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International Conference:

“Perspectives of Germany and Poland on the Future of Gas in Europe”

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ZIELNA Center, Zielna 37, Warsaw, 6th floor, Europa Room

The Visegrad Insight and the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Warsaw invite to international public conference to discuss with politicians and experts differentiated perspectives of Germany and Poland on the future role of gas as a part of the national energy strategies, but also of the common ambitious European energy and climate policy. Geopolitics, economy, but also technology and ecology are the issues that are the most important in the Polish-German discussion about the European energy solidarity and security. How do the questions concerning the role and use of gas impact the relations between the European countries and the EU as a whole? In what way can an understanding for different interests and a constructive dialogue about the current state and future vision of the European energy security be developed?

Draft agenda

9:00-9:30am	Registration and coffee
9:30am-9:40am	Welcome remarks: Wojciech Przybylski , Visegrad Insight, Res Publica Irene Hahn-Fuhr , Heinrich Böll Foundation in Warsaw
9:40am-11:10am	Opening conversation: Konrad Szymański , deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Reinhard Bütikofer , Member of the European Parliament, Germany

11:10am-11:30am	Coffee break
11:30am-1:00pm	<p>Panel Session 1</p> <p>Energy Security and Solidarity – Gas Between Politics and Economy</p> <p>Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk, Head of Energy Programme, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Poland</p> <p>Maciej Ciszewski, Policy Officer, Security of Supply Unit, DG Energy, European Commission</p> <p>Dr. Andrej Nosko, Visiting Assistant Professor, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica, Slovak Republic</p> <p>Jörg Haas, Head of Department for International Politics, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin (tbc)</p> <p>chair: Wojciech Przybylski, Visegrad Insight, Res Publica</p>
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm-3:30pm	<p>Panel session 2</p> <p>Gas as “Transition Fuel” towards a Future Based on Renewables? Ecology, Technology, Economics</p> <p>Marcelo Masera, Head of Unit "Energy Security, Distribution and Markets", Energy, Transport and Climate Directorate, European Commission</p> <p>Marcin Stoczkiewicz, Senior Lawyer, Head of Central & Eastern Europe, ClientEarth Warsaw</p> <p>Oldag Caspar, Team Leader - German and European Low-Carbon Policy, Germanwatch e.V., Berlin (tbc)</p> <p>chair: Wojciech Jakóbiak, Biznes Alert</p>
3:30pm-4:00pm	Closing remarks

ABOUT

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