

MEDIA INVITE

Kyiv, 5 April 2016

Round Table

Experts to search for ways of solving problems in gas distribution in Ukraine

On the 7th of April 2016 the Round Table «Distribution of natural gas. Problems and the ways of solving them» will take place in “Hotel Kyiv”. Members of the Ukrainian government and Verkhovna Rada will join leading energy experts from the European Union, investors, representatives from European financial institutions and the management of Ukrainian gas distribution companies. This Round Table is dedicated to the urgent problem of developing the domestic natural gas distribution sector, and is associated with the integration of Ukraine’s gas market into the European gas market.

Discussions will focus on the first steps of reforms in the Ukrainian gas distribution sector following the adoption of the new Ukrainian gas law in 2015 and the main challenges ahead to make the distribution sector more performant, competitive and consumer-friendly. There will also be an overview of lessons learned for operational improvement and regulation as well as discussion of the modernisation and development of gas distribution networks in Eastern European countries. In building a coherent view of the current situation in the gas distribution sector of Ukraine, speakers and participants will identify roadblocks to the provision of a European level of services in Ukraine, based on European experience.

The media is invited:

What? ROUND TABLE
When? 7 April 2016, 09:00
Where? “Hotel Kyiv” 26/1 Hrushevskogo Str. Kiev

Participants: **Thomas Frellesen**, Deputy Head of EU Delegation; **Oleksandr Dombrovskiy**, Deputy Head of Verkhovna Rada Committee on Fuel and Energy, Nuclear Policy and Security; **Dmytro Vovk**, Chairman of the National Commission for State Regulation of Energy and Public Utilities; **Torsten Woellert**, European Commission Support Group for Ukraine; **Paul Shapiro**, Senior Banker, Natural Resources EBRD.

Moderated by: **Alex Nekrasa**, Head of the Association of Gas Market of Ukraine, and **Leonid Unigovskiy**, Deputy Chairman of the Expert Council on the Development of the Gas Industry and the Natural Gas Market.

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Draft agenda of the event is [available to download here](#).

Background information:

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