

# NAVIGATING THROUGH THE STORM

Local energy distributors:  
a crucial infrastructure in a  
transforming energy system

31 May 2022 from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET)



14:00	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	<b>Hans Kreisel</b> , GEODE Chairman / CEO Nordion Energi
14:15	KEYNOTE SPEECH	<b>Tudor Constantinescu</b> , Principal Adviser, European Commission, DG for Energy
14:25	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</b>	<b>NAVIGATING THROUGH THE STORM. LOCAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTORS: A CRUCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN A TRANSFORMING ENERGY SYSTEM</b> <b>Introductory Presentations:</b> <b>Insights on the ACER Final Assessment of the EU Electricity Market Design:</b> <b>Josep Salas</b> , Member of the Board, Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia, CNMC (Spanish Regulatory Authority) <b>Security of gas supply in Europe with a focus on winter 2022/2023:</b> <b>Lars Dittmar</b> , Counsel, BBH Consulting AG
15:00	<b>MODERATOR</b> <b>Carmen Gimeno</b> , Secretary General, GEODE	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Klaus-Dieter Borchardt</b> , Senior Energy, Baker McKenzie <b>Ben McWilliams</b> , Research Analyst, Bruegel <b>Josep Salas</b> , Member of the Board, Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia, CNMC (Spanish Regulatory Authority) <b>Hans Kreisel</b> , GEODE Chairman / CEO Nordion Energi
15:45	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>INTERVENTION FROM AUDIENCE</b>
15:55	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT GEODE AWARD 2022</b>	<b>Hans Kreisel</b> , GEODE Chairman / CEO Nordion Energi
16:00	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<b>Carmen Gimeno</b> , Secretary General, GEODE

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## EVENT CONCEPT

The surge in energy prices Europe is experiencing since late 2021 and the crisis in Ukraine are leading to a radical shift in EU's approach on energy policy. In this challenging context, the EU is forced to find short-term solutions to tackle the surge in prices while developing a longer-term strategy to reduce fossil fuels' dependence from Russia. Further complexity is given by the fact that EU legislators are currently working on the most ambitious decarbonization package ever presented – the so called Fit for 55 – and a complete overhaul of the gas regulatory framework to promote the development of clean gases such as hydrogen and biomethane (the Gas Package). The latter is particularly controversial at this time as the role of gas – and of molecules in general – in the EU energy mix is increasingly questioned. Price is the key concern in this regard, and the Commission – based on a report ACER has recently published – is urgently working on a number of actions to be released soon RE-POWER EU to also tackle the negative price effect gas is having on electricity bills and ensure reduction of Russian gas dependency.

While the situation is extremely fluid and evolving rapidly, it is essential to take stock of the recent developments in the EU energy policy landscape and exchange on the impact this situation has on energy actors across Europe. This is particularly relevant for local energy distributors members of GEODE.

In light of this context, GEODE is organizing a seminar bringing together experts from EU institutions, academia and industry to explore how local energy distributors can go through the current energy crisis and thrive in a future decarbonized energy system.