

08:30 to 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:00 to 09:10	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HE Jassim Alshirawi, Secretary General, International Energy Forum – HE Christophe Farnaud, EU Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the Sultanate of Oman
09:10 to 09:30	Keynote addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr. Mohammad Alrashidi, Director of Energy, Gulf Cooperation Secretariat – Tom Howes, Adviser - Green Transition and Market Regulation, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission (online)
09:30 to 10:45	Session I Policy & Regulatory Frameworks for a Sustainable Energy Transition <p>This session will focus on the role of the private sector in driving the energy transition. Industry leaders and financial experts will discuss investment strategies, technology innovations, and collaborative opportunities between EU and GCC businesses. The discussion will emphasize scaling up clean energy projects, supply chain resilience, and financing mechanisms to accelerate sustainable energy solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – H.E. Hans Peter van der Woude, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Saudi Arabia – H.E. Ahmad Al Kaabi, Undersecretary Assistant for Electricity, Water and Future Energy, UAE – H.E. Eng. Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, Chief Executive Officer, GCC Interconnection Authority – Riham ElGizy, CEO, Voluntary Carbon Market – Princess Noura bint Turki Al-Saud, Founding Partner, AEON Collective <p>Moderator: Raphael Schoentgen, Founder and CEO, Hydrogen Advisors</p> <p>Session closing remarks: Challenges and opportunities associated with addressing climate change in standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Faisal Alqurooni, CCE Manager, Ministry of Energy of Saudi Arabia
10:45 to 11:15	Networking break, group photo and press moment
11:15 to 12:45	Session II: Unlocking Private Sector Opportunities for Green Energy Investment & Innovation <p>This session will focus on the role of the private sector in driving the energy transition. Industry leaders and financial experts will discuss investment strategies, technology innovations, and collaborative opportunities between EU and GCC businesses. The discussion will emphasize scaling up clean energy projects, supply chain resilience, and financing mechanisms to accelerate sustainable energy solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hesham Tashkandi, CEO, ACWA Power Saudi Arabia – Alexander van Veldhoven, Group Chief Strategy Officer, Bapco Energies, Bahrain – Kristijonas Gedvilas, CEO, European Chamber of Commerce, KSA – Mohammed Al Hajjaj, CEO, ENGIE, Saudi Arabia – Mahdi Al Utaibi, Head of Renewables Department, Saudi Aramco <p>Moderator: Spyros Kouvelis, EU-GCC Cooperation on Green Transition Project</p>
12:45 to 13:00	Concluding Session: Pathways to a Collaborative and Sustainable Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – International Energy Forum – EU Delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the Sultanate of Oman – The EU-GCC Cooperation on Green Transition Project
13:00 to 14:30	Networking Buffet Lunch
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