

**Summary Minutes of Meeting of ITS Project with Energy Community
Secretariat Meeting, Vienna
14:30, 20 February 2012,**

Participants:

ECS

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Purpose of meeting:

- To introduce the new ITS project (overall and by Component) to the ECS;
- To learn more about the activities of ECS in meeting its objectives;
- To explore ways in which the ITS can support the ECS and develop long-term relationship designed to assist ECS meet its objectives.

Agenda:

1. The Agenda is attached in Annex 1 of these Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with *Tour 'd Table* followed by welcome and introductory remarks by S. Neykov and response by S. Rave.

2. Presentations on ITS by the Key Experts

The PowerPoint presentations are available on the Energy Community Secretariat website at the following address:

http://www.energycommunity.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/NEWS/News_Details?p_news_id=5561

Summary of main points:

ECS:

1. ECS would welcome any ITS salient reports relating to Eastern Partnership countries. Where information contained in any ITS report is sensitive or

confidential – this needs to be conveyed explicitly to ITS as it is an open and transparent and treats all information as being in the public domain unless informed to the contrary;

2. Information exchange is particularly important in monitoring functions of ECS and ITS as there should be no conflicting assessments with regards to the countries' fulfilments to Astana Roadmap or EnCT obligations;
3. ECS would welcome the ITS presentation material for its website which will also contain details of the meeting. **(KMc to Action)**
4. ECS focus is on the Eastern Partnership countries only – Central Asia is outside is sphere of interest;
5. ECS would be interested to see ITS Work Programme (available after approval of Inception Report)- in return ECS Work Programme is available on website;
6. ECS recommends ITS to also view Annual Report, studies and other key documents e.g. Milestones for Establishment of Regional Energy Market
7. Should be co-ordination of legal advice and activities in four key areas:
 - a. Cross border trade
 - b. Tariffs
 - c. Customer Protection
 - d. General applicable standards for energy efficiency.
8. Development of new Network Codes under Component B – ECS would be happy to be informed with a view to using;
9. ECS very limited TA activities.
10. ECS will not recommend specific TA interventions by ITS but AHEF assistance could be reviewed by ECS at ToR stage. Could support specific needs related to meeting Acquis obligations.

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EC/ITS

1. Essential for continuous communication between ECS and ITS. Practical issue is ITS thematic Ministerial Conference – Sustainable Energy. Can ECS experience in implementation of 2009 RES Directive provide any lessons for ITS? ECS noted:
 - a. Problem of data quality and quantity for target setting;
 - b. Derogations from 2020 targets on basis on later start in the process than EU member states;
 - c. Reluctance to incorporate any targets into national legislation – i.e. to enact legally binding targets;
 - d. Possibly same situation for ITS PCs

ECS:

1. ECS encountering difficulties in transposing 2009 RES Directive (as discussed);
2. ECS is expanding – Armenia now has Observer Status. ECS will make an official visit to Yerevan during end of March – same period at ITS team;

3. Implementation of Third Legislative Package – particularly difficult in Ukraine due to ‘technical problems’. ITS could make contribution here with capacity building in specified legislative/regulatory areas to help overcome identified technical problems;
4. In 2010 Bulgaria proposed that non-EU Member states be included in Infrastructure Plan – relates mainly to countries affected by plans to pipe gas through the Balkans to the EU via Balkan gas Ring;
5. Issue of ‘Vulnerability’ is at top of ECS agenda (booming issue) – social dimension of Directives. Tariff reform unlikely to succeed well-formed and comprehensive set of social mitigation measures. However, thus far – no Acquis in social dimension of EC Directives.
6. ECS – Member of Regulatory Boards WG – responsible for gas, electricity and Customer Services;
7. ECS involved in Dispute Settlement – now dealing with 16 cases

Conclusions

1. ITS to share final (i.e. approved by EC) Inception Report with ECS;
2. ITS to share AHEF requests with ECS for Eastern Partnership countries;
3. ITS to share Status Reports with ECS to avoid conflicting or contradictory assessments;
4. ECS to inform ITS of planned events – invitations possible via the EC;
5. ECS & ITS to consider joint organisation of events including ECS presentations at ITS events e.g. WG meetings etc;
6. ITS to share post-inception phase Work programme with ECS;
7. ITS to arrange second meeting with ESC following Inception Phase and production of Work Programme **(KMc to Action via EC)**.