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World Energy Council - Romania (CNR-CME)

FOREN 2026 AT A GLANCE

SECURE, SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

14-17 June 2026, Neptun, Romania

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 The electricity and natural gas networks of energy operators represent a functional condition for an efficient transition in the context in which the emphasis will be placed not only on the development of new production capacities, but on the management of a more complex, more flexible, more digitalized and more interconnected energy system, with more active but also more demanding consumers, a system capable of simultaneously meeting the objectives of security of supply, competitiveness and decarbonization.
- 2 New investments in production capacities must be completed. At the same time, storage at different levels of the system must become a structural component of the future Romanian energy system, moving from the optional area to the one of systemic necessity. Investments in electricity networks must be anticipatory, correlated with the evolution of consumption, taking into account the long periods of completion of new networks and distributed generation that reduces the distance between the places of production and consumption.
- 3 Black Sea gas and regional infrastructure remain essential for the country's energy security. At the same time, companies in the sector supported the idea of a balanced energy mix, based on technological complementarity. Unbalanced approaches should be avoided and it is desirable to build a model in which technologies complement each other, depending on their role in the system and the real needs of the economy.
- 4 Investors demand predictability, speed of implementation and real partnership with the authorities. It is clear that the pace of transition depends not only on the availability of capital, but also on the quality of the regulatory framework, the predictability of long-term decisions and the administrative capacity to support projects by accelerating the approval and authorization processes, through stable and coherent rules, but also through a better correlation between public policies, transition objectives and market realities.
- 5 The increasingly accelerated pace of energy system transformations requires rethinking strategies. In this context, digitalization, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity must enter the core of the country's energy strategy.
- 6 All these challenges can be achieved with highly qualified specialists; their training and continuous improvement must be a permanent concern of specialized education at all levels.
- 7 Romania's chance to become a "regional energy hub" can transform from a slogan into a beneficial reality for the country. The materialization of this opportunity, however, depends on the speed with which public and private actors are able to act in a coordinated manner to accelerate investments, to intelligently capitalize on available resources and to develop a competitive investment framework.



"It's a pleasure to join you at FOREN 2026."

My sincere thanks to the Romanian National Committee of the World Energy Council, the conference organizers, and all who worked to convene this distinguished gathering of energy leaders from Romania, Central and Eastern Europe, and beyond. It is fitting that we meet in Romania. This country holds a unique place in Europe's energy story, from some of the earliest commercial oil production to longstanding leadership in hydropower, nuclear energy, and regional cooperation. The lesson from Romania is clear: successful transitions do not discard the strengths of the past; they leverage them to build the future."

H.E Adnan AMIN,
Chair, World Energy Council

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FOREN 2026

IN NUMBERS

500+

ATTENDEES



50

DELEGATES



21

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



The speakers emphasized that **without modern, robust and intelligent networks, investments in new production capacities, storage and consumption will not be able to be exploited to their full potential.** >>>

ATTENDEE PROFILE

C-Level / Leadership **30%**

Management **25%**

Practitioners **25%**

Others **15%**

Ministerial &
Government Heads **5%**

"It is clear that we are living in a period with multiple challenges in which increased consumption, technological transformation, the need for decarbonization and at the same time the obligation to maintain accessible and secure energy for citizens are the key elements of the discussion."



Marius-Viorel POȘA

Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy,
Romania

"It was a great honor for me to address the Forum as a speaker during the official opening ceremony. The event provided an exceptional and timely platform to advance critical dialogues regarding regional energy security, regional interconnections, and the ongoing integration of the Republic of Moldova into the European energy market."

Carolina NOVAC

Secretary of State
Ministry of Energy, Republic of Moldova



FOREN 2026

SPEAKERS

11

DISCUSSION SESSIONS

112



SPEAKERS



A DIVERSE SPEAKER COMMUNITY



Ion LUNGU, Chairman, World Energy Council, Romania



Marius-Viorel POSA, Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Romania



Adnan AMIN, Chair, World Energy Council



Carolina NOVAC, Secretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Republic of Moldova



Ioan DUMITRACHE, Secretary General, Romanian Academy



Sandor BENDE, Chairperson, Committee on Industries and Services, Chamber of Deputies



George NICULESCU, President, Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)



Lazar COMANESCU, Ambassador, Secretary General Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Permanent International Secretariat (BSEC PERMIS)



Ondrej SAFAR, Country Manager/ CEO, EVRYO/ Distributie Oltenia



Alexandru CHIRITA, CEO, ELECTRICA S.A.



Sergiu ION, Head of Media Relations, PPC Romania



Volker RAFFEL, General Director, E. ON Romania



Virgiliu IVAN, Director of NDC, C.N.T.E.E. TRANSELECTRICA



Ion STERIAN, CEO, S.N.T.G.N TRANSGAZ S.A.



Emil MACOVEI, Chief Nuclear Officer, S.N. NUCLEARELECTRICA S.A.



Robert Stelian CHIRCA, Director of the Exploration-Production Division, S.N.G.N. ROMGAZ



Maria BOLDOR, Managing Director, Horváth

FOREN 2026

WEC MCs ROUNDTABLE



The discussion highlighted the importance of ensuring that WEC remains relevant in a fast-changing energy landscape. The role of the Member Committees was recognised as one of WEC's strengths, and it was mentioned that their experience and perspectives should be reflected both in the strategic review process and in its outcome.



WORLD ENERGY LEADERS
ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

18



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Bringing together leading companies from across the energy system, the event showcased innovative technologies and solutions that are redefining the future of the energy transition.



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"The WEC Central & Eastern Europe Energy Forum, organised every two years in Neptun, is the most important regional energy event and exhibition.

The Forum is organised under the auspices of the Romanian Government, with the coordination by the World Energy Council and the support of the WEC Member Committees in the region."



MAIRA KUSCH
Head of Office,
WEC Germany



FOREN 2026 MEDIA

Extensive media coverage explored the changing energy landscape and brought the event's biggest headlines to audiences across every continent.



11
MEDIA
PARTNERS

50+
MEDIA CLIPS
AND
PUBLICATIONS

44
MEDIA
ARTICLES

11
MEDIA
ATTENDEES



20
COMPANIES THAT
PROMOTED THE
EVENT

≈600
ESTIMATED
AUDIENCE FOR THE
MEDIA COVERAGE



FOREN 2026

SOCIAL MEDIA



Hidroelectrica

18.145 urmăritori
2 săptămâni •

În perioada 14–17 iunie, Hidroelectrica participă la FOREN 2026, cel mai important eveniment regional organizat de Comitetul Național Român al Consiliului Mondial al Energiei.

🔥 Tema ediției din acest an aduce în prim-plan subiecte esențiale pentru dezvoltarea unui sistem energetic modern: energia regenerabilă, securitatea energetică, noile tehnologii și accesul la energie.

💡 Participarea la FOREN 2026 reprezintă o oportunitate valoroasă pentru echipa Hidroelectrica de a face schimb de experiență și de a dialoga cu profesioniști din industrie.

💡 Evenimentul reunește specialiști, reprezentanți ai companiilor din domeniul energetic, autorități și experți din țară și din străinătate pentru a dezbate viitorul sectorului energetic din Europa Centrală și de Est.



Transelectrica S.A.

12.414 urmăritori
3 s •

!! FOREN 2026 a debutat astăzi cu deschiderea oficială a Expoziției Internaționale, unul dintre momentele de referință ale celui mai important forum regional dedicat sectorului energetic din Europa Centrală și de Est.

📅 Desfășurat în perioada 14–17 iunie, la Neptun, evenimentul reunește peste 100 de vorbitori de prestigiu, reprezentanți ai instituțiilor europene și naționale, lideri ai companiilor energetice, experți și cercetători, pentru a analiza provocările și oportunitățile generate de transformarea sectorului energetic.

💡 În calitate de co-organizator al FOREN 2026, Transelectrica participă activ la dialogul privind viitorul energiei și este prezentă în cadrul expoziției cu un stand dedicat, care oferă vizitatorilor o perspectivă asupra proiectelor strategice de dezvoltare a rețelei electrice de transport, a inițiativelor de digitalizare și a contribuției companiei la creșterea securității energetice și la integrarea noilor tehnologii în Sistemul Electroenergetic Național.

🗣️ Invităm participanții la FOREN 2026 să viziteze standul Transelectrica, pe toată perioada forumului, și să discutăm despre provocările, soluțiile și oportunitățile care modelează viitorul infrastructurii energetice din România și din regiune, la sesiunile științifice de marți.

#FOREN2026 #Transelectrica #EnergyTransition #PowerGrid #EnergySecurity #Digitalization #Infrastructure #Romania



ENEVO Group

9.160 urmăritori
2 s • Editat •

The energy agenda for Southeast Europe has never been more complex.

At Foren 2026, our Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, **Popescu Corina**, joins a panel tackling some of the defining topics shaping the region's energy future:

- affordable energy
- hybrid powerplant
- cybersecurity structure and costs
- the importance of storage
- resilient infrastructure

These are not abstract debates. The decisions made around interconnections, market design and infrastructure will determine the region's energy security and competitiveness for decades to come. ⚡



World Energy Council

108.545 urmăritori
2 săptămâni •

"Successful transitions do not discard the strengths of the past; they leverage them to build the future"

Our Chair, **Adnan Amin**, opened this year's Central and Eastern Europe Regional Energy Forum #FOREN in Romania with a reminder of the collective, collaborative work needed to build clean and inclusive energy transitions, and to shape a future of more and better energy for all.

Highlighting that energy security has become the prime focus for policymakers and leaders, our Chair also highlighted that its definition extend far beyond access to fuels; to have robust energy security in today's turbulent world increasingly means having resilient and flexible energy infrastructure.

Congratulations to our Romanian Member Committee **World Energy Council - Romania (CNR-CME)** for hosting!

🔥 Read our 2026 World Energy Issues Monitor to find out what global energy leaders are saying about energy security and how to progress successful energy transitions: <https://lnkd.in/eacgqVZb>

#energyleadership #energysecurity #energytransition #worldenergytrilemma

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The National Institute for Research & Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest

4.019 urmăritori
2 săptămâni •

ICI Bucharest participates in The WEC Central & Eastern Europe Energy Forum - FOREN 2026. The event, held between June 14-17, 2026 and organized by the **World Energy Council - Romania (CNR-CME)**, brings together professionals, industry leaders, government representatives, academics and company representatives to discuss the latest topics in the energy field.

The forum's agenda has as its topic of discussion "Secure, Sustainable and Affordable Energy for Central and Eastern Europe", focusing on the latest initiatives in the area of sustainable energy, technological trends and global developments in this sector.

ICI Bucharest develops and supports initiatives to secure energy infrastructure, develop cyber range platforms for the energy sector, and support the transition to safe, sustainable systems adapted to new challenges. By participating in the event, it analyzes developments in the energy sector, assists in the dialogue on the latest energy trends and promotes digitalization with the support of state-of-the-art technologies.

"Proud to have taken part in the Regional Energy Day at FOREN 2026, a great occasion to share how we're shaping the future of clean mobility in the region. 5,000+ charging points. One continuous network. Across an entire region, without ever switching providers. As the leading Powertech company in Southeastern Europe, PPC Group is driving the clean energy transition by integrating power with digital technology – fueling sustainable growth and lower emissions at the same time."

Miltiades BABILIS
Chief Sustainability Officer,
PPC GROUP



"FOREN is always an extraordinary forum because everyone comes and that's what we need - to have a dialogue, and that's what's happening here."



Volker RAFFEL
CEO,
E.ON Romania

"I am happy to return to the forum, it is a pleasure to return among such outstanding professionals in the field, especially in the research area, where we will always need them, it is important that in the future we manage to return again in as large a number as possible for a more complex exchange of ideas."



Alexandru CHIRITA
CEO,
ELECTRICA S.A.

"It is impressive to bring 500 people to the seaside on a weekend. a tradition that I have known for almost 20 years continues, I think it is important to gather specialists at a crucial moment for the energy transition and the national energy system !"

Petru RUȘET
Managing Director,
Siemens Energy Romania



"I would like to extend, on behalf of OPEM, the Energy Market Operator from the Republic of Moldova, and on my own behalf, my warmest congratulations to you and the entire team for the organization and excellent execution of the 18th edition of the Central and South-Eastern Europe Energy Regional Forum."



Cristina EFREMOV
Administrator,
OPEM

"You have established FOREN as the regional Energy Event in East- and Southeast Europe!

And you are a shining example of how to organize a major biennial forum with 550 paying attendees coming from 21 countries combined with a successful trade exhibition."

Burkhard von KIENITZ
COO Processes,
E.ON SE



"Honored to speak at FOREN 2026, one of the most prestigious platforms for discussing the future of energy in Romania and the CEE region. Romania has a real opportunity to strengthen its position as one of the region's most important energy markets. However, realizing this opportunity requires a clear focus on the objective: secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy."

Maria BOLDOR
Managing Director,
Horváth



"Over the past days at World Energy Council - Romania (CNR-CME), I had the chance to meet people for whom energy is not just a sector, it is a responsibility carried at the core of their work. This year, the conversations felt even more anchored in the realities we face today. I learnt a powerful lesson: it is possible to move from a single supplier and a single grid connection to a diversified, European-integrated system in very short time !"



Cristina NENU
CEO,
Arcade Catalyst

"Last week, I had the opportunity to join FOREN 2026 in Romania, the World Energy Council Central & Eastern Europe Energy Forum. I enjoyed rich discussions on regional energy security, digitalization in the power sector, and the practical steps companies are taking to accelerate the energy transition. The session on cross-border grid integration and regional resilience offered particularly valuable and actionable insights. I was grateful to connect with many experts who are actively shaping the future of energy in Central and Eastern Europe."

Olga BOGDANOVA
President at World Energy Council Latvia
Deputy State Secretary at Ministry of Climate and
Energy, Latvia





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