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Ecological Responsibility in Russia's Energy Sector

As much as some may be surprised in the West: ecology and Russia – this combination is no longer a contradiction today. Not only since the Year of the Environment took place in 2017, the world's largest country moves slowly but visibly in the right direction in terms of environmental issues: The burning of associated gas in the oil production is decreasing, landfills have been closed, recycling is being promoted by the state actively. Above all Russian oil and gas companies have to offer something, which could boost the EU-countries leap towards a cleaner economy structure: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a fuel for decentral regions and the transportation sector.

Ecology and Russia – this combination also becomes relevant for companies. Therefore, CREON Group and WWF Russia are inviting to the second Berlin Conference this year. Businessmen and experts from both Russia and Germany will discuss how environmental responsibility can be shaped and improved further. Which solutions can German companies provide for Russian partners who want to tackle the topic? And conversely, can Russian companies contribute to a "greener Europe" by delivering Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)? These discussions will be supported by the German Eastern Business Association (OAOEV) and the German-Russian Chamber of Commerce (AHK).

During the conference we will present the results of our environmental responsibility rating in Russia's oil and gas industry. For the fifth time, WWF and CREON conduct the independent rating of major oil and gas companies regarding their efforts and transparency in terms of environmental responsibility: Who renatures oil-contaminated areas? Who is flaring on associated gas, who is not? How transparent are corporations in reporting on ecological issues? In the meantime, the rating has been established as a credible, objective and recognized tool to push the oil and gas companies towards on a more sustainable course. The initiative to conduct Global rating of the 32 biggest world oil and gas companies will be also presented in Berlin.

The aim of the conference is to promote ecological responsibility as a common topic for Germans and Russians. Therefore, we are pleased to welcome high-ranking politicians from both countries, who find common interests in the field of ecology beyond the well-known political dispute topics. Above all, however, entrepreneurs from East and West should be brought together: In Europe's East, a market is now growing with its awareness of the problem, for which Germany particularly could supply "green" technologies. CREON has set itself the goal of connecting these networks.

Venue and Timing

Wednesday, December 05th 2018

Time: 13.00 - 19.00

Hotel Marriott, Berlin (Potsdamer Platz), Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

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Preliminary Program

07.00 – 12.00	Visit of a power-to-methane plant of Uniper in Falkenhagen near Berlin. External session of the AHK working group "Energy Efficiency". (upon separate invitation: Christine Frank, frank@russland-ahk.ru)
December 5 th 12.00 – 13.00	Registration
13.00 – 13.20	Welcome address & introduction Dr. Fares Kilzie , Chairman, Creon Group Michael Harms , Executive Director, German Eastern Business Association Matthias Schepp , Executive Director, German-Russian Chamber of Commerce
13.20 – 14.00	Keynotes Dr. Ulrich Nussbaum , State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Energy of Germany (tbc) Alexey Teksler , First Vice-Minister, Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation (tbc) <i>Discussion</i>
14.00 – 14.30	Presentation of the Rating Alexey Knizhnikov (WWF): Presentation of the Rating 2018: Results, Progresses, Challenges regarding environmental responsibility in the Russian oil & gas industry <i>Discussion</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Coffee Break
14.45 – 16.15	Ecological responsibility in extractive industries – Problems, solutions, potential for German Russian cooperation Moderation: Florian Willershausen , Director, Creon Capital Sergey Donskoy , ex-Russian Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, Advisor, Irkutsk Oil Company (INK Capital) Dr. Michael Zettlitzer , General Manager Corporate QHSSE, DEA Group Dr. Tatiana Mitrova , Director Energy Center, Skolkovo School of Management Rosneft (participation confirmed, director to be named) Zarubezhneft (participation confirmed, director to be named) <i>Discussion</i>
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00	LNG as a "bridge" fuel – potential and barriers for liquefied natural gas in the transport and logistics sector Moderation: N.N. Mark Gyetvay , Deputy Head of the Management Board, Novatek (tbc) Shell AG (participant will be named later) Dr. Kirsten Westphal , senior expert on energy policy, SWP Berlin Markus Behrendt , CEO, PSE Engineering GmbH Manfred Seitz , CEO, Pro-Danube Sandzhar Turgunov , General Manager, Creon Energy <i>Discussion</i>
18.00 – 19.00	Reception