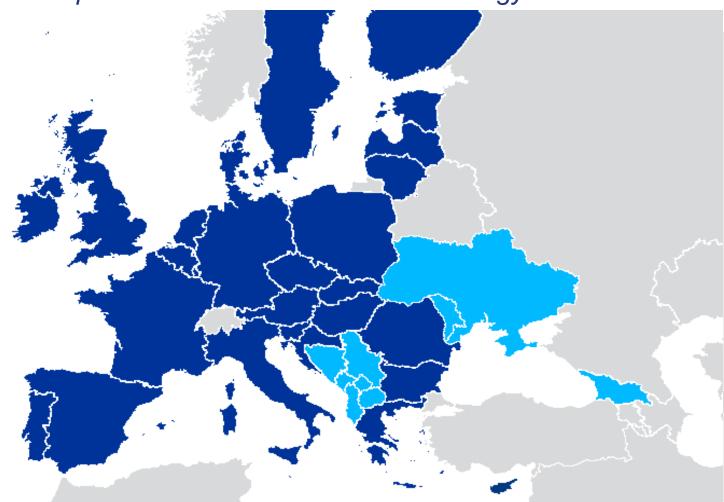




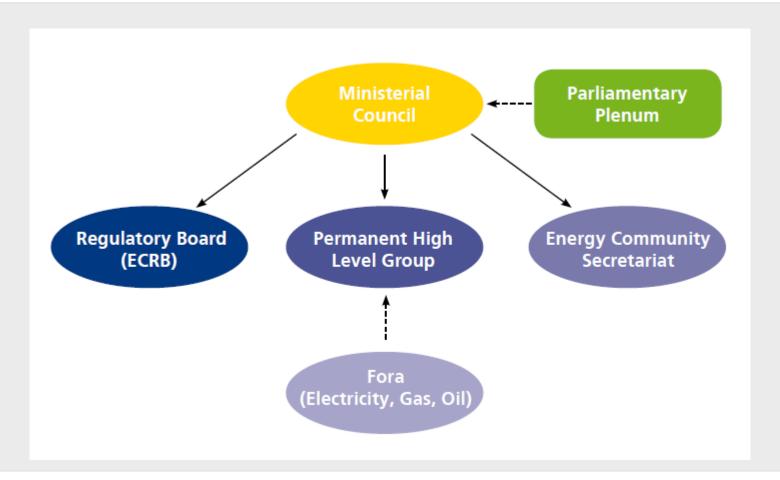
European Parliament's definition of Energy Union

Towards a **European Energy** Union (15 Dec 2015): "Energy Union must establish a free flow of energy across EU and Energy Community countries"



Institutions





Enforcement



DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE

A Party to the Treaty, the Regulatory Board and the Secretariat may initiate a case of non-compliance

3-stage procedure

- Opening Letter Secretariat requests national governments to comment on noncompliance problem within 2 months
- Reasoned Opinion No reply? Unsatisfactory reply? Secretariat states reasons why it believes there is a breach of Energy Community law and requests compliance within 2 months
- Reasoned Request Secretariat refers case to PHLG (hears both parties to dispute + takes into account (non-binding) opinion of Advisory Committee) → Ministerial Council for decision
- Currently approx. 20 cases open
- No Court of Justice!

The Energy Community acquis and areas of work









Electricity



Infrastructure



Renewable energy



Environment



Competition



Oil



Social



Statistics



Energy Efficiency

Third Package Transposition in Contracting Parties







Energy Community Treaty Reform





➤ Level playing field between Contracting Parties and EU Member States (switch-on clause/reciprocity)

-----two tier approach ------



- ➤ Direct applicability of Network Codes + Regulations
- Competence of EU institutions (ACER) in Contracting Parties
- > Better enforcement in case of infringement
- > State aid and competition enforcement

Energy Community and the Clean Energy Package





- Set a post-2020 EnC framework for RES to ensure investor confidence (current EnC framework expires in 2020)
- Boost ambition of current energy efficiency targets
- Address "leftovers" from Third Energy Package
 - ➤ Lack of governance on the interface b/w EU and EnC (network codes)
 - Addressing price regulation whilst putting in place better protection of vulnerable energy customers
- Strengthen market integration and cross-border trade (facilitating uptake of RES)
 - Increase security of supply and least-cost abatement of supply crisis on regional level in EnC as well as EU
- Streamline reporting and monitoring obligations
- But when will it be adopted?



