

Korea – Bulgaria Energy Roundtable 2026

**Resilient Energy Systems: Innovation, Nuclear Cooperation, and
Industrial Competitiveness**

29 September 2026

Sofia Hall, Grand Hotel Sofia

Agenda

9:00 *Welcome coffee and registration*

9:30 *Opening*

H.E. Dong-bae Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bulgaria

Patrick Tillou, Counselor, Embassy of the USA to Bulgaria (tbc)

Yordanka Chobanova, Head, European Commission's Representation in Bulgaria (tbc)

Martin Vladimirov, Director, Energy and Climate Program, Center for the Study of
Democracy

Dong-Hyun Rhee, General Director of KOTRA Sofia

Keynote

H.E. Iva Petrova, Minister of Energy of Bulgaria

10:00 *Low-carbon pathways to energy security: Global partnerships, advanced nuclear, and the
clean energy shift*

Marius Koeppen, Senior Analyst, Energy and Climate Program, Center for the Study of
Democracy

InKyu Shin, Environment Counsellor, Korean Embassy to Belgium and the EU, "Korea's
Energy Policy Direction and Vision"

Ilza Chinkova, Chairperson and Member of the Board of Directors, Bulgarian Energy Holding

Alexander Mihaylov, Executive Director, Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant - New Build

Youngsuk Oh, Deputy Director, Hyundai Engineering & Construction, "Progress and Plan
of Kozloduy Unit 7&8 Construction"

Oscar Prat, Deputy Project Director, Westinghouse

Yongseok Kim, Director, Head of NPP Financing Team, Export-Import Bank of Korea

Stanislava Taneva, Managing Director & Bulgaria CCO, Citibank Europe

Nikola Gazdov, Chair, Association for Production, Storage and Trading of Electricity

Discussion

Moderator: **Nadejda Gantcheva**, Coordinator and Senior Analyst, Energy and Climate
Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

12:00 *Closing*