Workshop 2- "Energy for a Modern Danube Region"

Despite major steps towards the integration of the EU's energy market, work is still needed to have a fully integrated, competitive market in place by 2014 (Council conclusions of 4 February 2011). As underlined in the Energy Roadmap 2050, the integration and opening of the energy networks and systems coupling is of key importance to make the transition to a low-carbon economy and maintain secure supplies at the lowest possible cost. The Danube Region Strategy can play an important role in bridging the gaps between Member State as well as the EU and non-EU countries by coordinating common positions. From the Strategy perspective, this workshop will analyse three major challenges: (i) the internal energy market integration; (ii) the deployment of smart grids at European, regional and municipal level; and (iii) the modernization of the networks in order to integrate the renewable energy.

Moderator:	**Ms Anita Orbán,** Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR PAC 2 - Energy, Hungary
Discussant:	**Mr Erik Kiesow,** Prime Minister's Office, Secretariat for European Affairs, EUSBSR NCP, Sweden
09:00-09:15	Welcome and introduction: "Lessons learnt from the first year's implementation. The way ahead" by **Ms Anita Orbán,** Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR PAC 2 - Energy, Hungary
09:15-10:15	**PART I. Gas Market Integration in the Danube Region** **-** "The Danube Region Gas Market Model" **by Mr Péter Kaderják,** Director of the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research **Panel discussion and debate with the audience** **- Ms Mónika Zsigri,** Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission **- Mr Dirk Buschle,** Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat
10:15-10:30	**Questions & Answers**
10:30-10:45	**Break**

10:45-11:45	**PART II. Smart Grids in the Danube Region** **-** Renewable Investment in the Danube Region - what are the implications for grid infrastructure: the case study of 4 countries in Central and Eastern Europe by **Ms Sandrine Dixson-Declève,** Director of the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership **Panel discussion and debate with the audience** **- Mr Bernhard Bauer,** SIEMENS AG, Strategy & Business Development Europe Strategy & Business Development Europe **- Philipp Oswald,** Freiburg Green City Program