



**“Role and tasks of the ECRB in the natural gas market of the Energy Community”**

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# ECRB Organization

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The ECRB has been set up as an Institution under the Treaty

During its first meeting it has elected its chairman

During its second meeting, it has approved its Internal Rules of Procedure

## **Three working groups have been established:**

- The Working Group for Customer Protection (chaired by Ms. Andrea Brandstaeter, E-Control)
- The Electricity Working Group (chaired by Mr. Nenad Stefanovic, AERS)
- The Gas Working Group (chaired by Mr. Michael Thomadakis, RAE)

**The ECRB Working Program for 2007 has been also approved by the ECRB**

- **Three main priorities :**

- 1. Guidelines for New Gas Infrastructure:**

- This work depends mainly on the anticipated proposal of the European Commission
- It is essential to clarify what will be expected from the ECRB to do with respect to these guidelines
- The existing draft of the NGIIR has already been distributed to the members of the Gas Working Group. Their consolidated comments will be elaborated and forwarded to the EC by the end of May

## 2. Position paper on the current state-of-play in the SEE gas market:

- Following up from the previous work of SEE Regulators on the issue, this paper will present the current state-of-play in the natural gas markets in the SEE region, as well as the views of the ECRB on the potential development of these markets and the potential development of a regional gas market, which will then be integrated into the EU market
- The outcome of the SEE gasification study will be taken into account; collaboration with the EC, ECS and the World Bank and KfW is anticipated;
- LNG will be addressed at a second phase
- Initial results are expected by the 1st Energy Community Gas Forum in autumn

3. **Follow-up of the evolutions currently under way in the EU:**
  - Research into the work of CEER/ERGEG
  - The aim is to exploit the experience gained at the European level and investigate the potential for transposition into the Energy Community
  - The Gas Regional Initiatives is a key-issue in this process
  - The ECRB-Gas Working Group is investigating ways of incorporating the SEE region into the EU-Gas Regional Initiatives
  
4. **ECRB-GWG will also address any other issue related to the problems that SEE Regulators face in their respective countries**

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## Conclusions :

- The ECRB is committed to support the efforts for the development of the natural gas market in the SEE region and its future integration with the EU Internal Market
- The ECRB is also committed to closely collaborate with the other stakeholders (the EC, Donors, TSOs and the governments) for the provision of the relevant regulatory input
- To this end, we believe that ECRB (and its Gas Working Group) should actively participate to all discussions and the corresponding groups working on gas in the Energy Community