

## *Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum Meeting - Draft Agenda*

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*Premises of the Energy Community Secretariat, 6th floor, Am Hof 4, 1010 Vienna*

*November 30, 14.30 -16.30*

- 1. Welcome by Mr. Arben Pellumbi, Chairman of the Committee on Productive Activity, Trade and Environment, Assembly of the Republic of Albania, and Chairman of the Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum 2023***
  
  - 2. Statement by Mr. Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat***
  
  - 3. Exchange of views on CBAM preparedness, its impact on electricity market integration and the future of carbon pricing in the Energy Community***
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The entry into force of the CBAM Regulation gives a new impetus to important policy decisions related to decarbonisation in the Contracting Parties to be made. CBAM locks the discussions on carbon pricing in the Energy Community within very short timeframes needed for decisions. At the same time, under the Energy Community Treaty, the Contracting Parties have committed to coupling their electricity markets with the EU electricity market by the end of 2025.

CBAM allows the recognition of the commitment taken so far by the Contracting Parties under the Energy Community Treaty in their pathway towards decarbonisation and electricity market integration. It offers a time-limited exemption to the export of electricity until 2030, for countries that have coupled their electricity market with the EU. However, this can only happen via fulfilling the list of conditions – among others – to commit in 2024 and advance an emissions trading system (ETS), at least for electricity, to be launched not later than 2030.

At the informal Ministerial Council in June, the European Commission, highly recommended a regional ETS for the Energy Community region taking into account both graduality and flexibility, also based on the different starting points of the Contracting Parties. Next to securing emission reductions in the Contracting Parties, such system would result in further alignment with the EU acquis, contributing to the EU accession process. The set-up of an ETS could also significantly reduce the impact of CBAM.

Discussions are ongoing and the upcoming Ministerial Council will be an important indicator of the political will for the coordinated action taken at the Energy Community level.

#### ***4. Closing remarks by Mr. Lorkowski and Mr. Pellumbi***

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***Dinner: 19:00***

***Venue: Esterházykeller, Haarkhof 1, 1010, Vienna, Austria***