

Establishment of the Environmental Task Force

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❑ Article 2(1)(d) Energy Community Treaty:
"Improve the environmental situation in relation to Network Energy"

= one of the objectives of the Energy Community Treaty

❑ *Acquis on environment* = means for achieving this objective

➤ **Mandatory**

- Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 85/337/EEC (2006)
- Art. 4(2) Wild Birds Directive 79/409/EEC (2006)

- Sulphur in Fuels Directive 1999/32/EC (31.12.2011)
- Large Combustion Plants Directive 2001/80/EC (31.12.2017)

➤ **Not mandatory**

- Integrated Pollution, Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive 2008/1/EC
- Kyoto Protocol

- ❑ Large reliance on (old) coal-fired plants → challenge for implementation
- ❑ ECS proposal for establishment of a Task Force on Environment
- ❑ Proposal endorsed by Ministerial Council of 24 September 2010
- ❑ PHLG to adopt concrete mandate of the TF and to elect its Chair

- ❑ Advantages of establishing a Task Force on Environment:
 - *Coordination and responsibility for implementation*
 - *Staged approach to implementation*
 - *Addressing problems at an early stage*
 - *Coordination at regional level*
 - *Involvement of all stakeholders*

☐ Focus:

- Implementation of the *acquis* related to emission reduction = preparing implementation rather than review of already implemented *acquis*
- Transposition as well as implementation

☐ Composition of the Task Force

☐ Duration of the mandate and number of meetings

- ❑ Clarification of the Legal Framework
 - Explanation of implementation requirements
 - Reflection on the options and exploring the flexibility
 - Reference and proposals to the MC for adaptation or guidance
- ❑ Stock-taking
- ❑ Development of Action Plans and Roadmaps
- ❑ Technical, Economical and Financial Impact
- ❑ Implementation of Action Plans

Thank you for your attention!