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## TF3: Complaint Handling and ADR



## KNOW AND PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS OUTSIDE THE COURT!

Find out about simple and efficient means to resolve a dispute with your energy supplier or network operator





# Template brochure informing customers on the Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms

- Activity in line with the findings of Status Review on ADR in the Energy Community (approved and published 19 Apr 2016)
- Short document summarizing ADR as a simple and efficient means to resolve a dispute between customer and energy supplier or network operator
- Brochure to be used in regulators activities on raising customer awareness
- Brochure approved by CRM WG 18 Nov 2016

## TF3: Complaint Handling and ADR







#### **Template brochure content:**

- What is ADR? (+ its results)
- ADR advantages
- Dispute types that can be resolved through ADR
- How does ADR work?
  - Settle a dispute swiftly and at an early stage
  - First point of contact: supplier or network operator
  - Information on ADR authority/authorities
- How long does it take to resolve a dispute?
- Right to challenge the ADR outcome in courts
- Note: Brochure is an introductory tool to give customers a first insight on ADR and its benefits



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### TF2: Retail Market Entry





HOW TO ENTER RETAIL ELECTRICITY/GAS MARKET IN [country]



# Template brochure providing guidance for new suppliers on retail market entry requirements

- Activity in line with the findings of the Status Review on Retail Market Entry Requirements in EnC CPs (approved 29 Apr 2016, published 5 Sep 2016)
- Short and illustrative description of the rules and requirements new retailers have to comply with
- To be used in regulators activities
- Promotion of new suppliers' entry
- Brochure approved by CRM WG 2 Dec 2016

### TF2: Retail Market Entry







#### **Template brochure content (short info on):**

- Company registration (procedure and contacts)
- Obtaining a supply license (criteria, procedure, license validity, fees, contacts)
- Market participant registration (requirements)
- Contracts (balancing responsibility, financial settlement, network usage, renewables)
- Supply rules
- Supply contract and switching (short info on the contract structure and switching rules)
- Dispute settlement (responsible settlement institution(s) in case of dispute with customers or other market participants)



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## TF4: Retail Market Functioning







#### RETAIL MARKET FUNCTIONING INDICATORS

Status Review and Recommendations for the Energy Community Contracting Parties

December, 2016

# Retail Market Functioning Indicators – Status Review and Recommendations

#### Background

- Indicators a meaningful tool for analysis of potential shortcomings and the need for regulatory measures supporting retail market efficiency
- Applicability of concepts already developed by CEER and ERGEG in the Energy Community CPs

#### Report covers

Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia,
 Montenegro, Kosovo\*, Serbia, Ukraine and Georgia

#### Methodology

- Separate electricity and gas questionnaires to NRAs
- Expected CRM WG approval mid Dec 2016

## Retail Market Functioning Indicators Overview





- The existing practices in monitoring of retail market functioning vis-a-vis wider concept developed on a European level are assessed
- Report also examines potentials for expanding the scope of relevant indicators in line with the Third Energy Package
- Indicators classified in the following pillars:
  - Customer awareness and satisfaction
  - Customer protection
  - Retail market outcomes
  - Market structure
  - Relationship between wholesale and retail markets
  - Market condition and DSO services

## Retail Market Functioning Indicators Findings - 1





Early stage of retail market development, incumbents dominate – lack of competition, lack of reliable price comparison tool

#### In most cases ~50% of European indicators monitored

- Numbers of customer complaints and enquires
- Average time between notifications to pay and disconnections, number of disconnections due to non-payment
- End user prices for households and small customers
- Percentages of customers eligible to receive/be supplied under a regulated end-user price
- Herfindahl-Hirschman Index
- Number of active suppliers, market shares of suppliers
- Number of switches as a percentage of customer numbers
- Average time between a connection being requested by a customer and completed
- Relative number of disconnections

## Retail Market Functioning Indicators Findings - 2





#### Indicators not being monitored (in most cases):

- Percentages of customers knowing they can switch supplier, being aware of DSO role, trusting the energy market
- Percentage of suppliers using standards for advertising & bills
- Prices spread on comparable products
- Number of available contracts for households and small customers (variety of pricing and billing, online offers, contracts guaranteeing the origin of energy)
- Percentage of customers served by supplier having a separate branding from the DSO of its vertically-integrated undertaking
- Correlation over time between a transparent, market-based wholesale price and the retail energy price
- Mark-up between wholesale and retail energy prices
- Renegotiated contracts as a percentage of customer numbers
- Numbers of delayed switches and failure switches
- Average time and charge for execution of maintenance services by DSO

## Retail Market Functioning Indicators Recommendations







# RETAIL MARKET FUNCTIONING INDICATORS Status Review and Recommendations for the Energy Community Contracting Parties

December, 2016

- NRAs stated readiness to monitor missing indicators in midterm
- Further knowledge on the practices and standards developed on European level needed
- NRAs to continue their ongoing retail market monitoring activities
- NRAs to further strengthen capacities to fully exercise their powers and duties according to the provisions from the Third Energy Package, especially regarding
  - Directive 2009/72/EC, Article 37.1(j)
  - Directive 2009/73/EC, Article 41.1(j)



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### CRM WG – 2016, General Information





#### 2016 CRM WG Meetings

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, Vienna, 11 Feb 2016
- 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Vienna, 23 Jun 2016
- 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Vienna, 25 Oct 2016

CRM WG Deputy Chair: Mrs. Valentina Dyatlovska

#### 2016 Task Forces

TF1 – Quality of Supply (Leader: Mr. Žutobradić)

TF2 – Retail Market Entry (L: Mr. Škopelja)

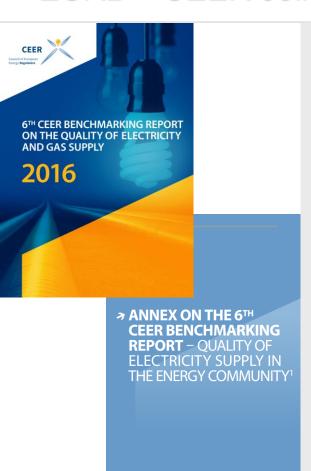
TF3 – Complaint Handling and ADR (L: Mr. Artizzu, Mrs. Janelidze)

TF4 – Retail Market Functioning (L: Mr. Martinoski)

TF5 – Customer Awareness (L: Mr. Pichler)

#### ECRB – CEER Joint Activities





#### TF1 – Quality of Supply

- Annex on the 6th CEER Benchmarking Report -Quality of Electricity Supply in the Energy Community (Published 19 May 2016)
- CEER Benchmarking Report on Quality of Electricity and Gas Supply (Published 29 Sep 2016)

#### **TF5 – Customer Awareness**

- 4th Joint CEER-ECRB Customer Workshop (Vienna, 25 Oct 2016)
  - Empowering consumers Upcoming European legislation to bring on the New Deal for Energy Customers
  - Barriers to market entry and switching
  - Regulatory experience on removing barriers and stimulating consumer engagement



