

## Meeting of Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum

### Minutes

25 April 2017, Brussels, Belgium

#### 1. Welcome

The meeting, hosted by the European Parliament, was opened and co-chaired by Prof Jerzy Buzek, Chairman of Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament and Prof Muhamet Mustafa, Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade and Industry of the Kosovo\* Assembly and Chairman of the Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum. Prof Buzek explained that while the European Parliament did not previously succeed in appointing an official delegation to the Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum, this would be one of the key priorities for the future.

#### 2. Roundtable discussion

Following the statement of Mr Kopač, who announced that holding the Parliamentary Plenum meeting in the European Parliament is a historic moment, the Members of European Parliament and National Parliaments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties exchanged views on opportunities for future cooperation. Members of National Parliaments welcomed the first-time participation of Members of the European Parliament in the Plenum and underlined the need for their full participation in future meetings to ensure the Plenum can fully execute its advisory and monitoring role. They underlined the importance of sharing experience and best practice in terms of *acquis* transposition and implementation and keeping abreast of legislative developments in the European Union.

The Members of Parliament highlighted that the Energy Community is the most advanced instrument in terms of creating a Pan-European energy market and it should be ambitious in adopting new *acquis* in order to further this goal. The Plenum agreed that the Energy Community should not wait to shape up its energy and climate objectives to 2030, but all according to the possibilities of each of the member countries.

#### 3. Adoption of joint statement

The Members of the National Parliaments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Members of the European Parliament adopted a joint statement underlining the importance of inter-parliamentary cooperation in pursuing the objectives of the Energy Community Treaty. The joint statement is available on the Energy Community website<sup>1</sup>.

#### 4. Report

The Members endorsed Mr Besim Beqaj (Energy Community National Parliament) and Mr Claude Turmes (European Parliament) as rapporteur and co-rapporteur on a joint report, the subject of which is to be decided by written procedure. The report will be adopted at the next Plenum meeting and forwarded to the Energy Community Ministerial Council.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC\\_HOME/DOCS/4654437/4E0F70B86C04772CE053C92FA8C028A3.pdf](https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4654437/4E0F70B86C04772CE053C92FA8C028A3.pdf)

## 5. Activities in 2017/2018

The next meeting of ECPP will take place on 18 October 2017 in Pristina, back-to-back to the Energy Community Ministerial Council, which is scheduled to take place on 20 October 2017 in Pristina, Kosovo\*.

The Members of Parliament agreed that the next Parliamentary Plenum meeting in Brussels will take place in March/April 2018.

## 6. Meeting of the Energy Community Delegation with the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament

On the day of the Plenum meeting, Members participated in a debate on the Energy Community, which was part of the regular meeting of the Committee on Industry Research and Energy of the European Parliament. The meeting was chaired by Prof Jerzy Buzek, Chairman of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament. During the meeting, Members of the European Parliament and National Parliaments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties exchanged views on the proposals under the Clean Energy Package and the implications of these measures on the Energy Community.

Mr Kopač presented the state of play of implementation of the Third Energy Package in the Energy Community and the ongoing reform of the international organisation. He explained that reforms primarily dealing with the creation of an EU/Energy Community level-playing field and better Treaty implementation are yet to be adopted and are currently under negotiation. Some of these reforms require amendments to the Energy Community Treaty.

Mr Kopač noted that the adoption of legislation in the Energy Community under Title II of the Treaty has created a number of obstacles, e.g. Third Energy Package Network Codes are not applicable on the borders between EU Member States and Contracting Parties. He outlined that this is also important in terms of equal treatment between Contracting Parties and EU Member States. The presentation is available on the Energy Community website<sup>2</sup>.

During the Members' debate, cross-border cooperation was considered as essential in terms of removing the existing barriers to the creation of a truly integrated pan-European energy market, increasing security of supply and delivering maximum benefits to consumers. It was proposed that collective work should be initiated to create one liquid power market for both EU Member States and Contracting Parties at the same time. Members underlined that it was essential to overcome the legal gap between Energy Community Contracting Parties and EU Member States. The Contracting Parties' full participation in EU energy bodies was also key. Members also discussed the risk of investing in the Energy Community Contracting Parties and how these could be overcome. The need to ensure full implementation of the Third Energy Package in the Energy Community was underlined.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC\\_HOME/DOCS/4654439/4E0F7997106A7CE6E053C92FA8C03907.pdf](https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4654439/4E0F7997106A7CE6E053C92FA8C03907.pdf)

## 7. Preparatory Meeting of the Energy Community Delegation for Parliamentary Plenum

The Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum was preceded by a preparatory meeting, which was opened and chaired by Janez Kopač, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat.

Mr Janez Kopač announced that the Contracting Parties are in the implementation phase of the Third Energy Package, but this should not prevent them from a strategic discussion on the new measures proposed by the European Commission within the EU's Clean Energy Package already now. He presented the new package, which focuses on the governance of energy and climate policies, regulation of the electricity market, energy efficiency, renewables, etc. The presentation is available on the Energy Community website<sup>3</sup>.

During the Members' debate, the impact of the Clean Energy Package on the Energy Community was discussed. The need for the Energy Community to devote attention to establishing a post-2020 framework was emphasized as well as the need to address the existing transposition and implementation challenges of the current acquis.

## 8. Presentation on Energy Model Based Road Map for 2050

The Members heard a presentation entitled "What use is the SEE 2050 Energy Model to policy makers in the region" presented by Garret Tankosić-Kelly and Ana Ranković of the NGO SEE Change Net. The presentation is available on the Energy Community website<sup>4</sup>.

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

**Members:** Besim Beqaj (Kosovo\*), Muhamet Mustafa (Kosovo\*), Aleksandra Tomić (Serbia), Filip Vuković (Montenegro)

**Alternative Members:** Predrag Kožul (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Žarko Mićin (Serbia), Andrii Lopushanskiy (Ukraine), Lev Pidlesetsky (Ukraine)

**European Parliament Members:** Jerzy Buzek (Poland) and Morten Helveg Petersen (Denmark)

**Energy Community Secretariat:** Janez Kopač and Barbora Poyner

**Parliamentary Secretariats:** Nenad Pandurević and Tijana Knežević

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC\\_HOME/DOCS/4654435/4E0F62F29A2D724EE053C92FA8C0D9B4.pdf](https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4654435/4E0F62F29A2D724EE053C92FA8C0D9B4.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC\\_HOME/DOCS/4654441/4E0F874E37EB7D53E053C92FA8C09B74.pdf](https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4654441/4E0F874E37EB7D53E053C92FA8C09B74.pdf)