Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum

Venue: Energy Community Secretariat, 6th floor, Am Hof 4, 1010 Vienna
Date: 20 November 2026
Time: 10:00 – 12:30

1. Opening Remarks

- Statement by Mr. Arben Mustafa, Chairperson of the Economy, Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation Committee of the Parliament of Kosovo* (tbc)
- Statement by Mr. Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat

2. Energy Security and Affordability

The crisis in the Middle East and Russia's continued attacks on Ukraine are putting pressure on energy prices and economies across the Energy Community. Expanding domestic renewable generation, diversifying gas supplies and strengthening regional market integration can help Contracting Parties reduce their exposure to external shocks. This discussion will consider how parliaments can support these efforts through legislation, budget decisions and oversight while keeping energy affordable.

On electricity, the discussion will examine how to maintain security of supply as the share of clean energy grows, with a focus on regional cooperation and integration into the pan-European electricity market. It will also cover measures to improve system flexibility and the investment needed to support the energy transition.

On gas, it will consider what the EU's phase-out of Russian gas means for the Contracting Parties and how they can diversify supply sources and routes, improve access to storage and make better use of existing infrastructure. They will also examine how national legislation and parliamentary oversight can help remove barriers to cross-border trade, including differences in rules on capacity allocation, balancing, tariffs, licensing and market access.

3. Gradual Integration: Guarantees of Origin for Renewables

Guarantees of origin (GOs) are becoming a key instrument for gradual integration of renewable energy in the Energy Community with the EU, ahead of EU accession. By providing a trusted

system for tracking and disclosing renewable electricity, GOs connect renewable producers, businesses and consumers across borders and help bring the Energy Community's renewable energy markets closer to the EU framework. The mutual recognition of GOs between the EU and the Energy Community is a unique opportunity to take this integration further—opening access to new markets, strengthening investor confidence and supporting greater investment in renewable energy. In doing so, it can contribute to accelerating the deployment of renewable energy across Europe and advancing shared European climate and energy objectives.

This discussion explores how parliaments can shape regulatory frameworks to support the mutual recognition of guarantees of origin between the Energy Community and the EU, expand cross-border market access for renewable electricity producers and strengthen investor confidence ahead of EU accession.

4. Closing remarks by Mr. Lorkowski and Mr. Mustafa

Lunch: 13:00 – 15:00
Location: The Bank Brasserie; Bognergasse 4, 1010 Wien