Invitation to the Seventh ECDSO-E and to the Second ECDSO-G Meeting on 17-18 October 2016 in Vienna

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Dear members of ECDSO-E and ECDSO-G Coordination Platforms,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the joint session of ECDSO-E and ECDSO-G coordination platforms beginning on 17 October, collocated with the meeting of the USAID / USEA Southeast Europe Distribution System Operator Working Group on 18 October.

Last time the members of ECDSO-E convened in December 2015 (Please recall the <u>outcome</u> published on this Forum), while ECDSO-G coordination platform has its first <u>meeting</u> in Prague on 23 June 2016, together with Eurogas DSO Committee.

Since the beginning of 2016, most of the Contracting Parties have adopted new energy legislation compliant with the third package and/or began developing corresponding secondary legislation (Albania, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine), the other following the suit.

The new legal environment imposes challenging obligations and requirements on DSOs with even more to come with further market opening. Experts from DSOs, both electricity and gas, are invited to discuss their position in this changing environment and raise the awareness of the challenges attached to it.

The challenges include the interface between TSO – DSO, "getting smart" projects, electric vehicles and storage facilities, gas quality and measurement issues, customer services with delineation from supply activities and all of this under regulated price regime with strong call to avoid sharp price increases.

The draft agenda is being prepared in order to open all these and any other burning issues for the DSOs, in consultation with the USAID / USEA SEE DSO WG. It will be published at the Energy Community web site (link), as well as on the ECDSO-E Forum.

You are kindly invited not only to take note, but also to propose other specific matters of your concerns and interests to have them reflected in the agenda and to contribute during the discussions.

For organisational reasons you are kindly requested to register for the meeting, preferably not later than 10 October 2016, at the link

Register

All DSOs from the Energy Community are invited to ensure participation of their company's representative(s) in the meeting.

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