



Presentation of the speakers

Nikola Radovanović

Chief Legal Officer for EU Legislation to the CEO Office of the Petroleum Industry of Serbia



Nikola Radovanović earned his bachelor degree (LLB) at the Faculty of Law - Belgrade University in 1999 (section for International Law) and passed the Serbian Bar Exam in April 2002. His professional experience spans from being a judge assistant at the III Municipal Court in Belgrade (2000-2002) to being engaged as a local legal expert for renowned consulting companies on EAR funded projects: KPMG and KEMA Consulting (now DNV GL) from 2002 to 2005. In this period, he was the legal advisor to and part of the official negotiating team of the Republic of Serbia on the Treaty establishing the Energy Community.

From 2005 to 2014 he was employed as a Senior Legal Expert for System Affairs and Lead Lawyer of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia (AERS), covering the legal framework for regulatory issues, licensing, and pricing methodologies and tariff systems, following the developments of EU law in the field of energy, agreements and other acts of contractual character concluded on regional level or between energy entities, as well as assessing other acts from the aspect of legal system solutions.

He was a member of the Electricity Working Group of the Energy Community Regulatory Board, the Coordinator of the National Program for EU Integration in front of AERS, a member of the Licensing and Competition Committee and the Chair of the Legal Regulation WG of ERRA (Energy Regulators Regional Association). As of February 2014, he is the Chief Legal Officer for EU Legislation in the EU Liaison Office within the CEO Office of the Petroleum Industry of Serbia (NIS j.s.c.).



Slavtcho Neykov

Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Energy Management Institute

Mr. Slavtcho Neykov has more than 23 years non-interrupted experience in the energy sector, including as Secretary General of the Bulgarian Ministry of Energy, Commissioner in the State Energy Regulatory Commission, expert at the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels and a Director of the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna.



Further to his experience as a state and international official, he has been on the board of managers of several energy companies and a Deputy CEO and Head of Office for the Relations with the EU of “Naftna Industrija Srbije” Serbia.

Prior to his involvement in the energy sector, he has worked as a state prosecutor and a legal advisor. In addition to a law degree from the Sofia University, Mr. Neykov has completed two years postgraduate studies on International Economic Relations and Foreign Economic Activities. He also holds Master of Arts in European Integration from the University of Limerick in Ireland.

At the end of 2014, Mr. Neykov was elected as Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Energy Management Institute.