

December 1, 2021

15:00-17:30 (Kyiv time)

14:00-16:30 (Brussels time)

8:00-10:30 (Washington time)

*Online (Zoom)*

*English + Ukrainian*

*(simultaneous translation)*

# **UKRAINIAN ENERGY SECURITY DIALOGUE**

*The event is organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and within the project "Analytical support of Ukraine's foreign policy in the energy sector", implemented by DiXi Group think tank with the financial support of the International Renaissance Foundation.*

**Ukrainian Energy Security Dialogue** is a new annual meeting format that unites Ukrainian, European, and American stakeholders to discuss energy security issues of Ukraine and the region.

**Why now?** Western partners confirmed their support for Ukraine, European energy security, and common climate goals launched. Yet in the conditions of the energy price crisis, no clear response has been formed to the challenges of Russia's hybrid aggression such as use of energy resources as a weapon and political tool.

Together with partners, DiXi Group think tank via Ukrainian Energy Security Dialogue aims to create another platform for communication, searching for solutions and implementing common projects. We want to finally see the Ukrainian energy sector developed, modern and secure. Ukrainian Energy Security Dialogue is designed to find the answers how to realize this vision.

**Why December 1?** It is the day we celebrate the anniversary of the All-Ukrainian referendum of 1991, during which 90.32% of citizens voted for Ukraine's independence. We and our partners strive for independence and security to be the keynote of all discussions and decisions on Ukraine's energy.

## Agenda

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**15:00-15:05** WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Dmytro SHULGA**, European Programme Director at the International Renaissance Foundation
- **Olena PAVLENKO**, President of DiXi Group

**15:05-15:15** KEYNOTE SPEECH

- **Olha STEFANISHYNA**, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine

### **SESSION 1. UKRAINIAN ENERGY SYSTEM ON THE WAY TO ENTSO-E: COULD WINTER 2021-2022 BECOME AN OBSTACLE?**

**15:15-16:25** MODERATED DISCUSSION

CONTENT OF THE SESSION:

Speakers:

**15:15-15:20** – introductory word from the moderator

- **Joshua VOLZ**, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Europe/Eurasia/Africa/Middle East, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Yaroslav DEMCHENKOV**, Deputy Minister of Energy of Ukraine
- **Emine DZHEPPAROVA**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- **Volodymyr KUDRYTSKYI**, CEO, Ukrenergo
- **Torsten WÖLLERT**, Minister Counsellor – Energy, EU Delegation to Ukraine
- **Andrius ŠIMKUS**, Founder and Managing Partner, Šimkus Energy Consulting
- **Dr Janez KOPAČ**, former Director, Energy Community Secretariat

**15:20-16:20** – discussion:

- 1) What should Ukraine do to join ENTSO-E in time?
- 2) What awaits Ukraine after synchronization with ENTSO-E: market coupling, new regulations, new technical and economic challenges;
- 3) How does the new green agenda in the EU affect the realities and future of the Ukrainian electricity system?
- 4) Integrated development of the energy system: is there a dialogue on electricity and gas market integration in Ukraine?

Moderator:

**Dr Georg ZACHMANN**, Senior Fellow at Bruegel, DiXi Group Supervisory Board Member

**16:20-16:25** – Q&A

## SESSION 2. GAS SECURITY 2022: AN AGENDA FOR UKRAINE AND PARTNERS

16:25-17:30 MODERATED DISCUSSION

Speakers:

- **Yuriy VITRENKO**, CEO, Naftogaz
- **Torsten WÖLLERT**, Minister Counsellor – Energy, EU Delegation to Ukraine
- **Representative of the Embassy of the United States in Ukraine**
- **Aliona OSMOLOVSKA**, Director of the Reform Support Office at the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine
- **Olga BIELKOVA**, Director on Government and International Affairs, OGTSU
- **Willem COPPOOLSE**, Head of Naftogaz Commerce Division (2020-2021)
- **Dr Benjamin SCHMITT**, Harvard University / CEPA, former European Energy Security advisor at the US Department of State
- **Dr Thomas O'DONNELL**, international academic and expert analyst on energy and international affairs

Moderator:

**Marc-Antoine EYL-MAZZEGA**, Director of the Energy Center at the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), member of DiXi Group Supervisory Board

CONTENT OF THE SESSION:

16:25-16:30 – introductory word from the moderator

16:30-17:25 – discussion:

- 1) Gas supply to the Central and Eastern Europe in the light of the EU gas market price crisis: an action plan for Ukraine and its neighbors;
- 2) Joint statement of the United States and Germany on Ukraine: does the document work?
- 3) The impact of the EU gas market price crisis on the decarbonization strategy: will it accelerate switching from fossil gas or vice versa?
- 4) 'Green' gas agenda in the EU and Ukraine: new projects and initiatives on decarbonization of the sector.

17:25-17:50 – Q&A