60th ECRB Meeting

1. Meeting Details

Date: 03.04.2025.
Time: 10:00 – 16:30 EET (09:00 – 15:30 CET)
Location/Platform: Premises of the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water (132 Pireos Avenue, Athens) and online

2. Attendance

Name	Institution
ANICIC, Jelena	REGAGEN
BILEN, Yuriy	RAEWW
BISLIMOSKI, Marko	ERC
BUCAJ, Gani	ERO
FEJZULLAHU, Ymer	ECRB President, ERO
GEITONA, Fay	ACER
JURIS, Andrej	ECS
KEREKGYARTO, Reka	MEKH
KOLEVSKA, Elena	ERC
MARSENIC, Branislava	ECS
PARUNASHVILI, Tamar	EWG Chair, GNERC
RADHESHI, Elton	REMIT WG Chair, ERE
SLOBODIAN, Ruslan	NEURC
STRATULAT, Elena	GWG Chair, ANRE
SUMBADZE, Nikoloz	GNERC
TARAN, Alexei	ANRE
VILIC, Daniela	E-Control
VUKCEVIC, Miroslav	REGAGEN
ZAMETICA, Edin	CRM WG Chair, SERC
ZELJKOVIC, Suad	SERC
Online participants	

ANTONOVA, Olena	ECS
BUONISI, Marta	DG ENER
DIATLOVSKA, Valentyna	ECS
GALANTE, Maria Teresa	ARERA
GVAZAVA, Lia	GNERC
KAPRE, Kateryna	DG ENER
KLLOKOQI, Arben	ECS
KOPAC, Janez	AGEN RS
LANZA, Salvatore	ARERA
RADOYTSEV, Dragomir	DG ENER
STEFANOVIC, Nenad	AERS

3. Opening

The ECRB President, Mr. Ymer Fejzullahu, opened the meeting, expressed appreciation to the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water for hosting, and confirmed the quorum. The agenda of 60th and the minutes of 59th ECRB meeting were approved without amendments.

4. ACER developments

[Ref. presentation by Ms. Geitona]

Ms. Geitona updated the participants on recent ACER developments, the relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: no conclusion required, agenda item for information.

5. Regulatory developments in the Contracting Parties

[Ref. presentations by ERE, SERC, GNERC, ERO, ANRE, REGAGEN, ERC, AERS, NEURC]

The regulatory authorities of all Contracting Parties updated on energy sector and regulatory developments in their jurisdictions. The presentations are available on the Energy Community web page, restricted meeting folder.

Conclusions / Action Points: no conclusion required, agenda item for information.

6. Market coupling operation integration plan

[Ref. presentation by Ms. Parunashvili and Ms. Antonova]

Ms. Antonova presented the key elements of the MCO IP and the main differences between the EU and EnC NEMO's rights. Ms. Parunashvili presented the timeline of the EWG activities towards adoption of the ECRB opinion on MCO IP. She also asked if the EWG could be mandated to provide preliminary inputs to ACER. Ms. Geitona explained the novel and inclusive decision-making process for this ACER Decision involving the consultation of the Energy Community EWG and of the Energy Community Regulatory Board which raises complex matters and must comply with strict legal requirements. She also pointed out that the process consists of two phases- consultation with the concerned parties in the first step and ACER internal deliberation phase, as the second step. Ms. Geitona highlighted that the first phase would include consultation with individual NRAs and other concerned parties while the second phase of deliberation on the draft ACER decision is strictly internal and confidential; it is limited to the relevant bodies of regulators – e.g. consultation by the EWG and ECRB opinion prior to the BoR opinion - and must not be open to third parties.. Mr. Stefanovic and Mr. Zametica stated that the EWG was not a decision-making body and could not send any final opinion on behalf of the ECRB without the ECRB approval in the first place. Mr. Slobodian said that the EWG was mandated to deliver the technical assessment and the participants agreed with that. Mr. Zametica said that, in the first phase of ACER process, a consolidated position of NRAs might be prepared and shared with ACER. Ms. Geitona invited the ECRB participants not to duplicate the work on this issue, as the ECRB opinion would be provided in the final phase of ACER deliberation process before the BoR opinion is sought. She also proposed to further discuss the required steps and timeline after the meeting.

Mr. Stefanovic said that the NRAs already participated in JET meetings. Ms. Geitona clarified that these meetings were linked to the market coupling process, whilst are not part of the formal ACER decision-making process.

Conclusions / Action Points: EWG Chair, ECRB Unit and ACER to further discuss and agree on the EWG / ECRB contribution to the ACER process on MCO IP.

7. Recent Energy Community developments

[Ref. presentation by ECRB Unit]

Mr. Juris, Mr. Kllokoqi and Ms. Marsenic informed participants on the Energy Community developments since the last ECRB meeting. The relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: no conclusion required, agenda item for information. ECRB Unit to circulate proposals for enhancement of participation of NRA experts in ECRB activities for comments.

8. ECRB Annual Report 2024

[Ref. presentation by ECRB Unit]

Mr. Juris presented the draft ECRB 2024 Annual Report and informed participants that the approval of the document would be done in electronic format. He informed participants that the ECRB President would provide a presentation on the ECRB activities in the upcoming PHLG meeting and invited for immediate comments to the displayed slides. Several comments were provided. Mr. Juris announced that the draft presentation would be circulated for additional input after the meeting.

Conclusions / Action Points: ECRB Unit to circulate the PHLG presentation and the draft ECRB Annual Report to the ECRB for comments.

9. Customers and Retail Markets Working Group

[Ref. presentation by Mr. Zametica]

Mr. Zametica provided the information on the current status regarding preparation of the CRM WG deliverables under the Work Program 2025. The relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: no action required, for information only.

10. Electricity Working Group

[Ref. presentation by Ms. Parunashvili]

Ms. Parunashvili provided an overview of the EWG activities and elaborated on the content of the TFs' work. Mr. Radeshi informed about the TSOs' and NRAs' activities regarding the regional allocation platform and invited the EWG to launch the relevant discussions as well. Mr. Juris pointed out that the EnC Secretariat approved the budget to support the market monitoring activities of the ECRB. Mr. Stefanovic stressed that, in case the SEEAMMS is to be continued, ACER's market monitoring team should be consulted on the indicators.

The relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: EWG to launch discussions on regional allocation platforms.

11. Gas Working Group

[Ref. presentation by Ms. Stratulat]

Ms. Stratulat shared an update on the current progress in preparing the GWG deliverables under the 2025 Work Program. The relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: no action required, for information only.

12. REMIT Working Group

[Ref. presentation by Mr. Radeshi]

Mr. Radeshi provided the information on the REMIT WG activities. The relevant presentation is available on the Energy Community web page- restricted meeting materials.

Conclusions / Action Points: no action required, for information only.

13. Regulatory capacity building

[Ref. presentation by Mr. Kllokoqi]

Mr. Kllokoqi presented the summary of the findings of the survey on NRA capacity needs, conducted within the framework of the EnC Secretariat's Regulatory Support Task Force.

Conclusions / Action Points: ECRB Unit to circulate the draft report on NRA capacity needs to the NRAs for final revision of information. ECRB Unit to inform the NRAs and the ECRB on the next steps of the Regulatory Support Task Force.

14. AOB

Mr. Juris informed the ECRB about the need to change the ECRB contact point at the JET EnC Platform due to the change in EWG leadership from January 2025 and expressed appreciation for the work of Ms. Tamara Ninkovic in this regard. ECRB agreed that the ECRB Unit would be the ECRB contact point for communication and cooperation with the JET EnC Platform and for further coordination with ECRB and EWG. This change does not affect the representation of individual EnC NRAs at JET EnC. He also announced that the ECRB Unit would approach the NRAs with the request to update the ECRB and WG membership lists.

Ms. Vilic pointed out that, in the framework of the further enhancement of trilateral cooperation between ECRB, CEER and MEDREG, it was agreed to hold a workshop this year (autumn) on the decarbonization package with a focus on the regulation of hydrogen. Exact date and location to be determined.

15. Closing

The ECRB President informed participants that the next ECRB meeting would be organized on 4th June, back-to-back with the EnC Athens Electricity Forum.