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To  
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Cc:  
Mr. Ognyan Zlatev  
Head of European Commission Representation in Sofia ([COMM-REP-SOF@ec.europa.eu](mailto:COMM-REP-SOF@ec.europa.eu))

Subject: Invitation for participation in the Sixth Regional Energy Conference „*Energy Union in South East Europe: energy security, sustainability, investments and growth*, 19-20 September 2016, Sofia, Hotel Balkan

Dear Mr. Canete,  
Dear Mr. Zlatev,

The Bulgarian Energy and Mining Forum (BEMF) is one of the biggest Bulgarian think-tank NGOs in the area of energy policies and sustainable energy development. Our portfolio includes many successfully organized national and international events in this sphere.

This year we proceed with organizing our Sixth Regional Energy Conference titled “**Energy Union in South East Europe: Energy security, sustainability, investments and growth**” to be held **19-20 September 2016**, in Sofia with the kind support of the *Professional Energy Union Circle* (PEUC). Patron of the Conference is Ms. Temenuzhka Petkova, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The conference program will cover the main challenges and new opportunities which the Energy Union and COP21 Conference results put in the European energy development agenda. Among the main topics are the perspectives of the regional format of European Energy Union, regulatory aspects in building regional energy infrastructures and to increase its interconnectivity, the successful development of regional liquid energy markets, the new dominating “green” approach for energy development of European Union to protect environment and others.

**Herewith we take the opportunity to extend our kind invitation to you to attend and speak at the Sixth Regional Energy Conference.** We would be most delighted to have you speak personally at the event or, in case of a busy schedule, to nominate your representative.

The valid and sound reasons to participate in the Conference and the discussions are at least the following:

- New model for Bulgarian electricity market liberalization and its coupling with the regional market will be announced during the Conference and discussed;

- First preliminary results from petroleum exploration in the Black Sea Khan Asparuh block and project progress will be communicated;
- Regulatory aspects and approach in coupling the energy systems of Bulgaria and its neighbouring countries will be discussed;
- Progress on the projects for construction of the gas interconnectors on Bulgarian territory and the idea for Balkan gas hub will be communicated.

Attached you can find the updated draft of the agenda with the topics and moderators. There are, of course, enough free slots in both the Ministerial and the Experts panels to present policies, ideas and positions of representatives of the European Commission.

Should your program allow your participation in the event, please send your confirmation to the organizers of the conference:

Mr. [REDACTED] of BEMF and Parliamentary [REDACTED] Expert, [REDACTED]@bulenergo.com.  
 Amb. [REDACTED] of PEUC [REDACTED]@gmail.com.

You can find the preliminary program with the next updates for the event available on the web site of the organizers [www.bulenergyforum.org/en/](http://www.bulenergyforum.org/en/).

Thank you for your kind consideration of this invitation.

We look forward to receiving your reply soon.

Yours sincerely,

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**Bulgarian Energy & Mining Forum**  
 [REDACTED] the Conference Organizing Committee

Amb. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] of Professional Energy Union Circle

Attachment.