



## Energy Community Regulatory School

### About

**Scope** – continuous knowledge building is a constant need for national energy regulatory authorities, in particular having in mind the high complexity and broad expertise required for pro-active and effective regulation of energy markets. This challenge increases with new pieces of legislation becoming applicable in the Energy Community Contracting Parties, most of which involving direct responsibilities and new duties of regulators. The Energy Community Regulatory School aims at supporting the technical knowledge of the Energy Community Contracting Parties' national energy regulatory authorities to effectively implement and efficiently apply new pieces of Energy Community *acquis communautaire* – such as but not limited to gas and electricity network codes and guidelines or REMIT as well as resulting increasingly developing market activities. Beyond the mere legal aspects, the Energy Community Regulatory School is dedicated to deliver practical insights and share experience made on EU level. Praxis oriented, interactive and in-depth discussions will be in the core of the training courses tailor made for the Contracting Parties' regulators.

**Addressees** – the national energy regulatory authorities of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Observers. Subject to place availability, events are in principle also opened to other participants of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Observers.

**Organisation and costs** – courses are organised by the Energy Community Secretariat. The Energy Community Secretariat reimburses participants of the national energy regulatory authorities of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Observers as indicated for each course individually.

**Course fees** – none

**Certificate** – course participants receive an attendance certificate.

**Advisory Committee** – *Dennis Hesselings*, Head of Gas Department, ACER | *Tomislav Jureković*, President of the regulatory authority of Croatia | *Margot Loudon*, Deputy Secretary General, Eurogas | *Jerome le Page*, Manager for European Electricity Markets, EFET | *Branislav Prelević*, ex-ECRB President and Chairman of the regulatory authority of Montenegro



## Course Program 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2018<sup>1</sup>

### 21 February 2018, Vienna: "Price comparison tools"<sup>2</sup>

- **Context** – Electricity and natural gas customers may use their opportunities in liberalized retail markets only if they are provided relevant information, timely and in an adequate way. One of the most important elements to allow for smooth supplier switching is information on prices and conditions offered by different suppliers (or contracts). Regulatory authorities play an important role in developing price comparison tools or monitoring tools developed by other organizations or companies.
- **Scope** – The purpose of this training is to offer to the national regulatory authorities of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Observer countries an insight in the functionalities and challenges achieved in the EU Member States as well as the first experiences gained in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the development and operation of electricity price comparison tools.
- **Duration** – half day
- **Target group** – electricity and gas experts of regulatory authorities involved in retail market design
- **Reimbursement** – one electricity and one gas representative per Contracting Party and Observer country State level regulatory authority

### 28 February 2018, Vienna: "Day-ahead market coupling in electricity"

- **Context** – the Western Balkans 6 process obliges the Western Balkan Contracting Parties to couple their electricity markets with neighbouring EU and Energy Community markets. Complementing activities have also been flagged under the Central and South Eastern Europe Energy Connectivity initiative. Also, Regulation 1222/2015 on capacity allocation and congestion management in electricity ('CACM Regulation') foresees the establishment of a market-coupling area South East Europe, including Contracting Parties and EU Member States. Implementation of the CACM Regulation in the Contracting Parties is on the Energy Community agenda 2018.
- **Scope** – the training will deepen the Contracting Parties regulators' knowledge on day-ahead market coupling and share expertise on the necessary regulatory measures to implement, support and foster related market reforms and developments.
- **Duration** – 1 day
- **Target group** – electricity experts of regulatory authorities involved in electricity market design

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<sup>1</sup> Status 1 January 2018. Subject to amendments.

<sup>2</sup>Back to back to the ECRB Customers and Retail Markets Working Group on 22 February 2018 (Vienna).



- **Reimbursement** – one electricity representative per Contracting Party and Observer country State level regulatory authority

3 May 2018, Vienna [course with legal focus]<sup>3</sup> - *to be further defined*

15 May 2018, Vienna “Market surveillance and REMIT”

- **Context** – transparency is one of the key features for building trust in market dynamics. The role of regulators is not only to promote transparency by closely supervising compliance with the legal requirements. With the envisaged implementation of Regulation 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency REMIT the Contracting Parties will move one level up both in terms of market surveillance and related regulatory competences.
- **Scope** – the training will deepen the Contracting Parties regulators’ knowledge on their surveillance duties and powers under REMIT and share experience of both regulators and market participants from the EU.
- **Duration** – 1 day
- **Target group** – electricity and gas experts of regulatory authorities involved in gas and/or electricity market design and market monitoring
- **Reimbursement** – one gas and one electricity representative per Contracting Party and Observer country State level regulator

18 June 2018, Vienna “Gas transmission tariff systems in transition – from status quo to implementation of the gas tariff network code”<sup>4</sup>

- **Context** – this course follows a first gas tariff training course held in April 2017 at which knowledge on entry exit tariffication was build and simulation of tariff models was performed. Negotiations on implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/460 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas are on the Energy Community agenda 2018.
- **Scope** – Moving from theory to praxis this course will look into various models for best possible (step-wise) implementation of the gas tariff network code. This will include simulation of best-practise solutions for three model countries, Ukraine, Serbia and Moldova.
- **Duration** – 1 day
- **Target group** – gas tariff experts of regulatory authorities who, ideally, also participated the first gas tariff training course held in April 2017
- **Reimbursement** – one gas representative per Contracting Party and Observer country State level regulator

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<sup>3</sup> Back to back to the Vienna Law Forum on 4 May 2018 (Vienna).

<sup>4</sup> Back to back to the ECRB Gas Working Group on 19 June 2018 (Vienna).