



EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM 3: “Energy Security”

3rd WORKSHOP OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ENERGY REGULATORY BODIES

27 - 28 May 2014 – London

“BUILDING REGIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKETS”– REGULATORY ASPECTS OF MARKET INTEGRATION

Executive Seminar

Background: In accordance with the Eastern Partnership work program 2012-2013, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and the European Commission jointly organized two specialized workshops with the energy regulatory bodies from the Eastern Partnership Countries. The first workshop took place in Vienna on 30-31 May 2012 to exchange experience on the role, powers and challenges of energy regulatory bodies. The second workshop took place in Tbilisi on 18-19 June 2013 and focused on regulatory tools in support of infrastructure development, interconnection and diversification of supply.

CEER will continue to collaborate with the regulatory bodies from the partner countries as outlined in the work program for the period 2014-2017. The third workshop to be held on 27-28 May in London reflects CEER’s contribution to the EaP-objective “approximation of regulatory frameworks”.

Workshop objectives: The overall aim of the workshop is to convey the basic principles of EU market integration to the Eastern Partners and find out about the priorities in the individual national electricity markets in the EaP-region.

Field Trip: The workshop will include a field trip to the UK site of the BritNed Interconnector located the Isle of Grain (ca. 2 hours away from London). The BritNed Interconnector is a major new cross border electricity link in Europe (between Great Britain and the Netherlands) and represents a good example for a step towards a common European energy market. As the workshop will discuss aspects of regional market integration, this field trip is considered to be of high value to participants as they will have the chance to experience how cross border linkage are operated and put in place in practice.

This field trip will take place on the second day (28 May).

Organization: The workshop involves speakers from the regulatory bodies of the Eastern partner countries as well as regulators from the EU. The perspectives from other relevant



regional associations as well as from EU institutions will also be presented. Overall, the workshop intends to give sufficient room for questions and discussions as well as informal networking.

Expected Outcome: The intention is to explain advantages and challenges of market integration and shed light on the circumstances in the national electricity markets of the partner countries in order to identify potential future topics of interest for the regulatory cooperation between CEER and the partners. The results of the discussions shall be reported to the Eastern Partnership Platform on Energy Security's next meeting on 23 June 2014.

Target audience: Representatives of the Eastern Partnership's regulatory community, i.e. regulatory bodies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the regulators from the 28 EU Member States. Representatives of regional associations of energy Regulators, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA), Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB), International Financial Institutions and the INOGATE team will also be invited. Executive level participants should be encouraged.

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation English/Russian will be available

Dinner: Participants are invited to dinner on 27 May 2014 at the invitation of CEER. A transfer to the restaurant will be organized from Novotel Waterloo Hotel (Address: 113 Lambeth Road, SE1 7LS LONDON). Participants are asked to gather at the lobby of Novotel Waterloo at 19:30 sharp. The dress code for the dinner is *smart casual*. The dinner will take place in Restaurant Madison close to St. Paul's Cathedral (Address: Rooftop Terrace, 1 New Change, St Pauls, London EC4M 9AF).



Agenda

Workshop Location: Abbey Centre
34 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BU

27-28 May 2014

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2014

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Lord John Mogg, CEER President
Ms Marion Schiller-Probst, European Commission, DG ENER
Mr Hrachik Tsughunyan, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Armenia

Moderator morning session: Mr Michel Thiollière, CEER Vice President

10:00-11:15 On the Road to a Common Market: The European Electricity Market and the Role of Regional Cooperation

Mr Mark Copley, Associate Partner Wholesale Markets, Ofgem (UK Regulator)

Electricity Markets in the Eastern Partner Countries: Potentials and Challenges from a Regional Perspective

Mr Nikolaos Tourlis, INOGATE

Q&A

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Building Markets through Good Governance: Cooperation Platforms in the EU electricity market

Mr Ernst Tremmel, Legal Advisor, ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators)

Snapshots from Market Integration in Central-East and Central-South Europe

Central East Region: *Mr Dietmar Preinstorfer, Head of International Relations, E-Control Austria (Austrian Regulator)*

Central South Region: *Mr Salvatore Lanza, Board Advisor, AEEGSI (Italian Regulator)*

Q&A



13:00-14:30 Lunch

Moderator afternoon session: Mr Hrachik Tsughunyan, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Armenia

14:30-16:15 Priorities in National Electricity Markets of the Eastern Partner Countries

Short presentations (10 min. each) from the regulatory bodies of:

- *Armenia*
- *Azerbaijan*
- *Belarus*
- *Georgia*
- *Moldova*
- *Ukraine*

Cross-Border Activities in the Energy Community: Approach and Potential Blueprints for the Eastern Partnership Region

Mr Nenad Stefanovic, Chair of ECRB Electricity Working Group

Q&A

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:30 EU Outlook on Integrating Third Countries into the Internal Electricity Market

Ms Marion Schiller-Probst, European Commission, DG ENER

Wrap-Up and Conclusions

*Mr Michel Thiollière, Vice President of the Council of European Energy Regulators
Mr Hrachik Tsughunyan, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Armenia
Ms Marion Schiller-Probst, European Commission, DG ENER*

19:30 Meeting Point at Novotel Waterloo for transfer to Dinner

Address: 113 Lambeth road, SE1 7LS LONDON

20:15 Dinner hosted by CEER in Restaurant Madison London

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Dress Code: Smart Casual



DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2014

08:00 **Departure to Visit Britned Interconnector on Isle of Grain**
Road trip: approximately 2h

ca. 15:00 **Arrival back in London**