PROCEDURAL ACT
OF THE PERMANENT HIGH LEVEL GROUP

2026/01/ECS-ENC: ON LAYING DOWN RULES FOR THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE COORDINATION GROUP FOR OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

The Permanent High Level Group of the Energy Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community, in particular Articles 53 and 87 thereof;

Whereas Article 17 of Directive 2009/119/EC, as incorporated and adapted by Ministerial Council Decision 2012/03/MC-EnC of 18 October 2012, establishes a Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products in the Energy Community;

Whereas there is an increased need to strengthen oil supply security in the Energy Community by supporting Contracting Parties in implementing the cooperation mechanisms foreseen in Directive 2009/119/EC;

Whereas the activities of the Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products are derived from Directive 2009/119/EC;

Whereas the Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products should facilitate cooperation among Contracting Parties and the relevant stakeholders in the field of oil and petroleum products;

Whereas, in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Coordination Group, rules governing its organisation and operation should be laid down;

HAS ADOPTED THIS PROCEDURAL ACT:

Article 1

Energy Community Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products

The task of the Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products (the Coordination Group) shall be to contribute to analysing the situation within the Energy Community with regard to security of supply for oil and petroleum products and facilitate the coordination and implementation of measures in that field.

Article 2

Composition and organisation

(1) The Coordination Group shall be composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties.

(2) The Coordination Group shall be chaired by the European Commission with the support of the Energy Community Secretariat. Representative bodies from the sector concerned may take part in the work of the Coordination Group at the invitation of the European Commission.

(3) The Energy Community Secretariat shall assist the Chair in the preparation and organisation of the activities of the Coordination Group and shall provide technical assistance for its work.

(4) The Member States of the European Union may, under the coordination of the European Commission, participate in the Coordination Group with regard to all matters with which they are concerned.

(5) Participant and Observer countries may be represented in accordance with Articles 95 and 96 of the Treaty.

(6) Each Party shall nominate its representatives and inform the European Commission and the Energy Community Secretariat as well as promptly notify the European Commission and the Energy Community Secretariat of any changes thereof. The list of representative bodies of the industry concerned and of relevant consumers shall be established and updated by the Energy Community Secretariat upon the proposal by the European Commission.

While the nominated representatives of the Coordination Group are not automatically considered the oil crisis contact points as referred to in Article 3(1)(c), Parties are encouraged to ensure close alignment between these roles.

(7) The agenda and the draft conclusions of each meeting of the Coordination Group shall be agreed by the European Commission and the Energy Community Secretariat prior to circulating.

Article 3

Activities

(1) The Coordination Group shall:

(a) facilitate the exchange of information and experience relevant to the implementation of Directive 2009/119/EC;

(b) support cooperation and coordination among the Parties on matters relating to security of supply for oil and petroleum products;

(c) maintain and facilitate the exchange of information on crisis contact points and support coordination during supply disruptions;

(d) promote the exchange of best practices concerning stockholding systems, emergency preparedness, crisis response measures and related administrative arrangements;
(e) facilitate cooperation and information exchange with the European Commission, including with regard to matters arising under Articles 17, 18 and 20 of Directive 2009/119/EC;
(f) contribute to crisis preparedness and situational awareness by supporting the exchange of relevant information concerning market developments, stock levels, supply and demand developments and other factors affecting security of supply for oil and petroleum products.

(2) The activities of the Coordination Group shall relate to all matters falling within the scope of Directive 2009/119/EC.

(3) The activities of the Coordination Group shall not have legally binding effects.

Article 4

Meetings

(1) The Coordination Group shall meet regularly at least once a year.

(2) Ad hoc meetings of the Coordination Group may be convened by the Chair in the event of an existing or imminent threat to security of supply either on its own initiative, or at the request of a Party to the Treaty.

Article 5

Review

Within three years of the date of its entry into force, this Procedural Act shall be reviewed in order to assess the functioning of the cooperation mechanisms it establishes.

Article 6

Addressees

This Procedural Act shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and is addressed to the Parties.

Done in Vienna, on 23 November 2026

Presidency