

Integrating Gas Markets in Central / South East Europe

Potentials – Costs & Benefits – Requirements

5 October 2015, 13:00 – 18:00

Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre - Dunajska cesta 18, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Outline

Creating integrated gas markets allowing for cross-border energy trade and integration with the EU market is one of the main objectives of the Energy Community. At the current stage, the Energy Community gas markets are still not well integrated. On the other hand, the diverse picture of gas market development in the Contracting Parties calls for looking into potential market integration options with neighbouring EU Members.

The Workshop will present the results of a study on gas market integration options for Central and South East Europe. The study targets the identification of integration concepts that provide best results in terms of competition increase, cost-benefit analysis and feasibility. Discussing the identified options, implementation requirements and market interest with the gas market stakeholders of Central and South East Europe will be essential to create ownership and commitment for practical implementation steps.

Agenda

Chaired by the Energy Community Secretariat

Registration & welcome coffee as of 12:30

Introduction

13:00	Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - study background scope work approach - context – ACER Gas Regional Initiative PECI CESEC 	<i>Nina Grall-Edler</i> ECS
13:10	European Gas Target Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - main characteristics - integration models - examples for successful gas market integration 	<i>Markus Krug</i> ACER

Presentation of Study Results

Concept: to allow for flexible and interactive discussions the agenda does not foresee dedicated "Questions & Answers" time slots. Instead, Workshop participants will be warmly invited to ask questions and make comments whenever occurring during the presentations.

Coffee will be served in the meeting room.

13:30	Part 1 – Status quo of Energy Community gas markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - main characteristics of contracting parties' gas markets - market functioning status quo - infrastructure/connection situation - infrastructure base case for study on market integration 	WECOM
	Part 2 – Gas market integration options for Central / South East Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - selection criteria - pre-selection results - direct market access calculation - final results 	WECOM
	Part 3 – Cost- benefit analysis for the identified market integration options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - market integration's effects on market functioning metrics - welfare benefits resulting from market integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o qualitative description o quantification of key benefits 	WECOM
	Part 4 – Market integration tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decision criteria for the application of market integration tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o preconditions o implications on costs and benefits o harmonisation prerequisites and implementation barriers - proposed market integration tools for contracting parties 	WECOM
	Part 5 – Market integration action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - milestones - national responsibilities 	WECOM
16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Way forward

16:45	Making gas market integration reality	Tour de table Moderator: <i>Nina Grall-Edler</i> ECS
18:00	Wrap Up and close of the Workshop	<i>Nina Grall-Edler</i> ECS