



Western Balkans 6 Initiative

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The Vienna Summit of the Western Balkans 6

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The heads of government, foreign and economic ministers of both EU Member States and the WB6 in cooperation with the European Commission decided to take steps to improve energy connectivity in the region and for that:

- *agreed to a short list of four investment projects in the area of energy*
- *decided to establish a regional energy market*
- *agreed on the priority list of ‘energy soft measures’*
- *invited the Energy Community Secretariat to take the lead*

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Co-financing investment projects in Western Balkans



Western Balkans Summit Addendum

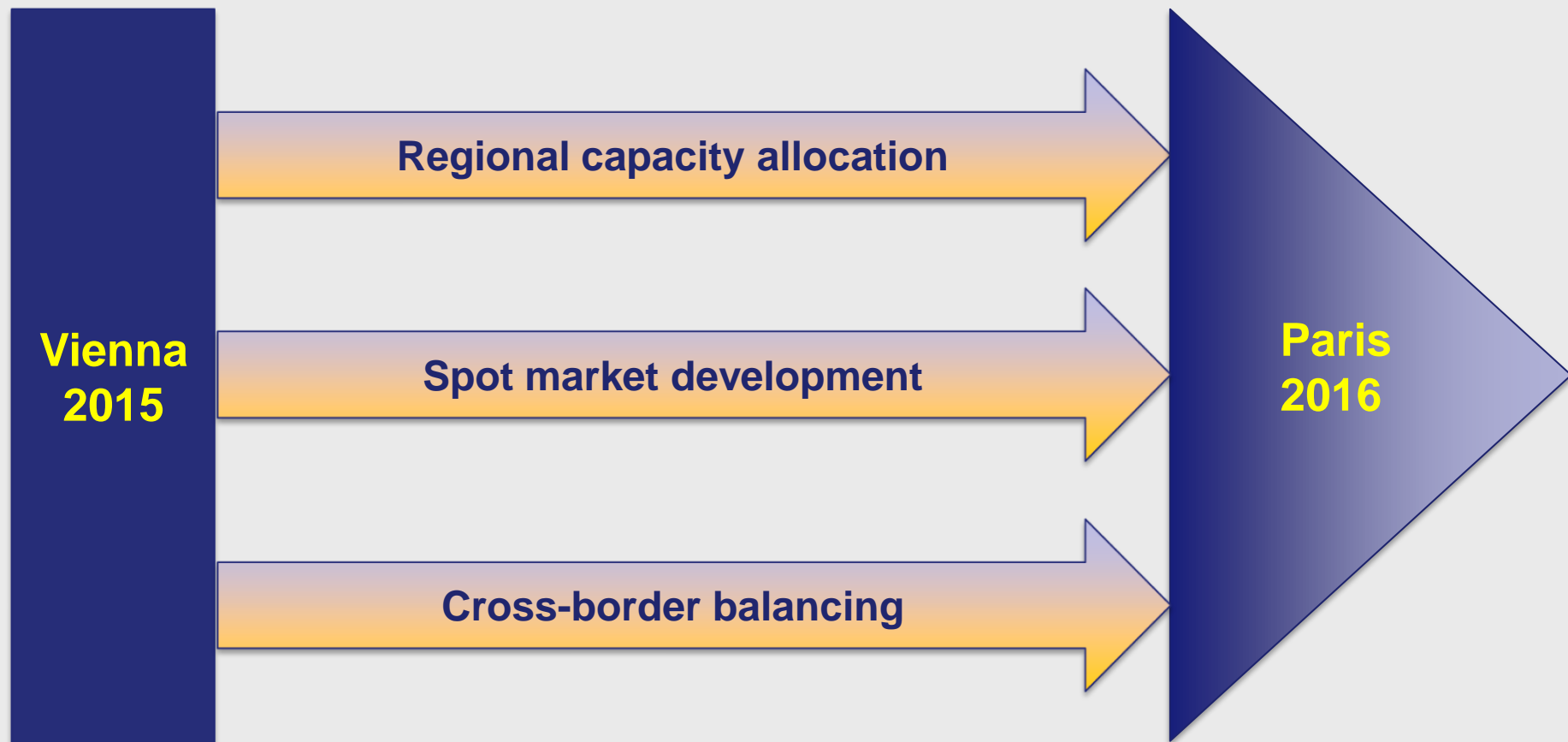
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The Summit endorsed four “Projects of Energy Community Interest” to be co-financed through the EU’s IPA 2015 multi-country programme:

 Electricity Infrastructure Projects of Energy Community Interest - IPA 2015 Investment Projects Co-financed		
Project description	International Financial Institution	Investment / Grant (in million EUR)
Grid Section in Albania: Albania - FYR of Macedonia Power Interconnection (I)	KfW	70 / 14
Grid Section in FYR of Macedonia: Albania – FYR of Macedonia Power Interconnection (II)	EBRD	49 / 12
Grid Section in Montenegro: Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor (I)	KfW EBRD	127 / 25
Grid Section in Serbia: Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor (II)	KfW	28 / 6.6

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Establishing regional electricity market





The Energy Soft Measures

- ***Regional*** – strengthening regional cooperation and institutions
 - ***National*** – removing obstacles at national level
 - ❖ ***Cross-cutting measures*** – eliminating price regulation, granting eligibility to all customers, TSO and DSO unbundling, ensuring independence of NRA and applying for observer status in ACER, increase effectiveness of national administrative authorities, timely implementation of Trans-European Network Regulation
- ⇒ ***Implementation of the energy soft measures within set deadlines to be a condition for co-financing of the infrastructural projects***

The Energy Community Secretariat as a facilitator of the WB6 Initiative



The Energy Community Secretariat to:

- *Facilitate the process*
- *Monitor the implementation*
- *Report on bi-monthly basis*






The first monitoring period focused on the implementation of the national measures

The report is published on the ECS website:

https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/AREAS_OF_WORK/WB6/Monitoring



Energy Soft Measures Implementation

Measure	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo*	FYR of Macedonia	Montenegro	Serbia
Primary Law(s)						
Complementary Legal Acts						
Organised Day-ahead Market						
National Balancing Market						
Use of SEE CAO						
Price Deregulation						
DSO Unbundling						
TSO Unbundling						
NRA Independence						

** Except for eligibility

- ✓ ***Legal obligation in place (3rd Package as of 1st January 2015)***
- ✓ ***Technical feasibility proved (studies, simulation platforms, impact assessments)***
- ✓ ***Political support ensured (WB Summit Declaration)***
- ✓ ***Financial support on the way (CONNECTA)***
- ✓ ***National legal and regulatory framework under construction (Energy Soft measures implementation)***

What is next?

Real commitment to the process !!!!

Activities on the implementation of the regional measures started:

- *Kick off meeting with WB6 TSOs held on 8th December in Becici*
- *The Secretariat proposed inter TSOs&NRAs Memorandum of Understanding on:*
 - *Flow-based market coupling implementation*
 - *Cross-border balancing cooperation*
- *TSOs to submit comments until mid-January*
- *Coordination meeting with NRAs end of February*
- *Finalization of MoUs is expected until end of March 2016*

The background is a dark blue image of a globe with glowing blue lines and nodes representing a global network or energy grid. The lines connect various points across the globe, with some nodes emitting concentric circles, suggesting signal or energy transmission.

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attention!*

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