



EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM 3: “Energy Security”

2nd WORKSHOP OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ENERGY REGULATORY BODIES

18-19 June 2013 – Tbilisi, Georgia

REGULATORY TOOLS IN SUPPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, INTERCONNECTION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF SUPPLIES

Workshop objectives: Building on the success of the 1st workshop of Eastern Partnership energy regulators held in May 2012 in Vienna, the objective of this second workshop is to further deepen the exchange of regulatory experiences and practices among the regulators of the Eastern Partnership, while focusing on the role and tools of Eastern partnership regulatory bodies in support of infrastructure development, interconnection and diversification of supplies.

Organization: Invited speakers will be asked to give brief presentations (5-10 minutes each) on their experience and current challenges related to the topic of the session. Presentations will be followed by a discussion with workshop participants.

Expected outcome: The discussions should reveal in which way two workshops held in 2012 and 2013 have contributed to the overall objectives of the Eastern Partnership in the field of energy regulatory convergence and provide the basis for concrete input and recommendations to the forthcoming meeting of the Platform on Energy Security of the Eastern Partnership in July 2013 and the Eastern Partnership Summit in November 2013 in Vilnius.

Target audience: Representatives of the Eastern Partnership’s regulatory community, i.e. regulatory bodies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the 27 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.

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation English/Russian



Agenda

Hotel Sheraton Metechi Palace
20 Telavi Street, 0103 Tbilisi, Georgia
18 - 19 June 2013

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2013

09:00-09:15 **Registration, Welcome Coffee**

09:15-10:00 **Welcome and Introduction by the Host and the Co-Organizers**

- *Ms Mariam Valishvili, Deputy Minister for Energy, Georgia*
- *Ambassador Philip Dimitrov, Head of EU Delegation, Georgia*
- *Mr Michel Thiollière, Vice President of the Council of European Energy Regulators*

Session 1:

10:00-11:30 **Roles and Tools of EaP Regulatory Bodies in support of efficient infrastructure use and development**

Moderator: *Mr Gocha Shonia, Commissioner GNERC*

Presentations from the regulatory bodies of:

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

11:30-11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45-12:00 **Case Study: The Black Sea Transmission Line Project – Regulatory aspects of interconnection**

Mr. David Managadze, EBRD

12:00-12:15 **Wholesale markets in the ERRA region as driving force for market integration and infrastructure development**

Mr. Victor Parlicov, President of ERRA



12:15-12:30 **Tools and options to facilitate energy infrastructure development**
Mr. Nikos Turlis, INOGATE Technical Secretariat

12:30-13:15 **Q & A and Discussion moderated by Mr Gocha Shonia, Commissioner GNERC**

13:15-14:30 **Lunch**

Session 2:

14:30-15:30 **Current EU infrastructure developments and challenges with respect to interconnecting energy markets**

Moderator: *Mr Martin Graf, Executive Director, Austrian Energy Regulatory Authority E-Control Austria*

Presentations from:

- EU regulators' role and powers with respect to infrastructure regulation
Mr Dietmar Preinstorfer, Head of International Relations, E-Control Austria
- Presentation of an Energy Community case study on PECIs,
Mr. Borko Raicevic, Energy Efficiency and Renewables Expert, Energy Community Secretariat
- Current EU infrastructure development objectives and priorities
Mr Massimo Lombardini, Policy Officer Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

15:30-16:30 **Round Table Discussion: Could EaP regulatory bodies formulate joint replies and concrete recommendations to common challenges in the field of infrastructure development and interconnection?**

1 representative of each EaP regulator joins the podium

Discussion moderated by Mr Martin Graf, Executive Director, Austrian Energy Regulatory Authority E-Control Austria



16:30-17:00

Final Conclusions and Closing of the Workshop

- *Mr Massimo Lombardini, Directorate-General for Energy European Commission (the perspective of the European Commission)*
- *Mr Michel Thiollière, Vice President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (the perspective of the Regulators)*
- *Mr. Nugzar Beridze, Head of Electricity Department, GNERC*

20:00

Dinner hosted by CEER

Restaurant Tbilisi Hall,

Address: Digomi, Beliashvili Street

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2013

08:00

Departure to Visit a new Hydropower Plant at Gudauri

Road trip: approximately 1.5 – 2h

14:00-14:30

Arrival in Tbilisi