
10th International Energy Forum (INTERENEF)

ENERGY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN AN ERA OF DEGLOBALIZATION

Zagreb, October 13, 2026
Westin Hotel / Crystal Hall, Kršnjavoga 1, 10000 Zagreb

DRAFT PROGRAM

08:30

PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

09:30

OPENING THE FORUM & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Davor RENDULIĆ, Croatian Radio, Zagreb, Croatia

WELCOME BY THE ORGANIZERS (10')

Prof. Daria KARASALIHović SEDLAR PhD, Leader of the Forum

Assoc. Prof. Mladen NAKIĆ PhD, President of the Atlantic Council of Croatia

Prof. Anđelko MILARDOVIĆ PhD, Founder of the Forum

GUEST PARTNERS (10')

Irena WEBER, Director General of the Croatian Employers' Association, Zagreb (tbc)

Kamilo VRANA, SolNet d.o.o., Zagreb, Croatia

Andy YEO, Chamber of Commerce, Singapore

Paul SUCHAR, President of the British Croatian Chamber of Commerce

GUEST SPEAKER (10')

Eng. Thamer ALGHAFEEES, General Manager of Energy Sector, Ministry of Investment, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

ADDRESSES OF GUESTS (20')

Davor Ivo STIER, Member of the European Parliament (EPP)

Representative of the European Commission (tbc)

Marija VUČKOVIĆ, Minister of Environmental Protection and Green Transition (tbc)

Ante ŠUŠNJAR, Minister of Economy (tbc)

David VLAJČIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (tbc)

Gordan JANDROKOVIĆ, President of the Croatian Parliament (tbc)

10:30 – 11:00

KEYNOTE EXPERT SPEAKERS

Julije DOMAC, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Croatia for Energy and Climate, Zagreb, presents "the concept of Energy sovereignty"

Prof. Aleksandar MEŠIĆ, Faculty of Agriculture Zagreb, presents "the concept of Food sovereignty"

Leon STILLE PhD, Innovation in energy industry, presents a "synthesis of the concepts of energy and food sovereignty", The Netherlands

11:00-11:15 COFFEE BRAKE

11:15 – 12:15 | THEMATIC SESSION I

ENERGY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AGE OF DEGLOBALIZATION AND THE GLOBAL RISK SOCIETY FROM A DIPLOMATIC PERSPECTIVE

A diplomatic panopticon and the diplomatic perspective

Introductory speaker (10')

Prof. Miro KOVAČ PhD, Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia and professor at the University North, Zagreb, Croatia

Moderator

Assoc. Prof. Jadranka POLOVIĆ PhD, Institute for European and Globalization Studies, Zagreb, Croatia

Panelists

Paolo TRICHILO, Ambassador of the Italian Republic in the Republic of Croatia

Dr. Csaba DEMCSÁK, Ambassador of Hungary in the Republic of Croatia

Anar IMANOV, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Republic of Croatia

Paweł CZERWIŃSKI, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in the Republic of Croatia

Javed PATEL, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the Republic of Croatia

Asma NAJI H.S.AL-AMRI, Ambassador of the State of Qatar in the Republic of Croatia (tbc)

QI Qianjin, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Croatia (tbc)

12:15 – 13:15 | THEMATIC SESSION II

ENERGY, AGRICULTURAL, AND FOOD COMPANIES AND THEIR ROLE IN PROMOTING ENERGY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Challenges in deglobalization and geopolitical turbulence. The perspective of energy, agricultural, and food companies, as well as state agencies

Introductory speaker (10')

Representative of JANAF/KONČAR (tbc)

Mirko BUDIŠA, Deputy Director of the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (FZOEU)

Moderator

Prof. Đula BOROZAN PhD, Faculty of Economy, Osijek, Croatia

Panelists

Marijan KRPAN, President of the Management Board of the Hydrocarbon Agency, Zagreb, Croatia

Željko ERCEG, Member of the Management Board of Podravka Agri, Osijek, Croatia

Tonči TOKIĆ, LNG Business/Project Development Lead Gas Department, EAGibson, Singapore

Prof. Ruben MNATSAKANIAN PhD, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Vienna, Austria

Prof. Matuš MIŠIK, Comenius University, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia

13:13 – 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 – 15:15 | THEMATIC SESSION III

ENERGY, FOOD, AND TECHNOLOGY - OR THEIR INTERWEAVING AND INTERACTION

Challenges and risks in the age of deglobalization. A perspective on the interaction between energy, agriculture, and technology

Introductory speaker (10')

Orsat ZOVKO, Oz Vision, Zagreb, Croatia

Mislav KONTEK, Energovizija, Zagreb, Croatia

Moderator

Robert HADŽIĆ, Consultant in Agriculture and Rural Development, Zagreb, Croatia

Panelists

Prof. Demetris PSALTOPOULOS PhD, Department of Economics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Agata MALAK-RAWLIKOWSKA, Institute of Economics and Finance, Faculty of Economics, Warszawa, Poland

Ivana RENDULIĆ JELUŠIĆ PhD, Director of Alti d.o.o.

Prof. Tomislav VINKOVIĆ PhD, Dean, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences, Osijek, Croatia

15:15 – 16:15 | THEMATIC SESSION IV

ENERGY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AS PART OF STATES' NATIONAL SECURITY

Croatia and the European Union compared with other countries around the world. A comparative approach and a national security perspective

Introductory speaker (10')

Cyril WIDDERSHOVEN PhD, Geopolitical strategist and energy maritime analyst, The Netherlands

Moderator

Petar VLAHOV, Croatian Television, Zagreb, Croatia (tbc)

Panelists

Prof. Andrej PUSTIŠEK PhD, PhD, Hochschule für Technik, Stuttgart, Germany

Nevenka LASTRIĆ DJURIĆ, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Zagreb, Croatia

LONG Jing, Center for European studies, The Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), Shanghai, China

Tomislav VAZDAR, Principal Consultant | Cybersecurity & AI (GRC) Riskoria Advising & Professional Services d.o.o., Zagreb

Yakov POLEG, Senior Deputy Director General of Centre for Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, State of Israel (tbc)

16:15

CLOSING REMARKS

NOTES:

Simultaneous Croatian-English translation is provided.

The program is subject to changes until the beginning of the 10th INTERENEF.

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