

4th Joint CEER-ECRB Customer Workshop

ECRB

24 October 2016, 10:30-17:00

Energy Community premises – Am Hof 4, 1010 Vienna/Austria

	Agenda		
	Co-chairing: Mr Roberto Malaman CEER and Mr Edin Zametica ECRB		
10:00 – 10:30	Registration and welcome coffee		
10:30 – 10:40	Welcome address	Mr Edin Zametica ECRB	
	Opening remarks and organisation		
10:40 – 12:00	Presentations session		
10:40 – 11:00	 Empowering consumers Upcoming European legislation to bring on the New Deal for Energy Consumers 	TBC EC	
	Questions & Answers		
11:00 – 12:15	Barriers to market entry and switching		
	 ECRB Key retail market development data 2015/2016 assessment of retail market entry requirements and recommendations for improvement 2014 review of supply contract clauses 	Mr Edin Zametica, Ms Branislava Marsenic ECRB	
	 CEER 2016 report on market entry barriers status quo and guidelines of good practice 2016 report on commercial barriers to supplier switching 	Mr Julien Janes, Mr Roberto Malaman CEER	
	Questions & answers		
12:15 - 12:30	Preparation for interactive session		
	Description of interactive activities and formation	of groups	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break		

Concept of the interactive sessions Participants will be separated in three groups, each of them discussing the same topic guided by a session moderator. The key issues arising from the discussions will be reported during the summary and wrap up session. Discussion groups WORKSTATION1 Market entry barriers WORKSTATION3 Other barriers including consumer inertia, perception, etc. Discussion topics - Is active removal of market entry barriers part of your NRA's activity agenda? If so, which activities does this entail concretely and which have proven to be most successful? Which additional measures would you consider recommendable and which are the barriers you faced? Is cooperation with national consumer / competition organisations seen as a promising tool for removing barriers? • What regulatory barriers (regulated prices, insufficient unbundling, retail/wholesale connections, incoherent data management processes, lack of standardization, etc.) are recognised in your country? How do they hinder market entry? How are they justified? And what are potential alternatives/solutions to overcoming them? How could the NRA contribute to their solution? • To what extent do specific commercial practices (e.g. product design, marketing practices, etc.) lead to higher market entry barriers and which ones may be tackled without overregulating the market, and how? • How should energy products and contracts be designed to transfer all necessary information easily and in a transparent manner? What strategies of consumer lock-in are acceptable, which ones should be banned? • What do consumers need, what do they want, and what do they not want? How to raise awareness/interest/desire for energy products "beyond energy" (not necessarily en	13:30 – 15:00	Interactive sessions "Practical insight: regulatory experience on removing entry barriers and stimulating consumer engagement"		
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