



EU4Energy Governance: High-level Policy Talks on the Natural Gas Market of Georgia

Venue: Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi, Georgia

Date: 12-13 April 2018

DAY 1, 12 April 2018

Registration and welcoming coffee	09:30 – 10:00	
Opening		
Welcome remarks: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Energy Community Secretariat EU Delegation to Georgia	10:00 – 10:30	Mr. Giorgi Chikovani <i>Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</i> Mr. Janez Kopač <i>Director, Energy Community Secretariat</i> H.E. Amb. Janos Herman <i>Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia</i>
Session 1: Natural gas sector in Georgia: status quo and future prospects		
Challenges and perspectives of the natural gas sector in Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Current realities of the natural gas sector in Georgia</i> • <i>Political & economic sensitivities of the natural gas market reform</i> • <i>Security & diversification of natural gas supplies</i> • <i>Prospective cross-border cooperation</i> • <i>Infrastructure developments: UGS & pipelines</i> • <i>Envisaged reforms of natural gas undertakings</i> • <i>Regulatory challenges & future prospects</i> • <i>Protection of vulnerable customers</i> 	10:30 – 11:15	Mr. Giorgi Chikovani <i>Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</i> Mr. Janez Kopač <i>Director, Energy Community Secretariat</i> Ms. Irina Milorava <i>Chairwoman, GNERC</i> Mr. David Tvalabeishvili <i>General Director, GOGC</i> Mr. Murman Margvelashvili <i>Board Member, WEG</i>
Panel discussion	11:15 – 11:30	

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break



Session 2: EU natural gas policy and its implications on Georgia

<p>Main political and technical implications of the Energy Community acquis on gas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EU natural gas policy: status quo & future trends</i> • <i>Security of natural gas supply</i> • <i>New infrastructure developments</i> • <i>Georgia's commitments under the ECT</i> • <i>Case study: geographical isolation of Georgia</i> 	<p>11:45 – 12:30</p>	<p>Mr. Predrag Grujičić <i>Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Panel discussion</p>	<p>12:30 – 13:00</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, GNERC, GOGC, BAG</p>

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 3: Opening and organisation of the natural gas market

<p>Requirements for the opening of Georgia's natural gas market and its practicalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Opening of the market & level playing field</i> • <i>Envisaged natural gas market model for Georgia</i> • <i>Protection of customers</i> • <i>Network tariff setting</i> 	<p>14:00 – 14:45</p>	<p>Mr. Predrag Grujičić <i>Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community Secretariat</i> Ms. Karolina Čegir <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Panel discussion</p>	<p>14:45 – 15:15</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, GNERC, ESCO, GOGC</p>

Session 4: Operation and functioning of the natural gas system

<p>Requirements for the operation of the natural gas system and its functioning in practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provision of natural gas system services</i> • <i>Unrestricted third-party access</i> • <i>Implementation of natural gas network codes</i> • <i>ECDSO-g platform</i> 	<p>15:15 – 16:00</p>	<p>Ms. Karolina Čegir <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Panel discussion</p>	<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>GNERC, GOGC, GGTC, DSOs</p>
<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>16:30 – 16:45</p>	<p>Mr. Janez Kopač <i>Director, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>

17:00 networking cocktail



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DAY 2, 13 April 2018

Registration and welcoming coffee

09:30 – 10:00

Session 1: Independence and unbundling of natural gas system operators

Requirements for unbundling of natural gas system operators and their implementation in Georgia

10:00 – 11:00

Mr. Andrius Šimkus

Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

- **Unbundling of the transmission system operator**
- **Case study: future unbundling of GOGC & GGTC**
- **Unbundling of distribution system operators**
- **Unbundling of the storage system operator**

Panel discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, GNERC, GOGC, GGTC

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

Session 2: Monitoring and authorisation of system operational activities

Principles for monitoring system operational activities and their authorisation

11:45 – 12:15

Mr. Andrius Šimkus

Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat

- **Monitoring the unbundling compliance**
- **Authorisations in the natural gas sector**
- **Certification of the transmission system operator**
- **The principle of continued compliance**

Panel discussion

12:15 – 12:45

GNERC, GOGC, DSOs

Closing remarks

12:45 – 13:00

Mr. Janez Kopač

Director, Energy Community Secretariat

13:00 Networking Lunch

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A robust legislative and regulatory framework is vital for the development of a sustainable energy sector. The EU4Energy governance project, part of the EU4Energy Initiative of the European Union, works with the six Eastern Partner countries to strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks, to draft policy recommendations, and to help identify investment opportunities in key strategic energy infrastructure projects.