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Extending the EU internal energy market

Where?
South East Europe and Black Sea Region

Why?
Creating single regulatory and market framework to:

- increase energy trade,
- attract investments,
- enhance security of supply,
- improve environmental situation and
- increase competition in the energy market

How?
By the Rule of Law
Towards a European Energy Union (15 Dec 2015): “Energy Union must establish a free flow of energy across EU and Energy Community countries”
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 non-compliance 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

- Gas
- Electricity
- Infrastructure
- Renewable energy
- Environment
- Competition
- Oil
- Social
- Statistics
- Energy Efficiency
Third Package Transposition in Contracting Parties

- Albania
- BiH
- Kosovo*
- fyrMacedonia
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Ukraine

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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 Secretariat

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?
Thank you for your attention!
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