



THE VIENNA ENERGY SECURITY DIALOGUE 2025 Edition

Monday, 22 September 2025

Location: Federation of Austrian Industries (Schwarzenbergplatz 4, 1030 Vienna)

ENERGY SECURITY IN AN ERA OF UNCERTAINTY: NAVIGATING NEW REALITIES

As global tensions rise and trade becomes more complex and volatile, energy security is again a top priority on the global agenda. Clean energy ambitions now intersect with geopolitical realities that are reshaping the security landscape. How can governments and industries find their way in this more divided and uncertain world and make the energy sector resilient to future shocks?

Jointly organized by the World Energy Council Austria and the OSCE, in co-operation with Ernst & Young, the Federation of Austrian Industries, the eighth edition of the Vienna Energy Security Dialogue will be dedicated to discussing how to foster energy security in an era of uncertainty and how to navigate new realities.

The upcoming Vienna Energy Security Dialogue (VESD) will explore the future of co-operation, emerging energy security risks, and what this all means for the clean transition. Gathering over 200 decision makers and energy experts from the private sector, politics, academia and civil society, this year's edition features the following sessions:

- *Redefining Energy Security in a Geopolitically Uncertain World*
- *The Energy Sector under Pressure - Navigating Global Shifts in Trade, Market, and Economic co-operation dynamics*
- *Securing Energy in the Digital Age - The Importance of Technology & Cyber-Resilience.*

The event will be held in English.

Registration link: [The Vienna Energy Security Dialogue 2025 Edition | 2025-09-22 - 2025-09-22](#)

Audience: The event will be open to the delegations of OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, the OSCE executive structures, including Field Operations, as well as



members and partners of the World Energy Council, Ernst & Young, the Federation of Austrian Industries. Representatives of international organizations, expert academics, business representatives and non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise are also invited to this event.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

12:00 – 13:00 Registration, Coffee & Snacks

13:00 – 13:30 Welcoming and Opening Remarks

- **Gerhard Gamperl**, Managing Director, World Energy Council
- **Dr. Michael Strugl**, President of World Energy Council Austria and Chairman of the Executive Board and Chief Executive Officer, VERBUND AG
- **Amb. Bakyt Dzhusupov**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE Secretariat

Facilitator: Giulia Manconi, Senior Energy Security Adviser, OSCE Secretariat

**13:30 – 14:45 Panel I: REDEFINING ENERGY SECURITY IN A
GEOPOLITICALLY UNCERTAIN WORLD**

Topics:

- Energy security at the forefront of the geopolitical dynamics
- Balancing energy independence with international co-operation
- Navigating trade-offs between climate goals and energy security

Moderator: Daniel Kroos, Senior Adviser, World Energy Council, and Guest Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Speakers:

- **Julia Reinaud**, Senior Director for Europe, Breakthrough Energy
- **Isabelle Dupraz**, Deputy Director, Director External Affairs, European Initiative for Energy Security
- **Dr. Tatiana Mitrova**, Research Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
- **Dr. Berislav Gašo**, Vice President Energy, OMV
- **Andrei Covatariu**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council
- **Roberta Boscolo**, Climate and Energy Lead, World Meteorological Organization

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:15

Panel II: THE ENERGY SECTOR UNDER PRESSURE - NAVIGATING GLOBAL SHIFTS IN TRADE, MARKET, AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION DYNAMICS

Topics:

- Evolving Trade and Policy Dynamics: Impacts on Energy Markets
- Securing Critical Resources and Materials for Energy Security
- Economic Co-operation, Corporate Risk, and Securing Supply Chains

Moderator: Stefano Marguccio, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All

Speakers:

- **Gauri Singh**, Deputy Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency
- **Phil Cole**, Director of Industrial Affairs, WindEurope
- **Stephanie Gil**, Practice Manager, Europe and Central Asia Region, Energy and Extractives Global Practice, World Bank
- **Burkhard von Kienitz**, Vice President COO Processes, E.ON SE and Director & Trustee, World Energy Council
- **Tim Gould**, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency (tbc)
- **Nataliya Katser-Buchkovska**, Founder of Ukrainian Sustainable Fund and Co-Chair of the Green and Sustainable Finance Working Group

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:45

Panel III: SECURING ENERGY IN THE DIGITAL AGE - THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY & CYBER RESILIENCE

Topics:

- Building Resilient and Sustainable Energy Technologies
- Cyber & Energy Security: Opportunities and Risks
- Energy, AI and other Technologies as Instruments of Power

Moderator: Heather Wokusch, Communications Specialist and Founder, blockhub.care

Speakers:

- **Sarah Armstrong Smith**, Chief Security Advisor, Microsoft
- **Alfio Rapisarda**, Head of Global Security, Eni
- **Dr. Ayhan Gücüyener**, Technology and Security Division, E-Team Research Center
- **Jens Christian Vedersø**, Head of Cyber Risk, Vestas



- **Dr. Demosthenes Ikonomou**, Head of Operational and Support Unit, European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (tbc)
- **Dr Judith Wunschik**, Head of Cybersecurity Siemens Energy

17:45 – 18:00 **Concluding Remarks**

18:00 – 19:00 **Reception & Networking**