### **Energy tariffs**

The halt of nuclear power plant will not raise electricity price 25 May

Armenian government taking steps to down gas and electricity prices - newspaper 22 May

#### **Oil & Gas**

Russian natural gas is cheaper than Iranian, Armenian minister says 25 May

Armenia holds no negotiations with Iran over gas purchase at the moment 23 May

#### **Nuclear Energy**

The EU-Armenia Nuclear Power Plant Discussion 28 May

Extension of Armenian nuclear power plant's service life agreed upon with European Union, minister says 25 May

Expert urges Armenian government to consider the future of the nuclear power plant 22 May

### Azerbaijan

#### **Renewable Energy**

Azerbaijan offers renewable energy cooperation to Japan 30 May

#### **Energy policy, economic and business news**

SOCAR and Equinor signed two oil contracts 30 May

International Caspian Oil & Gas Conference kicks off in Baku 30 May

Southern Gas Corridor serves Europe's strategic interests - minister 30 May

SOCAR turns into global transnational corporation 30 May

Mexico, Azerbaijan to expand cooperation in oil and gas sector 30 May

Baroness Nicholson: UK to further expand co-op with Azerbaijan in priority projects 30 May

Barkindo: OPEC ready to consider possibilities of expanding cooperation with Azerbaijan 29 May

Azerbaijani president: We are recompiling Europe's energy map 29 May

GECF Secretary General: "SGC" emphasizes Azerbaijan's role as gas hub 29 May

President Aliyev meets Secretary General of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum 29 May

Azerbaijani president thanks US and UK for support to energy projects 29 May

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Energy Community Secretariat and Azerbaijan agree to boost cooperation 28 May

Energy Regulation Agency's equity capital increased from AZN 1,000 up to AZN 8 million 23 May

EU4Energy supports a long-term vision in Azerbaijan 23 May

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### Electricity

Azerbaijan Increases Export of Electricity Eight Times in Q1 23 May

### Oil & Gas

Equinor extends its oil and gas operations in Azerbaijan 31 May

Rovnag Abdullayev: Azerbaijan will export its gas to any direction 30 May

“Azerbaijan has become important participant in oil market’s stabilization” 30 May

Vice-Minister: Oil&gas projects important for Japan's energy security 30 May

Azerbaijan, Bashkortostan may establish joint production of oil equipment 30 May

World community closely follows Azerbaijan's oil and gas projects 30 May

“Southern Gas Corridor” CJSC speaks on progress in project's financing 30 May

Another pipeline for transporting Azerbaijani gas to be built in Europe 29 May

JOGMEC, SOCAR to jointly research prospective oil, gas blocks in Azerbaijan 29 May

Opening ceremony of Southern Gas Corridor starts in Baku 29 May

First gas pumped in SGC 29 May

Azerbaijan’s natural gas reserves to be sufficient for at least 100 years, says President Aliyev 28 May

SOCAR to expand capacity of underground gas storage facilities in Azerbaijan 26 May

Azerbaijani oil prices down May 25 26 May

SOCAR to expand cooperation with Ukraine 26 May

## Belarus

### Energy efficiency

Belarus, World Bank working towards heat modernization of residential buildings 30 May

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the procedure for appointing members of the Supervisory Board of the Energy Efficiency Fund 23 May (in Russian)

EU4Energy: Teachers in the Chausy district of Belarus learn about energy efficiency 23 May

### Energy policy, economic and business news

On the work of energy supply units - an interview with the Deputy Director General of the State Enterprise "Belenergo" Mr Shebeko for the "Energetika Belarusa" newspaper 30 May (in Russian)

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Grand Prix of the International Youth Energy Forum was won by a team of Belarusian energy specialists 28 May (in Russian)

On signing the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy 23 May (in Russian)

### Oil & Gas

No final decision on fuel pricing policy in Belarus yet 30 May

Belarus to raise export duties on oil, petroleum products on 1 June 29 May

Some 50,000 tonnes of Belarusian oil products shipped via Russian ports in Q1 2018 29 May

Belarus invites Russia to resume gas price negotiations 29 May

Belarusian Belneftekhim may process more oil this year 29 May

Belneftekhim looking forward to practical implementation of EAEU oil agreements 25 May

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### **Nuclear Energy**

Kazakhstan to examine Belarus' experience in developing nuclear energy 23 May

## **Georgia**

### **Energy efficiency**

Romeo Mikautadze At World Energy Efficiency Forum 24 May

### **Renewable Energy**

Nenskra Hydropower Plant is a Unique Project for Georgia 30 May

Georgia expected to re-launch Enguri HPP on May 30 29 May

Spanish Company PERSOL to Study Hydrocarbons Potential in Georgia 29 May

EU supports first wind farm in Georgia 27 May

Georgia's minister gives details on Enguri HPP incident 25 May

Enguri HPP breaks down in Georgia 25 May

### **Energy policy, economic and business news**

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South Caucasus Energy Summit (High-level Policy Talks) highlights benefits of upgraded regional energy cooperation in the South Caucasus Region 25 May

Dimitry Kumsishvili Opened South Caucasus Energy Summit in Tbilisi 25 May

Tbilisi Hosts South Caucasus High-level Policy Talks 25 May

## **Moldova**

### **Energy efficiency**

Chiril Gaburici: We should pay more attention to energy efficiency 29 May

### **Renewable Energy**

Journalists from the Eastern Partnership countries discover Moldova's experience in the transition to biomass energy 30 May

If Ukraine insists on construction of hydropower plants, relationship with Moldova will worsen, opinion 29 May

Biggest solar park inaugurated in Moldova with Italian investments worth one million euros 25 May

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EIRA fact-finding mission to Moldova 28 May

Igor Dodon met with the head of Gazprom Board 28 May

EU4Energy to support development of detailed Wholesale Electricity Market Rules in Moldova 24 May

### **Energy tariffs**

Moldovan energy regulator proposes to cut regulated prices for electric energy supply as of 1 July 28 May

### **Oil & Gas**

Moldovan energy regulator sets higher prices for petrol, diesel against previous period 29 May

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### Russian Federation

#### **Energy efficiency**

Cities Energy Efficiency International Initiative expands membership 23 May (in Russian)

#### **Renewable Energy**

Enel negotiating financing for 291 MW of Russian wind farms - report 29 May

#### **Energy policy, economic and business news**

Ratified agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan on the oil status 30 May (in Russian)

Enel to test battery tech on Russian railway network 25 May

EU closes Gazprom case 24 May

#### **Oil & Gas**

Turkey & Gazprom agree on construction of land portion of Europe-bound Turkish Stream 27 May

Turkey, Russia agree on 10 pct discount on natural gas 26 May

Russia Plans to Build another Gas Pipeline to China 25 May

LUKOIL Considering Only One Project in Iran 25 May

Rosneft CEO predicts new oil era 25 May

Novak predicts 2018 average oil price 24 May

Lukoil CEO: OPEC+ deal makes market more predictable 24 May

### Ukraine

#### **Energy efficiency**

Banks have issued more than UAH 103 million for "warm loans" for a week 30 May (in Russian)

Japanese company Marubeni plans to invest in processing of garbage and energy efficiency in Ukraine 29 May (in Russian)

Ukraine remains one of the least energy-efficient countries in the world, - former US Ambassador Pascual 27 May (in Russian)

Ukraine: New winners of European grants for energy-efficient innovations to be announced 23 May

Ukraine: Homeowner associations now able to benefit from IQ Energy programme energy efficiency grants 23 May

Lutsk invests in energy efficiency in public buildings 23 May

#### **Renewable Energy**

Started the construction of 2 solar power plants with a total capacity 20 MW in the Kirovograd region 30 May (in Russian)

Chinese investors plan to open biogas production project in Ukraine 30 May (in Russian)

Solar station was installed at the place of a destroyed dairy farm in the Kirovograd region 30 May (in Russian)

Solar power plant to be installed in the Zoo in Kherson region for the operation of refrigerators and lighting 27 May (in Russian)

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Dentons advises NEFCO and IFU in connection with construction of a 36 MWp solar plant in the Lviv region 25 May

Petro Poroshenko: Ukraine invested EUR 1.1 billion in RES for 3 years 25 May (in Russian)

Vinnitsia Regional State Administration will compensate 15% for installation of domestic solar power plants 25 May (in Russian)

SAEE and NEFCO signed an agreement on the Finnish-Ukrainian Trust Fund functioning for "green" projects financing 24 May (in Russian)

Two solar power plants with a total capacity of 40 MW are planned to build In the Rivne region 24 May (in Russian)

5 Ukrainian companies will receive EUR 170 thousand from the EU and the EBRD to develop their "green" projects 24 May (in Russian)

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Speech at the conference 'CEE gas gateway - Ukrainian gas transmission system contribution to the Energy Security in Europe' in Brussels 25 May

Prime Minister at a meeting with Vice President of the European Commission for Energy Union: Ukraine will take a firm and responsible stance on tripartite negotiations on gas transit between EU, Ukraine and Russia 25 May

Poroshenko calls on EBRD to double funding for projects in Ukraine 25 May

Poroshenko discusses with Japanese business nuclear safety, energy efficiency 25 May

Agreement reached to negotiate gas transit in Ukraine-EU-Russia format - Groyzman 25 May

Agreement with EIB to allow financing sustainable power supply in four regions of Ukraine - PM 25 May

EIB will issue EUR 211 million for Ukraine for the energy system reliability increasing 25 May (in Russian)

EIB supports upgrade of energy and road infrastructure in Ukraine 24 May

Sefcovic invites Ukraine, Russia to start trilateral gas talks 23 May

Ukraine's energy independence: key requirement of IMF and vital necessity – Fuks 23 May

Energy and Coal Industry Ministry to cooperate with Japanese companies 22 May

### **Energy tariffs**

Gas prices for population may grow by 60-70% after tariff revision - NEURC 25 May

### **Oil & Gas**

Naftogaz head urges to select intl partner for managing Ukraine's GTS by Jan 2020 29 May

Steinmeier urges Ukraine not to worry about gas transport via its territory following Nord Stream 2 construction 29 May

Volodymyr Groyzman: Joint management of the Ukrainian GTS will guaranteedly provide European consumers with energy resources 29 May

SOCAR to expand cooperation with Ukraine 26 May

Ukrainian GTS is a reliable and proven alternative to potential threats posed by the Nord Stream 2, says the Prime Minister 25 May

Russia not planning to stop gas transit to EU via Ukraine; Nord Stream 2 to compensate Europe for more costly LNG, falling output - Putin 25 May

Naftogaz ready to supply gas to Kyivteploenergo after settling issue of legal succession of debts 24 May

Naftogaz says rise in gas prices for industrial consumers linked with 8-12% rise in price in Europe 22 May

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