

**PROCEDURAL ACT
OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT**

2024/05/ECS-EnC: On establishing the Regulatory Support Task Force

The Energy Community Secretariat ("the Secretariat"),

Considering the critical importance of implementing the Electricity Integration Package (EIP) endorsed by the 2022 Ministerial Council, particularly the coupling of the Contracting Parties' markets with the EU internal electricity market, and the imminent need to align with EU climate policy objectives,

Determined to further pursue energy market reforms and ensuring consistent application of market integrity regime in the wake of EU reforms canalized by recent energy crises, while simultaneously fostering the integration of renewable energy sources and low-carbon flexible and smart technologies,

Acknowledging the challenges faced by the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) and the Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB) in meeting requirements that demand expertise, comprehension of processes, and effective coordination among NRAs, ECRB and the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), including the need for continuous consultation with stakeholders, such as NEMOs, TSOs, and other industry representatives,

Recognising the need for technical assistance and continuous capacity building for the NRAs and ECRB to effectively fulfil their roles amidst dynamic and rapidly evolving cross-sectorial reforms, alongside with necessity to streamline coordination among relevant units, Such as the ECRB Unit, Electricity Unit, Gas Unit, Legal Unit and Green Deal Unit, to ensure well-designed reforms and capacity building projects. Furthermore, recognising the potential to attract financial support from donors and International Financing Institutions (IFIs) to achieve this objective,

Based on Article 67(e) of the Treaty,

ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL ACT:

Article 1

Establishment of the Task Force

1. The Regulatory Support Task Force (hereinafter referred to as "the Task Force") is hereby established within the Secretariat.
2. The purpose of the Task Force is to coordinate and streamline the Secretariat's activities, in assessing the need, designing, sourcing, and implementing the technical assistance to NRAs and ECRB having also in mind the needed regional cooperation.

3. The Task Force shall facilitate coordination within the Secretariat, and externally with the NRAs, ECRB, ACER, and donors/IFIs regarding support of the regulatory processes and reforms, with the focus on implementation of EIP, the forthcoming regulatory reforms, market integrity regime, etc.
4. Main responsibility of the TF:
 - a) Evaluate the development areas and organisational reform needs of NRAs at individual, regional¹ and ECRB levels. This includes assessing regulatory/ECRB requirements and identifying the gap between existing and needed expertise,
 - b) Design high-level project proposals and prioritise them,
 - c) Engage with IFIs and other donor organisations to attract and secure support,
 - d) Collaborate with donors to refine detailed project proposals, ensuring alignment with development needs,
 - e) Monitor the implementation process, and
 - f) Report on the outcome of each project realised.

Article 2

Management of the Task Force

1. The Senior Energy Expert from the ECRB Unit shall serve as the Task Force Lead and coordinate the activities of the Task Force.
2. The Task Force should operate under the oversight of the Head of ECRB Unit, in accordance with the pre-agreed Work Program.
3. Progress on the aforementioned tasks should be reported on a quarterly basis. The Quarterly Activity Report should be submitted to the Head of ECRB Unit, ECRB President, and Director of the Energy Community Secretariat.

Article 3

Coordination

1. The Task Force shall be comprised of officials of the Secretariat delegated by the following units:
 - a. ECRB Unit,
 - b. Electricity Unit,
 - c. Gas Unit,
 - d. Legal Unit,
 - e. Project Management Unit, and
 - f. Green Deal Unit

¹ The regional set-up as defined in accordance with electricity market integration package.

Article 4
Entry into force

This Procedural Act enters into force on the day of its adoption.

For the Energy Community

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Artur Lorkowski".

Director

Artur Lorkowski

Done in Vienna on 04 June 2024