

11th HAEE ENERGY TRANSITION SYMPOSIUM

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May 25-27, 2026

Provisional AGENDA

DAY 2 | Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Venue: Auditorium

09.00-10.00 **Registration and networking coffee**

10.00-10.10 **WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESSES**

10.10-10.50 **THE NEW GEOPOLITICAL ARCHITECTURE: ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY AND STRATEGIC STABILITY IN SE EUROPE**

High-level insights into the strategic imperatives reshaping the regional energy map and the diplomatic alliances securing the European energy frontier.

- **The Diplomacy of Interconnectivity:** Assessing the role of the Vertical Corridor and regional networks as instruments of collective security and geopolitical resilience against global supply disruptions.
- **Strategic Autonomy and Resource Management:** The integration of East Mediterranean exploration into the broader European defense and sovereignty framework, ensuring long-term stability amidst global shifts.
- **Navigating the Global Energy Paradigm:** A high-level dialogue on aligning the speed of the green transition with the fundamental requirements of national security, economic viability, and systemic endurance.

10.50-11.10 **ONE-ON-ONE SPOTLIGHT**

11.10-11.50 **ENERGY REALISM AT THE CROSSROADS: BALANCING SPEED AND SECURITY**

The session will feature leaders analyzing the strategic integration of SE Europe's energy markets against a backdrop of global supply risks and climate imperatives.

- **Regional Gas Connectivity:** How gas infrastructure and strategic networks safeguard SE Europe's energy flow amidst disruptions in the Middle East and the Strait of Hormuz.
- **Hydrocarbon Exploration as a Security Pillar:** The strategic role of developing East Mediterranean resources to ensure regional sovereignty and a pragmatic bridge to the net-zero era.
- **Geopolitical Realignment and Transition Pace:** Balancing ambitious green targets with the physical constraints of existing infrastructure, the necessity for massive investment, and the demands of cross-border security.

11.50-12.15 **DIPLOMATIC SYNERGIES FOR A NET-ZERO FUTURE: THE AMBASSADORS PANEL**

A high-level dialogue on international cooperation and policy alignment to facilitate the massive expansion of clean energy and the technical evolution of the grid.

12.15-12.30 **GREEK ENERGY MARKET REPORT 2026**

Greek Energy Market Report 2026—with special focus on geopolitics

- Key market trends and progress toward national climate and energy targets

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- Policy and investment highlights shaping the energy transition
- The role of banks and new financing initiatives in supporting clean energy projects

12.30-13.30 **PANEL POWERED BY GLOBAL GAS CENTRE**

13.30-14.45 **Networking lunch & coffee**

14.45-15.15 **PRESENTATION POWERED BY HELLENIQ ENERGY CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY @ALBA GRADUATE BUSINESS SCHOOL**

15.15-15.45 **UPSKILLING THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

15.45-17.00 **YOUTH CLIMATE FORUM DEBATE – THE PRAGMATISM PARADOX: CAN SOUTHEAST EUROPE AFFORD TO GO GREEN BEFORE IT GOES SECURE?**

DAY 3 | Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Venue: Auditorium

10.00-10.15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

10.15-10.30 **FOSTERING CHINA-GREECE SYNERGIES: SCALING RENEWABLES & STORAGE SOLUTIONS**

Strengthening the strategic partnership between China and Greece to tackle the challenges of massive RES growth and the critical integration of storage technologies.

10.30-10.50 **ONE-ON-ONE SPOTLIGHT**

10.50-11.40 **RENEWABLES AT SCALE: OVERCOMING CURTAILMENT THROUGH STORAGE**

A comprehensive look at the rapid expansion of Renewables and the pivotal role of storage systems in addressing grid constraints and market volatility.

- RES Market Expansion: Analyzing the massive growth of Renewable Energy Sources and the strategic evolution of the green energy market.
- The Curtailment Challenge: Addressing technical bottlenecks and the rising issue of production cuts due to grid saturation.
- Battery Storage: Assessing the latest developments for the integration of storage systems into the wholesale market by year-end.

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11.40 – 12.00 **GREEN ENERGY LEADERSHIP: GREECE & ROMANIA IN SE EUROPE**

12.00 – 12.45 **ROMANIA RES PANEL (POWERED BY ENERGYNOMICS)**

12.45-13.15 **CAPITALIZING ON THE TRANSITION: FINANCING THE GREEN ECONOMY**

A high-level discussion on mobilizing capital and creating the financial frameworks necessary to support the rapid scaling of clean energy infrastructure.

- Investment Surge & Market Growth: Evaluating the flow of capital into large-scale renewable projects and the evolving landscape of green financing.
- The Stability Challenge: Addressing the financial impact of grid constraints and curtailments on project bankability and investor confidence.
- New Revenue Streams: The role of the wholesale market and the upcoming integration of battery assets in creating sustainable investment models by year-end.

13.15-14.30 **Networking lunch & coffee**

14.30-15.10 **FROM 2022 TO THE PRESENT: RATIONALIZING EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY AMIDST PERSISTENT VOLATILITY**

A strategic examination of Europe's transition from the 2022 supply shock to the current era of persistent volatility, advocating for a pragmatic and rational realignment of EU energy policy.

- The Legacy of the 2022 Crisis: Evaluating the structural vulnerabilities exposed by the sudden decoupling from Russian gas. Assessing the long-term impact of emergency measures on European market integration and competitiveness.
- Defining Energy Rationalism: Balancing aggressive decarbonization targets with the technical and economic realities of energy density and system reliability. The role of market-based instruments versus state intervention in securing affordable energy for the industrial core.
- A Blueprint for Resilience: Transitioning from reactive crisis management to a proactive, sovereign energy strategy for the EU. Strengthening cross-border infrastructure and diversification as the primary tools for mitigating geopolitical risk and persistent price volatility.

15.10-15.45 **ALTERNATIVE FUELS: REAL SOLUTION OR DISTANT VISION?**

This session explores cutting-edge approaches and policy frameworks that unlock the value hidden in waste streams, reinforcing sustainability as a core pillar of the energy transition.

A candid debate on whether hydrogen and waste-derived fuels can move beyond pilot projects to become the backbone of industrial decarbonization and energy independence.

- Hydrogen at the Crossroads: Is it the ultimate energy carrier or just an expensive alternative? Examining the roadmap for true commercial viability.

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- The Scale-up Challenge: Identifying the exact regulatory and infrastructure breakthroughs needed to turn alternative fuels into a mass-market reality.
- From Laboratory to Industrial Power: Why the partnership between academic research and heavy industry is the only way to accelerate the transition from theory to practice.

15.45-16.00 **FRANCE & GREECE: THE STRATEGIC INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE**

16.00-16.45 **THE NEW ENERGY OPERATING SYSTEM: STABILITY, STORAGE & SYNERGY**

Rethinking the "Operating System" of the Greek energy market to ensure that massive green investments remain viable and productive.

- Maximizing Yield: Technical strategies to reduce forced curtailments and protect the economic returns of renewable projects.
- Bilateral Innovation: Leveraging French expertise in grid resilience to build the flexible infrastructure of the future.
- Market Readiness: The final countdown for batteries entering the wholesale market and their role in balancing the national energy mix.

16.45 – 17.30 **THE EUROPEAN ENERGY BACKBONE: INTERCONNECTIONS AS A PILLAR OF REGIONAL SECURITY**

A strategic analysis of how Greece's expanding grid architecture solidifies its 2025 status as a net exporter and regional security provider.

- Interconnections as the Strategic Backbone: Defining the "Energy Backbone" not just as infrastructure, but as a diplomatic and technical necessity for ensuring uninterrupted power flow across SE Europe.
- From Importer to Exporter (The 2025 Paradigm): Evaluating the systemic shift that allowed Greece to leverage its surplus renewable production into a stable export commodity for the Balkans and Central Europe.
- The Synergy of Security and Connectivity: How major projects such as GREGY, Great Sea Interconnector create a resilient energy shield, mitigating geopolitical risks and price volatility through enhanced cross-border capacity.

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