Energy, Oil and Gas: A Macroeconomic Perspective in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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East Mediterranean countries energy balances: strong oil and coal dominance with minor share of gas









Sources: ERI RAS, IEA

Recent discoveries and exploration activities create new expectations



Source: OIES

Possible export monetization routes for East Mediterranean gas: pipeline to Greece or to Turkey or LNG (5 mtpa in Cyprus and 2-3 mtpa Israeli FLNG)?



Export options face many challenges

EXTERNAL

- Stagnant European demand (crises, structural changes, energy efficiency) and shrinking market niches (shale revolution, new market participants).
- Growing supply and increasing competition with LNG newcomers Australia, Brazil, East Africa and North America and with alternative pipeline projects – South Stream and Southern Corridor pipelines
- Stagnant or decreasing prices (moving from oil to spot indexation)

INTERNAL

- Unsolvable political conflicts in the region: Israeli-Palestinian, Israeli-Lebanese border dispute, unresolved Northern Cyprus question
- High upstream costs for offshore development without visible economy of scale
- Growing domestic demand ("Egyptian paradox")
- Lack of trust (Most economically viable options are not regarded. Competition on who will operate the projects. Aggregation of feed gas for LNG plant needed, but not decided).

Market niche in Europe: strong competition in the future



* with supply cost below \$9/MBtu

Sources: WEO2011, IEA; Cedigaz; SKOLKOVO Business school Energy Centre

Global LNG supply is expected to boom by the end of this decade

Mln. tonnes Other East Africa US Canada Australia Existing 2012 2013 2014 2006 2007 2007 2008

Global liquefaction capacities (existing and planed)

Source: ERI RAS

Macroeconomic development prospects in the East Mediterranean



GDP of the new potential hydrocarbon producers in East Mediterranean

Source: ERI RAS

High electricity demand growth rates are projected in the region

Average growth in real GDP and net electricity consumption in 5 (2000-2009)



Regional gas demand is supposed to boom: most likely new gas will become game-changer more locally then for European or global markets



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