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NEW ENERGY ORDER

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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PURPOSE

Provide extensive expert knowledge on energy policy and geopolitical dimensions of the new energy order

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WELCOME FROM THE ORGANIZERS

- Anđelko MILARDOVIĆ, Professor, Ph.D., President Institute for European and Globalization Studies, Zagreb
- Mladen NAKIĆ, Ass. Proff. Ph.D., President of the Atlantic Council of Croatia, Zagreb

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FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF ENERGY POLICY AND GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY

- Brief presentation of the digital lexicon from energy policy and energy geopolitics
- Anđelko Milardović (editor.), AI (editor.). Reviewers: Jadranka Polović, Ass. Proff. Ph.D.; Višeslav Raos, Assi. Proff. Ph.D.
- Jadranka POLOVIĆ, Ass. Proff. Ph.D., Daria KARASALIHović, Professor, Ph.D. and Anđelko MILARDOVIĆ, Professor, Ph.D.

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OPENING REMARKS

- Representative of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia (tbc)
- Marijan KRPAN, President of the Management Board of the Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency (AZU), Zagreb
- Ivan ANDROČEC, Ph.D., President of the Croatian Energy Association (HED), Zagreb

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GUEST OF HONOR

- Theodossios GEORGIU, Ph.D., President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Brisel/Pariz

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FEATURED PARTNER

- H.E. Mr. Anar IMANOV, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Croatia

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INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

- Davor Ivo STIER, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Brisel
- Julian WIECZORKIEWICZ, NATO HQ, Brisel

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PANEL 1.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF ENERGY CORPORATIONS IN THE NEW ENERGY ORDER

PLENARY SESSION

- Tonči TOKIĆ, Project Director, Gas Department, EAGibson, Singapore
- Moderator: Jadranka POLOVIĆ, Ass. Proff. Ph.D., Institute for European and Globalization Studies, Zagreb
- Vladislav VESELICA, Adriatic pipeline (JANAF), Zagreb
- Ahmet TÜRKOĞLU, CEO, Turkish Petroleum Corporation Sariyer, Istanbul
- Viktor LUČIĆ, Director of Corporate Strategy and Business Development Sector, Končar, Zagreb
- Dr.sc. Leon STILLE, Innovation in energy industry, Nederland

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PANEL 2.

MODERNIZATION OF ENERGY CORPORATIONS, THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE NEW ENERGY ORDER

PLENARY SESSION

- Andrej PUSTIŠEK, Professor, Ph.D., Hochschule für Technik, Stuttgart
- Moderator: Marko PEROŽIĆ, reporter/ journalist Bloomberg Adria TV, Zagreb
- Marat TERTEROV, Ph.D., Oxford University, Principal Representative Brussels Energy Club ASBL, Brisel
- Tomislav CAPUDER, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (FER), Zagreb
- Mario VAŠAK, Professor, Ph.D., Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (FER), Zagreb
- Davor ANIČIĆ, Director and Co-founder of Velebit AI, Zagreb

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PANEL 3.

THE ENERGY MARKET IN THE NEW ENERGY ORDER AND GEOPOLITICAL UPHEAVAL

PLENARY SESSION

- Aleksandar HALAVANJA, Head of the Service for Systematic Energy Management, Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, Zagreb
- Moderator: Daria KARASALIHović SEDLAR, Professor, Ph.D., Faculty of mining geology and petroleum engineering, Zagreb
- Ninoslav MANDIĆ, Director of the Mandatory Oil and Petroleum Products Reserves Sector, AZU
- Dražen JAKŠIĆ, Director of the Energy Institute "Hrvoje Požar", Zagreb
- YU Hongyuan, Professor, School of Political Science & International Relations, Tongji University
- Saša ŽIKOVIĆ, Professor, Ph.D., European Centre for Business Research, Pan European University, Prag

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PANEL 4.

CROATIA AS A NEW EU GAS HUB WITHIN THE NEW ENERGY ORDER

PLENARY SESSION

- Miro KOVAČ, Assoc.Professor, Ph.D., Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb
- Moderator: Mladen SIROVICA, Croatian Radiotelevision, Zagreb
- Davor ŠTERN, Department of Economics of Matica Hrvatska
- Dalibor PUDIĆ, Professor, Ph.D., Director of City Gasworks Zagreb / Croatian Gas Association, President, Zagreb
- Zvonimir ŠIBALIĆ, Management Board Member for Trading and New Business Development, PPD, Zagreb
- Robert BOŠNJAK, Plinacro d.o.o., Zagreb
- Danijela ŠIMOVIĆ, LNG Hrvatska, Zagreb

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CLOSING REMARKS

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ANDELKO MILARDOVIĆ. Political scientist and sociologist. Professor of political science with permanent title. He is the founder of the Institute for European and Globalization Studies of the International Energy Forum (INTERENEF), whose ultimate goal is the transition of INTERENEF into a GLOBAL ENERGY FORUM based on the Davos model, based in Zagreb.

Within the forum, he deals with conceptual issues with a focus on energy policy and energy geopolitics. In collaboration with artificial intelligence, he prepared the digital lexicon FUNDAMENTAL TERMS OF ENERGY POLICY AND ENERGY GEOPOLITICS.





MLADEN NAKIĆ graduated political science at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Zagreb. He received a master's degree in international relations and a doctorate in international relations and National security. He is the Homeland War veteran with military career as an active duty in the Ministry of Defence. He served as Head of the Department for Foreign Military Attaches. He was Defence Attaché of the Republic of Croatia in the USA and Canada based in the Embassy of Croatia in Washington DC. He was also the Head of the Arms Control Office. He left the Croatian Army with the rank of brigadier in 2006. and continue as a career diplomat in the MFA. He served as Assistant Minister of Administration from 2017-2019. and upon returned to MFA, currently holding the position of Advisor to the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs. He graduated the European Centre for Security Studies "George C. Marshall" in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. He is the author of the book "The United States of America and the Global Environment" and numerous articles in the field of International Relations, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy. He was the initiator

and first director of the George C. Marshall Club Croatia (Alumni). After being a long-time member and Vice-president, he serves now as the President of the Atlantic Council of Croatia since 2024. Mladen is lecturer at Libertas International University as well as at the MFA Diplomatic Academy. He has been awarded with several decorations and medal including "Storm" Medal, and the Legion of Merit by the President of the USA.





VLADISLAV VESELICA graduated from the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb in 1994. He began his professional career in the private sector in the sales of petroleum products and directed his professional development in the areas of sales and logistics, petrochemicals, and financial and investment supervision. After many years of experience gained in management positions in the private sector, financial institutions, and regulatory bodies, he returned to the oil industry in 2012 in the Commercial Affairs Sector of JANAF, where he became the Director of the Commercial Affairs Sector in 2014.

In February 2024, he was appointed a member of the Management Board of Jadranski naftovod d.d. for a new four-year term. He is the author of several professional papers and articles. He is a member of the Economic Council of the Croatian Society of Economists and the Executive Board of the Croatian Swimming Federation, a karateka and holder of a 1st Dan black belt, and a multiple national swimming champion as a senior and veteran.



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DAVOR ANIČIĆ, CEO & co-founder of Velebit.AI & Board Member of CroAI association.

Seasoned business leader with a product management background co-founded and leading a tiny, efficient, and very experienced team of Velebit AI since 2019 that implements B2B solutions and delivers AI services across various industries.

Serial entrepreneur starting in the early internet days, but also spent five years in academia and 15 years in the corporate environment in various roles across industries like telecommunications, online publishing, and technology transfer. Driven to understand how AI will interact with humans and change our livelihoods in the years to come.





DRAŽEN JAKŠIĆ is a distinguished energy expert with over two decades of experience in energy sector development, power system optimization, and electricity market analysis. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar since 2020, he leads Croatia's foremost energy research institution, driving strategic initiatives in energy transition and sustainable development.

Dražen's academic background includes a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Zagreb, complemented by a Diploma in Management. His expertise spans energy modelling tools such as Plexos, MESSAGE, and WASP, and he has contributed to numerous high-impact projects, including the development of Croatia's Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) and regional energy strategies for the Western Balkans and Southern Africa.





MARIO VAŠAK is a full professor tenure at the Department of Control and Computer Engineering, University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing and he is heading its Laboratory for Renewable Energy Systems (LARES).

His research interests are in the domain of dynamic systems predictive control with applications to systems from the low-carbon energy sector. He has designed the concept of hierarchical and modular energy management in buildings with integrated microgrids for enabling their economically optimal interoperation. In the past 15 years he led more than 20 research projects dealing with predictive control in green energy systems. He authored more than 150 internationally reviewed research papers, and received more than 900 citations according to Web of Science.



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JADRANKA POLOVIĆ is a political scientist with a Master of Science and a PhD in Political Science (specializing in International Relations and National Security) from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, she is currently employed as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of International Relations, Libertas International University in Zagreb, where she teaches courses in Geopolitics, International Organizations, and NATO and Other Security Organizations. She is also an external associate of the Department of Demography at the Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb. She serves as the President of the Croatian Association for International Studies (HUMS) and, as an independent geopolitical analyst, is a regular columnist for the specialized geopolitical portal Geopolitika.News. She is a member of the Atlantic Council of Croatia, the Institute for European and Globalization Studies (IEGS), and the Croatian Political Science Association. She is the author and co-author of three books and numerous academic and professional articles, and has participated in many scientific conferences and symposia. She has experience in hosting and editing television and radio programs.



From 2009 to 2018, she hosted programs on HRT-Radio Split and the regional TV station TV Jadran, covering key social topics in domestic and international politics, as well as issues related to human rights, civil society, science, art, culture, and environmental protection. Her scientific and research interests include: geopolitics, new technologies and society, global governance, the position of Southeast Europe in international relations, and media studies.



MLADEN SIROVICA is the editor, reporter and interviewer on Croatian Public Television. Mladen has over 20 years of experience in journalism, mostly as an economy reporter. His fields of expertise are energetics and macroeconomics.

For the past four years, he is covering various topics by doing daily interviews that are being broadcasted as an integral part of Central News on HRT. He is also the editor of economy section in the News Programme of HRT for the last two years.

He has a master's degree in Journalism, which he completed at Faculty of Political Science in Zagreb. He also finished an MBA Programme "Economy of Energy Sector" at the Faculty of Economics in Rijeka.





For over twenty-five years, ROBERT BOŠNJAK has been actively involved in gas and heat market development projects in Croatia and Southeast Europe.

Immediately after obtaining his Master of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Faculty of Mining, Petroleum and Geology, University of Zagreb (1997), he joined the Hrvoje Požar Energy Institute as a junior researcher and after more than twenty years left the Institute as Deputy Head of the Energy Systems Planning Department.

He has participated in more than 100 technical studies, more than 20 scientific or technical papers, and was a co-author of 5 books. During his professional career, he has participated in several advanced training courses, the most important of which are FOIP - business and company development, preparation and assessment of investment projects, RUHRGAS programs for technical and economic planning of gas and heat systems development, SIMONE program for simulation and optimization of gas transport and distribution, IAEA MAED - model for energy demand analysis and ENERDATA France - energy consumption forecasting and energy efficiency assessment.

For many years, he has been actively participating in the work of various working groups of the International Gas Union (IGU) and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG).

He is currently employed at Plinacro as an Assistant to the Board Member and Head of the Strategic Development Department.



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SAŠA ŽIKOVIĆ is the head and co-founder of the MBA program Energy Sector Economics with the Hrvoje Požar Energy Institute. He is a visiting professor at a number of foreign universities, including: Trinity College Dublin (Ireland), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, (Germany) and KEDGE Business School (France).

He works as a consultant for a number of financial institutions and energy companies in the field of risk management and energy. He has published over 100 scientific papers in international academic journals, as well as three books on risk management and energy economics.





MARIJAN KR PAN, M. Sc.in Business Management and graduate engineer in geology with more than 30 years of experience in the exploration and production of oil and natural gas. Initial experience and knowledge were acquired through geological and petrophysical analyses at INA, Zagreb.

International experience gained in Milano, Italy, through all phases of natural gas exploration and production for INAgip. After this, he held various managerial positions in the Formation Assessment Service and the International Business Development Sector at INA Zagreb.

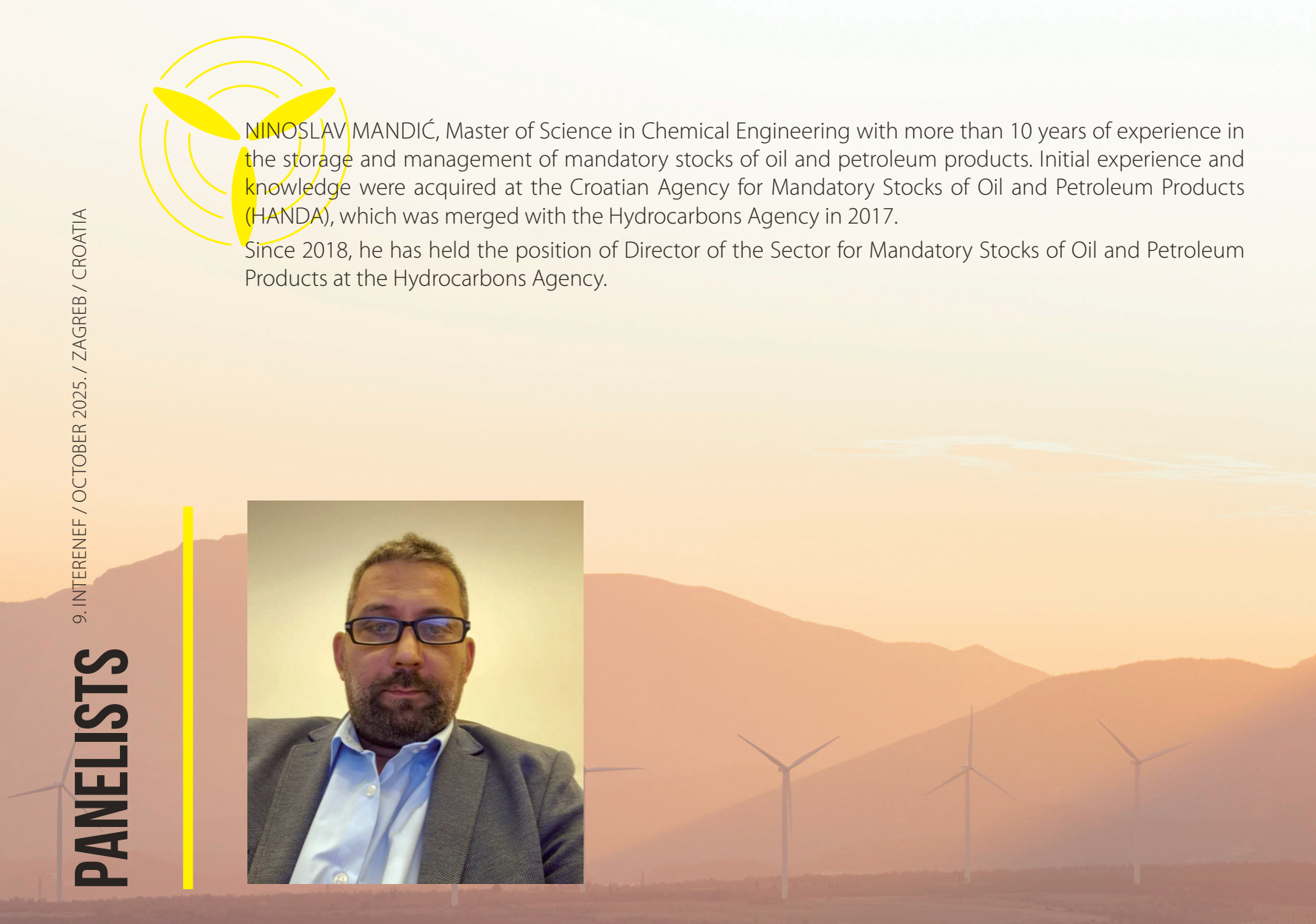
This was followed by gaining additional expertise at Repsol company in Madrid, Spain, leading up to his current role of President of the Management Board of the Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency, which he has held since 2018.





NINOSLAV MANDIĆ, Master of Science in Chemical Engineering with more than 10 years of experience in the storage and management of mandatory stocks of oil and petroleum products. Initial experience and knowledge were acquired at the Croatian Agency for Mandatory Stocks of Oil and Petroleum Products (HANDA), which was merged with the Hydrocarbons Agency in 2017.

Since 2018, he has held the position of Director of the Sector for Mandatory Stocks of Oil and Petroleum Products at the Hydrocarbons Agency.





IVAN ANDROČEC, Chair of the Croatian World Energy Council Member Committee (Croatian Energy Society), is a Director of Renewables & Innovations at INA d.d. (Croatian Oil & Gas Company) since 10/2024. Previously he worked at HEP d.d. (Croatian Electricity Utility) since 2001 and was Director of Strategy and Development Department, Section Head, Business Coordinator, Advisor, Independent Engineer, Team Leader and part of team on different projects. He was also president of the Supervisory Board of LNG Hrvatska d.o.o. (2018-2024). His main topics of interest are strategic planning, energy markets and business development, development of energy and investment projects with special focus on renewables.

He received PhD from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing at University of Zagreb in 2012, and in 2023, he was elected as the titular assistant professor at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding, Zagreb. Additionally, in 2006 he completed DSM (Diploma Study in Management) business school created for engineers.



During his postgraduate studies, he spent in total five months at SINTEF Energy Research in Trondheim, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (in 2004 and 2007). He wrote around 70 scientific and professional papers, held around 20 invited lectures, and participated in a series of energy conferences, seminars, and lectures.

He reviewed several scientific and professional articles in journals and at conferences. He is a member of the Croatian organization CIGRE (Secretary of SO C1) and the international organization CIGRE (C1) and the Croatian Nuclear Society. He was also member of the Council for Energy Transition of Croatia and a member of the Electrification & Sustainability Committee (EURELECTRIC).



DAVOR IVO STIER, born on January 6, 1972, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, holds a Master's degree in Political Science, International Relations, and Journalism from the Catholic University in Argentina and graduated from the Diplomatic Academy in Zagreb.

Currently serving his third term as a Member of the European Parliament (2024), he chairs the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo (DSEE) and is an active member of the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET), the Delegation for relations with Latin America (DLAT), and the Delegation for relations with the Andean Community (DAND).

Stier's work in these roles closely links to energy policy, international relations, and regional cooperation. He served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs in 2016, where he played a key role in shaping Croatia's foreign policy and European integration. Elected multiple times to both the Croatian Parliament and the European Parliament, he has held leadership positions including Vice

President of key parliamentary committees and President of the European People's Party Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Fluent in Spanish, English, Italian, and French, Stier has been honored with awards such as the Order of Duke Branimir and the Parliament Magazine MEP Award for development policy.



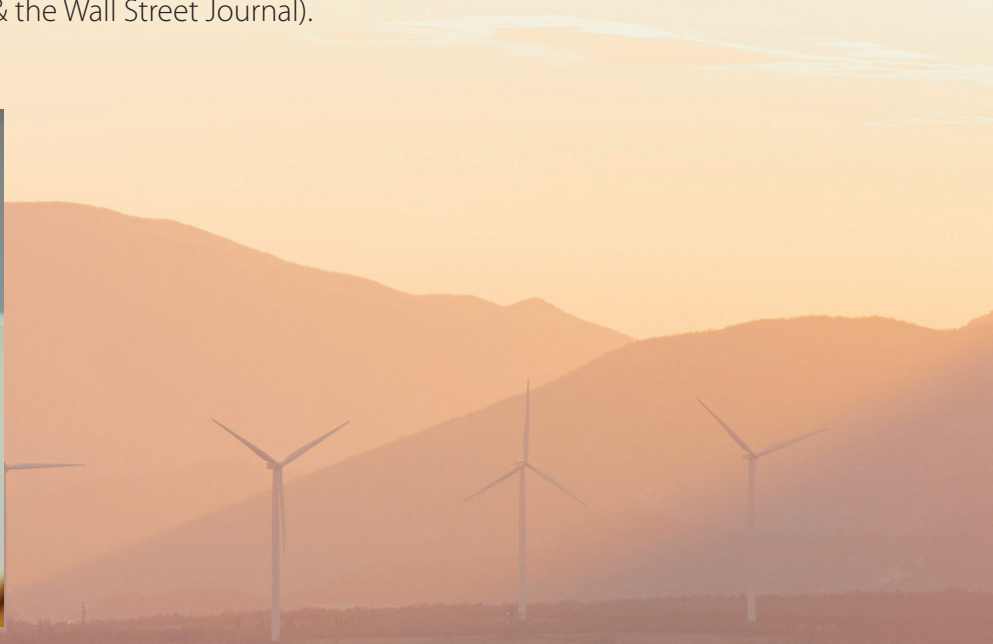


JULIAN WIECZORKIEWICZ is an energy security analyst, and think tanker. He works on energy security at NATO's Cyber and Digital Transformation Division.

Between 2019 and 2023, Julian worked as desk officer for Russia at NATO's Political Affairs and Security Policy Division. Prior to that, Julian served as a diplomat at a Polish MFA (2014-2019). Between 2013 and 2014, Julian worked as a Researcher at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), where he worked on energy.

He also covered energy-related developments while working for the European Commission in Brussels and Algeria. Julian is a graduate of the College of Europe and of the University of Warsaw. He is a James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellow with the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA).

He published extensively on energy and climate security developments, and gave numerous interviews on these issues (e.g. to Bloomberg TV & the Wall Street Journal).





TOMISLAV CAPUDER was born in 1983 in Zagreb. He received his bachelor, master and doctoral degrees from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing.

During his doctoral and postdoctoral studies, he spent several months as a visiting researcher at the University of Manchester in the UK. He won the Silver Josip Lončar Award for the best doctoral dissertation at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing in 2013/2014, the Science Award of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing for 2015, the Vera Johanides Award of the Croatian Academy of Engineering and many others.

His area of interest covers distribution networks, integrated energy infrastructure, multi-energy systems, electric power systems planning and operation, energy markets, and modelling and optimization of electric power systems, with an emphasis on advanced optimization techniques and artificial intelligence.

He is the coordinator of several international and national research and development projects.



He was the secretary of the international conferences Smart Grid World Forum 2010 and European Energy Market 2011, as well as the chairman of the board of the international conference IEEE EUROCON 2013. He was also one of the presidents of the program committee of the international conference IEEE ENERGYCON 2014 and one of the program committee members of IEEE ENERGYCON 2016 and IEEE Energycon 2018. He was the president of the international conference Medpower 2018.

He is a member of scientific and technical associations HRO CIGRE, SDEWES, IEEE, and he serves as an executive board member and working group member of HO CIRED.



ZVONIMIR ŠIBALIĆ built his entire professional career at PPD, a company he joined in 2012 at the very beginning of the deregulation of the natural gas market in the Republic of Croatia.

Since then, he has been permanently connected to PPD and has participated in its growth from a domestic energy company to a significant regional and European market participant.

During his career within the company, he held a number of responsible positions in foreign companies. As the director of PPD Global in Switzerland, he was focused on the development of financial trading and hedging strategies, which laid the foundation for the professionalization and diversification of business models on international energy exchanges. He also held the position of director of PPD Energija in Ljubljana, with an emphasis on positioning the company on the regional market and expanding its business presence in Central Europe.

Since 2024, he has been a member of the Management Board of PPD in Croatia, responsible for trading and the development of new business opportunities, with a mandate focused on improving trading activities, strategic growth and opening new markets.





TONČI TOKIĆ. With more than thirty years of experience within the energy commodities sector, I have been involved in the planning, strategic development, and execution of numerous energy projects throughout North and South America, as well as the Eastern Hemisphere. In my current role as Project Director at EAGibson UK, I am responsible for spearheading initiatives related to energy hubs, including LNG, LPG, gas-to-power, and green energy development. I was born in Split, Croatia, where I learned a Master's degree in Marine Engineering from the Faculty of Maritime Studies. In 1996, per company direction, I attended the Singapore Institute of Management, focusing on Leadership Management and collaborating with organizations such as Westinghouse, American Bank, Halliburton, and Mitsui. My professional journey began in the USA within the maritime and shipping sector. By 1998, I became the designated Person in Charge (PIC) for methanol and ethanol quality and shipping operations, a position I held until 2009. Afterwards, I joined an LNG project and assessment team, contributing to the energy sector's migration from West to East. I had the privilege of serving as Senior Expert Advisor and later as Senior Vice President for Projects at one of China's largest privately owned entities. In response to evolving

markets, I joined the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) as Vice President, leading global project development initiatives with a focus on LNG, ethane, gas-topower, and LPG commodities. As Project Director, my responsibilities encompass comprehensive strategic planning, coordination, and oversight of project operations. The scope of my work also includes implementing advanced trading platforms for real-time commerce, financial negotiations, and managing both short- and long-term contracts. Close collaboration with energy partners is essential to leverage specialized knowledge and resources, ensuring the successful delivery of projects. Meeting the expectations of our clients for energy efficiency and establishing strong interconnection and investment frameworks are key priorities. My longstanding involvement in the oil and gas industry has both broadened my professional network and deepened my expertise.





With 35 years' experience in the natural gas and energy industry ANDREJ PUSTIŠEK currently consults international natural gas and energy companies and teaches energy economics at the University of Applied Science, Stuttgart, at the University of Karlsruhe, at the University of St. Gallen, and conducts international courses on natural gas and energy markets. Born in Zagreb, Croatia, raised in Germany, he studied both, Geophysics and Economy in Vienna, Cologne and Münster. In 1990, he started working in international natural gas purchasing of Wintershall AG, Kassel, Germany. As of 1993, he headed WINGAS' natural gas supply logistics department, being responsible for international transit and storage contracts. From 1996 to 2001, he headed WINGAS' natural gas planning and portfolio optimization. After changing to E. ON Ruhrgas in 2002, he led as Senior/Executive Vice President International Natural Gas Sales. In this function, he successfully established and expanded the company's sales activities in 11 countries and was responsible for strategy, conception, negotiation and operation of gas sales, transportation and storage contracts in

several European countries. From 2008 to 2011, he was Senior/Executive Vice President for Portfolio Management, as such responsible for the design and handling of the company's contractual and asset portfolio. In this function, he also headed the E. ON team during the January 2009 supply interruption ("Ukrainian crisis"). He has been involved in various arbitration proceedings for natural gas delivery, transportation and storage contracts in Europe and is in monitoring trustee teams for the European commission. He is author of several publications, inter alia the multi-client study: 'Flexibility – Germany and Austria', 2nd edition 2014 and the textbook 'Natural Gas – A Commercial Perspective' published in 2017 (both together with M. Karasz).





DANIJELA ŠIMOVIĆ is employed by LNG Hrvatska d.o.o. as Director of the Commercial and Financial Affairs Sector. She joined the company in 2019 and first headed the finance sector before additionally taking over commercial affairs in 2022.

Before that, she worked at PBZ Card d.o.o., where, as the Director of Accounting, she participated in the development of numerous projects at the company and PBZ Group levels. She has extensive experience in finance, energetics, accounting, and controlling and is constantly improving her skills by participating in conferences and seminars in the country and abroad.

She graduated from the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, in 2010, earning the title of Master of Science in Economics.





DARIA KARASALIHović SEDLAR is full professor at University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mining Geology and Petroleum Engineering and Director of Petroleum Engineering Summer School (PESS) at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik Croatia. She graduated from the Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering of the University of Zagreb in 2000. She obtained a PhD in Technical Sciences in 2007. From 2000 she worked at the Faculty of Mining Geology and Petroleum Engineering, University of Zagreb. Since 2019 she has been teaching as full professor. In period 2013—2015 she worked as a Head of Department for Petroleum Engineering. She is co-author of two books and more than 70 scientific papers on petroleum economics, natural gas management and geothermal energy potential assessment. She was a researcher in different projects relating to energy economics, natural gas sector management, geothermal economics, CCUS policy and development strategies. She was involved in a number of projects and consultations for the energy sector in Croatia and environmental impact studies in the petroleum industry and energy sector. She is member of the Council for Energy Transition of the President of the Republic of Croatia. As SPE student

faculty adviser and Education and Accreditation Committee member she was involved in numerous SPE projects. She is also IGU member of Storage and Strategy Committee. She is married and have one child.





DAVOR ŠTERN. Born on June 18, 1947 in Zagreb. He completed elementary school in Israel and high school in Zagreb. After graduating from the Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering in Zagreb, in 1972 he started working as an engineer at INA-Naftaplin and quickly advanced to the position of manager in the Moscow branch, and then worked for years as a representative of the then largest trading houses Philipp Brothers and Marc Rich and as vice president of the large Russian oil company TNK. He gained extensive domestic and international experience, first as a business consultant and then as a politician.

After returning to Croatia in 1994, he became Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. He is best known to the public as the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Croatia (1995-1997).

After that, he returned to INA, as General and Executive Director (1997-2000), and then actively worked in the field of international development of the oil industry in Kazakhstan and Russia. In recent years, he has been running the company Trade Consulting in Zagreb, is the president of TriGranita Hrvatska, a member of the supervisory boards of Ingra, Proficio and Zagrebački Holding, and is the president of the Board of Directors of Dvorana Lisinski.



He is currently a member of the Zagreb City Assembly. He is the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines in Croatia.

He is fluent in English, Russian, Italian, German and Hebrew.



DALIBOR PUDIĆ. He received his doctorate from the interdisciplinary international doctoral study program "Entrepreneurship and Innovation", Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek, in 2015.

He has completed a number of specialist programs, including investment consulting at the Croatian Securities Commission (today HANFA), training in energy certification of buildings, pedagogical-psychological training and corporate governance for members of supervisory boards, as well as several seminars of the Croatian Institute of Finance.

He has been the President of the Croatian Gas Professional Association (HSUP) since 2017. For more than 15 years, he has been a member of the Scientific Council for Oil and Gas Economy and Energy of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

He was a long-time director of Brod-plin for gas distribution and production, distribution and supply of heat, then for a year he was the director of Toplotna proizvodnja - a boiler production company, and in the period from 2011 to 2022, based on a decision of the Croatian Parliament, he served as a member of the

Management Board of the Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency (HERA). Since July 2025, he has held the position of Director of the Zagreb City Gas Plant. He is the author and co-author of more than 30 scientific and professional papers in the fields of gas, energy, entrepreneurship, restructuring, creative and cultural industries, etc.



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LEON STILLE has a background in energy sciences (MSc and BSc) and pursuing a PhD on energy policy. He currently runs his own company as an independent energy expert through his label new energy institute. He is manager education and partnerships of impact hydrogen, Business Development Director of Hovyu, Visiting professor Mines de Nancy and Lector sustainable energy systems at NCOI University of applied sciences.

From the start of his career he has focused on conventional and renewable energy technology development, innovation and education.





AHMET TÜRKÖĞLU, CEO, Turkish Petroleum Corporation Sarıyer, Istanbul

After graduating from the International Relations Department of Boğaziçi University in 1996, Ahmet Türkoğlu started his professional career as a Store Manager at "Office 1 Superstore" in the same year. Between 1999-2003, he worked as a Casio Office Products Sales Manager. Between 2003-2009, he worked as a Sales and Marketing Director at Çalık Holding. In 2010, Türkoğlu was appointed to Turkish Petroleum Distribution Company (TPPD) as Vice General Manager for three years. Between 2013-2015, he worked as a CEO in Öztürk Group including companies like Opet, Regnum Hotels. Ahmet Turkoglu worked as a Member of the Board and General Manager of Turkish Energy Company (TEC) in 2016 and in February 2017, he also worked in Turkish Petroleum International Company (TPIC) as a General Manager and Chairman of the Board. Türkoğlu, appointed to Energy Exchange Istanbul (EXIST) as a CEO in 20 June 2018. Currently, he is the Member of the Board of TEC. He is a member of TOBB (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey) Energy and Natural Gas Sector Councils. Speaking English at advanced level, he is married with four children.





H.E. ANAR IMANOV, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Croatia





MIRO KOVAČ received his BA, MA and PhD from the Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) and Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III) universities. He defended his doctoral dissertation in the history of international relations on the topic "La vision française de la question croate, 1914-1929" in June 1999. He also received his MA from the University of Hannover. He has participated in Harvard University's (John F. Kennedy School of Government) training programs twice: 21st Century Governance: Critical Skills for Leading and Sustaining Innovative Organizations (2007) and Senior Executives in National and International Security (2009).

He is the author of several scientific books and articles, including the work "In the Labyrinth of Versailles-Vidovdan Yugoslavia".

In state government bodies, he has held, among others, the positions of Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee in the Croatian Parliament, and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

He teaches at the University of the North as an associate professor.



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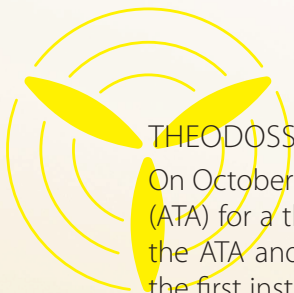


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He built his career through journalism and editing, traveling through most media formats, from radio to TV to digital. He sometimes finds himself at panels, conferences and media discussions.

It is guided by the motto that quality journalism is not only understanding the topic but also understanding the audience and that content is more than information.





THEODOSSIOS GEORGIU

On October 31, 2023, Mr. Georgiou was unanimously elected as the President of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) for a three-year term (2023-2026). This election is a recognition of his significant 35-year contribution to the ATA and his undeniable wealth of experience. In the organization's extensive 70-year history, this marks the first instance of an individual being elected for a second term, many years after his initial election in 1997-2000. Theodossios Georgiou is the President and Founder of the Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation. He is an honorary Lawyer after 40 years of practice at his own firm. Furthermore, he is the President of the Eurodefense – Greece, a Member of the Governing Council of AWEPA (The Netherlands), and its contact person in Greece. Additionally, he is a Member of the Board of Regents of the Fund for American Studies (Washington D.C.) and Co-Chairman of the International Institute for Political and Economic Studies (IIPES) since 1996. From 2003 till 2012 he has served as a member of Board of the International Foundation for Election Systems, (UK Limited) Washington D.C and London. Having been involved in various networks of the Euro-Atlantic cooperation for more than 8 years, in 1991 Mr. Georgiou established the Greek Association



for Atlantic and European Cooperation to revive the principles of transatlantic links in Greece within the framework of Atlantic Treaty Association. GAAEC experienced a dynamic development and rapidly took a leading role among other NGOs in Greece and Europe, focusing on transatlantic cooperation, security and education. GAAEC works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense of Greece, as well as with NATO Public Diplomacy Division. Moreover, he was a Director of the Office for the Minister of Interior Affairs Mr. Kostis Stephanopoulos (1974-1976), Member of the Greek Delegation to the European Communities in Brussels (1976-1979 during the negotiations period of Greece integration), Secretary General of the Council of Economic and Social Policy (ECOSOC), and a Special Advisor of Prime Minister Mr. Georgios Rallis. He was also a Member of the Economic and Social Assembly (Committee) of the European Communities.