

Dear colleagues & friends – the esteemed members of the Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council and its Working Groups!

This is to sadly inform you that on 22 January 2020, at the age of 74, the Co-speaker of the Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council and the Co-chair of its Work Stream One, Dr. Vladimir Feygin, our friend and colleague, has passed away after long and serious illness.



Владимир Фейгин (Фото: Сергей Бобылев / ТАСС)

Mr. Feygin was the well-known in Russia, Europe and worldwide scientist and reputable professional in energy economics, energy analysis and forecasting, Russian and global oil and gas industry.

He has a long and multi-facet 50-years-long professional career devoted to the development of first Soviet and then Russian energy economy. From 1970 till 2005 he worked in the research structures of Gazprom and was one of the demiurges of the system of the gas flows management within the Soviet/Russian Unified Gas Transportation System which was created in early 1970-ies and has effectively worked since then being the fundament of effective gas supply of both Russia and Europe.

In the recent years he worked and held the positions as the President of the Foundation “Institute of Energy and Finance” co-established by Gazprombank and Gazprom export, an Adviser to the President of Rosneft oil company, a Consultant to the Board of Gazprombank, the Chairman of the Board of the “ENGO Engineering” company. He was the member of the Working Group on energy issues of the Commission under the President of Russia on the strategic issues of energy development and environmental safety, the member of the Public Board under the Russian Ministry of Energy.

He was one of the key Russian experts in the process of informal Russia-EU consultations on the outstanding issues of the draft Energy Charter Transit Protocol and of the Energy Charter Treaty that were held in Brussels in the Energy Charter Secretariat in mid-2000-ies and which has paved the way to the further informal consultations processes between the two parties on energy/gas issues and some mutually acceptable solutions in result. For instance, some of the ideas actively promoted by Vladimir Feygin within this informal Russia-EU consultations on the draft Transit Protocol, especially in regard to booking of cross-border transportation capacities on the basis of the investment-based (bankable and manageable) “open season” procedures, were lately called for and incorporated into Capacity Allocation Mechanisms procedures of the EU Network Codes.

He was one of the initiators and from the very beginning the strong supporter of the process of informal consultations of Russian energy/gas experts and energy regulators and TSOs of the EU member states with the participation of the representatives of the European Commission on the EU regulatory issues in relation to the Third EU Energy Package. This process has started in 2010 and in 2011 was first accompanied by and then transformed into the Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council under the Coordinators of the Russia-EU Energy Dialogue – the EU Energy Commissioner and Russian Energy Minister. Mr.Feygin was appointed as the Co-speaker of the Gas Advisory Council and the co-chair of its Work Stream One on long-term gas scenarios and forecasts and stayed as such from the beginning of the process through all his time.

With his active and direct participation the Roadmap of Russia-EU energy cooperation for the period up to 2050 was developed, agreed and signed by both parties.

I think that the best memory for Vladimir Feygin will be an effective continuation of Gas Advisory Council activities aimed at strengthening of Russia-EU cooperation in multiple areas, including energy and gas, for the mutual benefits of the parties, bringing effectively together the EU demand for low-carbon development up to zero-carbon energy future with the Russian national interest in monetizing its vast gas resources with respect to the decarbonisation agendas of

both parties, according to the mission of the Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council – to diminish mutual risks and uncertainties to the tolerable level.

We will remember Vladimir – and he will stay in our hearts!

The Co-chair of Work Stream Two “Energy Markets” of the Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council,

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Moscow, 23 January 2020

P.S. To those who may wish to: you can send your condolences to info@fief.ru.