

Conclusions of the 80th Permanent High Level Group

Location: Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna

Date: 18 June 2026

1. Opening and adoption of the Agenda

01. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Getoar Mjeku for Kosovo* and Ms. Yolanda Garcia Mezquita for the European Commission.
02. The Permanent High Level Group (PHLG) approved the agenda of the meeting.

2. Finalization of the Conclusions of the 79th meeting

03. The PHLG finalised the Conclusions of the 79th meeting on 18 March 2026.

3. *Acquis* in preparation

For adoption by the PHLG in 2026

04. The Contracting Parties invited the European Commission to distribute the draft PHLG Decision adapting and adopting Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/264 of 17 January 2024 amending Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics, as regards the implementation of updates for the annual, monthly and short-term monthly energy statistics in time for adoption at the 81st PHLG meeting.
05. The Energy Community Secretariat (the Secretariat) presented the rationale for the adoption of the draft Procedural Act on guidelines defining the procedure in case of urgency under Article 18(3) of Procedural Act 2015/04/MC-EnC.
06. The PHLG welcomes the progress in preparing a PHLG Decision amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks, as well as the amendments concerning Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 and Regulation (EU) 703/2015 and invites the Commission to distribute it to the Contracting Parties in time for adoption by the PHLG in 2026.
07. The European Commission presented the state of play concerning the adaptation and adoption of delegated and implementing acts under Directive (EU) 2018/2001. The Contracting Parties invited the Commission to submit the draft proposal in due time to allow for its adoption in November.

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08. As requested by the 79th PHLG, the Secretariat reported on the issues raised by the Contracting Parties with regard to the adoption of the Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive, and the Water Framework Directive together with its Daughter Directives. The European Commission was invited to present as soon as possible the revised proposals for adoption by the Ministerial Council and stressed the importance of adopting these acts in 2026. The PHLG mandated the Environmental Task Force to continue discussions on the basis the new drafts in early September 2026 and expressed continuous concerns about the timetable for transposition.
09. The European Commission informed about the ongoing work on a proposal for a Ministerial Council Decision adapting and adopting Regulation (EU) 2026/261 concerning the phase-out of Russian natural gas imports and preparations for the phase-out of Russian oil imports, as well as improved monitoring of potential energy dependencies. The PHLG mandated the Security of Supply Coordination Group to discuss the findings of the impact study presented by the Secretariat, and to consider the impact on Georgia.
10. The European Commission informed the Contracting Parties about the ongoing work regarding the adaptation of REMIT for the Energy Community in 2027. Until then, it invited the Contracting Parties to implement the existing Energy Community REMIT framework.
11. The Contracting Parties welcomed the draft of the Ministerial Council Decision on the mutual recognition in the European Union of Guarantees of Origin for electricity from renewable energy sources issued by the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community and by Member States of the EU, as presented and discussed in the Renewable Energy Coordination Group and invited the European Commission to submit the formal proposal in time for its adoption by the Ministerial Council in 2026.

Serbia expressed reservations regarding the current draft and invited the European Commission to further align Articles 4, 5 and 6(1)(i) with the principle of proportionality by limiting recognition conditions to requirements directly related to the functioning and reliability of Guarantees of Origin.

12. The European Commission informed about the ongoing work on proposals of the Ministerial Council Decision adapting and adopting Commission delegated acts under Framework Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of Delegated Regulations under Framework Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2534 on energy labelling of household tumble dryers, repealing Regulation (EU) No 392/2012 and introducing rescaled energy labels; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/1353

amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2534 by introducing repairability information and clarifying measurement, documentation, and verification procedures; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2048 correcting delegated regulations on air conditioners, light sources, refrigerating appliances, and refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1669 establishing energy labelling requirements for smartphones and slate tablets; and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2018 on energy labelling of refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function, as applicable following consolidated corrections and updates), for adoption by the Ministerial Council in 2026.

13. The European Commission and the Secretariat informed the Contracting Parties on the ongoing work regarding the adaptation of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1366 establishing a network code on sector-specific rules for cybersecurity aspects of cross-border electricity flows in the form of a Recommendation by the Ministerial Council in 2026. The draft will be consulted with the Contracting Parties in due course.

4. Electricity Market Integration

14. The Secretariat updated the PHLG on the discussions held at the Athens Electricity Forum in June 2026.
15. The Secretariat updated the PHLG on the status of transposition and implementation of the Electricity Integration Package (EIP) in the Contracting Parties. The European Commission reiterated the importance of timely and compliant transposition of the EIP adopted in 2022 as a prerequisite for further electricity market integration and market coupling.

5. Security of oil and gas supply in the Energy Community

16. The Secretariat and the European Commission presented an overview of the impact of the Middle East energy crisis on energy supply in the Energy Community. The PHLG discussed developments concerning global energy markets, security of supply risks and possible mitigation measures, and underlined the importance of regional coordination and continued diversification efforts. In this context, the PHLG invited the Secretariat to proceed with the preparation of a Procedural Act on the tasks and working modalities of the Energy Community Oil Coordination Group to be submitted for adoption at the next Ministerial Council.

6. AOB

- 17. The Presidency informed the PHLG about preparations for the 2026 Informal Ministerial Council.
- 18. The Secretariat informed the PHLG about the appointment of new members of the Budget Committee.
- 19. The Secretariat presented its update of activities for 2026.