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Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
European Commission
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Subject : Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) – 14th Annual Conference on 9-10 June 2016 in Sofia

Dear Commissioner,

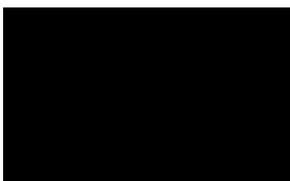
2016 will be the year of delivery for the Energy Union. Many legislative proposals will be discussed this year on security of gas supply, LNG and gas storage, emissions reduction in the non-ETS sector, energy efficiency, electricity market design... As representative of gas infrastructure operators, Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) is an important stakeholder in the European energy policy and regulatory debates.

The GIE Annual Conference has developed into an important discussion forum and the main arena to meet all key players around gas infrastructure. The 14th edition of the GIE Annual Conference will take place in Sofia on 9-10 June 2016. This will be the opportunity to discuss the important European policy initiatives relevant for gas infrastructure, with a special focus to the developments in Central and South-Eastern Europe, showing advances in regional cooperation and improving every country's access to different sources of gas.

As President of GIE, I have the pleasure to invite you to deliver a keynote speech at the opening of the conference on 9 June. Your participation as Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy would contribute significantly to the success of the conference, as was your contribution to the previous edition of the GIE Annual Conference in Dublin. I do hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

For further information, please contact the GIE Secretariat at gie@gie.eu or at +32 2 2090500.

Sincerely yours,



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President
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