

28th Energy Community Electricity Forum

WYNDHAM GRAND Hotel, Megalou Alexandrou 2, 10437 Athens

Chaired by the European Commission

Please note: timing refers to Athens time (CET +1 hour)

Overview

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

13:00-18:30: Forum Day 1

19:30: Evening Reception

Thursday, 8 June 2023

9:00-13:30: Forum Day 2

14:00: Farewell Lunch

Program – Day 1

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

13:00 **Opening**

Welcome – Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat

Host address – Konstantinos Tsimaras, Board member, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water, Greece

Keynote speech – Andras Hujber, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission

14:00 **Panel Debate I: Follow-up of emergency measures and the need to reduce energy demand**

The last year was dominated by the energy crisis and related market interventions in the electricity sector by the Contracting Parties' Governments and regulators. Despite that the Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 on an emergency intervention to address high energy prices was not adopted in the Energy Community, the Contracting Parties were adopting similar measures, which are now slowly being phased out. At the same time, the Secretariat is developing policy guidelines establishing tailored measures for demand reduction and energy savings. Is the energy crisis over and what are the lessons learnt? Are the regulatory measures still needed to ensure affordable energy to end-

consumers and protect energy poor? What is needed to incentivize electricity savings in the Contracting Parties?

Moderation: Olena Antonova, Energy Community Secretariat

- Marko Bislimoski, ECRB President
- Valeriy Tarasuik, Board Member, NEURC
- Ymer Fejzullahu, Chairman, ERO
- Andrei Sula, Head of the Electricity and Renewables, ANRE
- Irene Iacovides, Director of Regulation of Energy Retail Markets and Consumer Protection, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water, Greece
- Seamus Byrne, Policy Officer Energy Retail Infrastructure, ACER

15:15 Networking coffee

15:45 **Panel Debate II: Electricity market reforms and new design elements**

The high and volatile energy prices witnessed in the last two years of the energy crisis triggered discussions on the need to reform electricity markets to facilitate energy transition in the European Union. This was recently supported by the EU Commission's proposals on new market design elements, including measure to better protect and empower customers, to improve liquidity of forward contracts markets to on one side provide for revenue stability for producers and on the other side allow customers to profit from more stable prices of renewable and thus make industry cleaner and more competitive. How will the proposed market reform affect market participants and help boost liquidity and renewable uptake? Are price surges and spikes a new energy transition reality and how will the new market design help to stabilise them? What design of long-term arrangements, PPAs and CfDs is necessary in order not to undermine the benefits of liberalized electricity markets? What are expected implementation challenges in EU and EnC?

Moderation: Rozeta Karova, Energy Community Secretariat

- Arben Kllokoqi, Director for Electricity Market Design, EFET
- Kocho Angjushev, CEO, Feroinvest Group / RES
- Anastasia Sampani, Head of Regulatory Affairs, ENEL
- Bastian Lotz, Senior Consultant, Guidehouse
- Jose Luis Gomez Pascual, Country Manager, Premier Energy / EBA
- Raquel Mendes, Head of European Affairs, EDP

17:00 **Panel Debate III: Energy Community fit for CBAM**

The recently adopted EU Regulation on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is expected to trigger reactions in the climate, energy, trade and economic policies of the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community. With the end of the legislative process in the EU, the discussion will now turn to implementation. In order to ensure that electricity sector is exempted from the CBAM application, the Contracting Parties will have to fulfill several conditions, including the commitment to climate neutrality, an integration with the Union electricity market through market coupling and implementation of an emission trading system (ETS). This will entail difficult political debate and decisions to be made so as to not undermine the Energy Community process and progress in integrating the markets and decarbonizing economies in the Contracting Parties. How are Governments and businesses preparing for CBAM? Does the CBAM Regulation provide incentives for Contracting Parties to introduce an ETS? What steps do businesses expect from national governments and from the EU/EnC regarding CBAM?

Moderation: Peter Pozsgai, Energy Community Secretariat

- Janez Kopač, Principal Advisor, EU4Energy
- Elena Merle-Beral, Senior Energy Policy Expert, World Bank
- Ivan Mrvaljević, Executive Officer, EPCG AD Nikšić
- Milos Mladenović, Managing Director, SEEPEX

18:00 **Close of day 1**

19:30 **Cocktail reception, WYNDHAM GRAND Hotel**

Program – Day 2

Thursday, 8 June 2023

09:00 **Opening**

Welcome

Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director and Legal Counsel, Energy Community Secretariat

09:15 **Panel Debate IV: The road to the European single market coupling – setting the navigation right**

The new Electricity Package, including the Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 on capacity allocation and congestion management adapted and adopted for the Energy Community (EnC CACM), provides the legal basis for a fully-fledged integration of Contracting Parties' short-term markets into the European single day-ahead (SDAC) and intraday coupling (SIDC). It introduces nominated electricity market operators (NEMOs) and the details of the market couplings' functioning and operation based on a set of European, regional and national terms, conditions and methodologies (TCMs) to be implemented in the Energy Community. The Regulation (EU) 2010/942 establishing a European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) as adapted and adopted for the Energy Community gives a decision-making right to ACER for the borders between EU Member States and Contracting Parties. How to ensure an efficient transposition in the Contracting Parties and what are the implementation milestones on the road to the European single market coupling? How to plan and prioritise projects and keep up with the deadlines to ensure predictability for all stakeholders involved?

Moderation: Nina Grall and Lisa-Marie Mohr, Energy Community Secretariat

- Vasilis Papandreou, Policy officer, ACER
- André Estermann, Head of Interconnectors, 50 Hertz, MCSC TSO Co-Chair
- Ondrej Maca, Head of Market Development Department, OTE, NEMO ID SC Chair and MCSC Co-Chair
- Dejan Drašković, COO, MEPX
- Denko Rafajlovski, Head of preferential producers unit, MEMO
- Elton Radheshi, Secretary General, ERE, ECRB
- Miha Pregl, Director of European Electricity Markets, USEA

10:30 Networking coffee

10:45 **Panel Debate V: Regional TSO cooperation – building block to Europe's security of supply**

The basic building block for an integrated European electricity market and Europe's security of supply is the strong TSO cooperation. The new legal framework, in particular EnC CACM and Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market of electricity as adapted and adopted for the Energy Community, envisages enhanced cooperation of TSOs in the EnC on different levels - from forward to short-term timeframes and in different regions - capacity calculation regions as well as system operation regions - and introduces regional coordination centres performing tasks of regional relevance including the cross-zonal capacity calculation. What is necessary to ensure efficient regional cooperations for TSOs necessary for the development of regional TCMs e.g. capacity calculation methodologies? Are the regional TSO cooperation structures setup by the Regulation fit for purpose and how to put them in

practice? By the end of this year, EnC TSOs shall decide on the configuration of RCCs in the region, how to streamline the process?

Moderation: Jasmina Trhulj, Energy Community Secretariat

- Tahir Kapetanović, Head of System Operation/Vice President International, APG
- Zoran Vujasinović, Policy officer, ACER
- Fokke Elskamp, Regulatory Affairs (REG-EU), TenneT, ENTSO-E EnC TF
- Duško Tubić, Director, SCC Belgrade
- Ioannis Kampouris, BOD Chairman and CEO, SeleNe CC

12:00 **Panel Debate VI: Boosting renewables – are power systems and markets ready?**

Challenges arising from the electricity balancing and the need to reinforce the electricity grid to guarantee operational security are often argued as preconditions to further integration of the renewable energy resources in the Energy Community Contracting Parties. With the adoption of the Electricity package, new legal and regulatory tools to increase adequacy and flexibility of the power system and thus facilitate integration of renewables in an efficient way are made available. Among those is the 70% target to increase utilization of the existing interconnectors as defined by the Electricity Regulation. Furthermore, Regulation 2017/2195 on electricity balancing as adapted and adopted in the Energy Community establishes the basis for the more efficient electricity balancing including through the Contracting Parties' integration into the European balancing platforms. To which extent Contracting Parties' transmission and distribution networks and flexibility resources are adequate and how is it assessed? Will market measures be enough to ensure flexibility or they will have to be underpinned with significant infrastructural development? Are the balancing regimes applied to renewable energy producers in the Contracting Parties appropriate? How and when will the conversion of contracts from non-market to market-based support schemes (such as CfD) occur?

Moderation: Naida Taso and Davor Bajš, Energy Community Secretariat

- Maria De Melo, Principal, Energy & Infrastructure Policy, EBRD
- Sasho Saltirovski, Managing Director, Elektrodistribucija DOOEL, ECDSO-E
- Obrad Škrba, Head of Strategic planning and development department, NOS BiH
- Zviad Gachechiladze, Member of board of directors/Director in development of organized markets and electricity metering issues, GSE
- Antun Andrić, Assistant Director at HOPS Ltd. Market department, HOPS
- Faruk Serdarević, consultant, USAID

13:15 **Conclusions**

14:00 **Close of the Forum and farewell lunch**