

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Energy and Climate Committee meeting

Energy Community Secretariat, Am Hof 4, Vienna (Austria) – Meeting room 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Wednesday, 21 March 2018, 9.30-17.00

<b>Welcome remarks</b>	9.30-9.45	Janez Kopač, Director, Energy Community Secretariat
<b>Adoption of Recommendation 2018/01/MC-EnC and revised Rules of Procedure</b>	9.45-10.00	Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel, Energy Community Secretariat

### 1. **Guidance to Contracting Parties of the Energy Community on the development of National Energy and Climate Plans as part of Recommendation 2018/01/MC-EnC** - Chaired by Ostap Semerak

Following the recent adoption in the Energy Community of a *Recommendation on preparing for the development of integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)*, the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the European Commission, drafted a Guidance document that explains the key steps from now until the finalisation of national plans, including the main roles and pillars of the governance process. What was the outcome of the initial assessment of the draft Guidance document at national level? Which aspects may require additional expertise to implement NECPs in Contracting Parties?

<b>EU perspective</b>	10.00-10.30	Megan Richards, Director, Energy Policy, DG ENER Thomas Bernheim, Policy Officer, Governance and Effort Sharing, DG CLIMA
<b>Finland experience with the development of NECPs</b>	10.30-10.45	Petteri Kuuva, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	10.45-11.15	Mykola Kuzyo, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine Contracting Parties and Observers

**Coffee/tea break**

11.15-11.30

**2. Towards 2030 overall targets for the Energy Community – Chaired by Ostap Semerak**

Stable national energy and climate plans up to 2030 should be accompanied by targets for renewables, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reduction. This will provide higher regulatory stability, transparency of national efforts and increased investment certainty. However, Energy Community Contracting Parties have only national targets for the increase of renewable energy and overall target for energy efficiency up to 2020 and need to come up with a rigorous, streamlined and inclusive process to establish 2030 targets. As a preliminary step within this process, an interim report on an EU-convergent approach for the calculation of the 2030 targets has been submitted to the attention of the Ministerial Council in December 2017. What is the feedback on the methodology proposed within the report? Which of the options presented should be further considered?

<b>EU perspective</b>	11.30-11.45	Megan Richards, Director, Energy Policy, DG ENER
<b>Methodology to establish 2030 overall targets</b>	11.45-12.15	Irina Lazzerini, Sustainable Energy Expert, Energy Community Secretariat  Lukas Liebmann, Senior Researcher, TU Wien  Andreas Tuerk, Senior Researcher, Joanneum Research
<b>Renewable Energy roadmap</b>	12.15-12.30	Gurbuz Gonul, Acting Director, Country Support and Partnerships, IRENA
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	12.30-13.00	Contracting Parties and Observers

**Lunch**

13.00-14.00

### 3. *Global Climate Action in 2018* – Chaired by Connie Hedegaard

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The year 2018 has been set as the deadline for finalizing and adopting the various operating rules of the Paris Agreement at the UN climate change conference in Katowice (COP24, 3-14 December) and a global year-long reflection on the adequacy of emission reduction efforts (the Talanoa dialogue). Which are the main milestones and challenges ahead of COP24? Where are Contracting Parties standing with the revision and implementation of NDCs? How can the Energy and Climate Committee be instrumental for a Talanoa regional discussion?

<b>EU perspective</b>	14.00-14.15	Niels Schuster, Policy Officer, Climate Action, International & Inter-Institutional Relations, DG CLIMA
<b>COP24 Katowice: Changing together</b>	14.15-14.30	Tomasz Chruszczow, Chair, UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and Polish High-Level Champion (tbc)
<b>Donors and Civil Society</b>	14.30-15.00	GIZ, ECF, TNC
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	15.00-15.30	Contracting Parties and Observers

#### *Coffee/tea break*

15.30-15.45

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### 4. *Moving away from coal* – Chaired by Connie Hedegaard

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Contracting Parties are still considering investments in new coal-fired power plants, with a high risk of those investments to become future stranded assets, especially when faced with the EU market and its stricter environmental regulations. In order to grow sustainably and delivering on the region's climate commitments, gradually phasing-out of fossil fuels and increasing investment in renewables is possible and necessary. Which technologies could already be deployed cost-effectively in the region? Why are IFIs also moving away from financing coal-related projects? Where are new opportunities arising?

<b>Coal regions in transition Platform</b>	15.45-16.00	Megan Richards, Director, Energy Policy, DG ENER
<b>Navigating the opportunities of low-carbon energy systems</b>	16.00-16.15	Toby Couture, Director, E3Analytics
<b>Roundtable discussion</b>	16.15-16.45	Contracting Parties and Observers

**5. Conclusions**

16.45-17.00

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