

27th Energy Community Electricity Forum

Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens, 28-34 Athanasiou Diakou Street

Chaired by the European Commission

Overview

Wednesday, 1 June 2022

13:00-18:30: Forum Day 1

19:30: Evening Reception

Thursday, 2 June 2022

9:00-13:30: Forum Day 2

14:00: Farewell Lunch

Program – Day 1

Wednesday, 1 June 2022

13:00 **Opening**

Welcome

Nicolas Kuen | DG ENER, European Commission

Host address

Konstantinos Tsimaras | Greek Regulatory Authority

Keynote speech: The Energy Community on the Eve of Integration

Artur Lorkowski | Energy Community Secretariat

14:00 **Panel Debate I – Synchronisation of Ukraine and Moldova with Continental Europe: what comes next?**

The successful emergency synchronization of the power systems of Ukraine and Moldova with the Continental European power system paved the way towards market integration of Ukraine and Moldova into the European electricity market. The panel will discuss post-synchronisation actions needed to address technical and market preconditions for commercial exchanges between Ukraine and Continental Europe to happen. The panel will also explore how the expected go live of the day-ahead and balancing market in Georgia will drive future development of Georgian market.

Moderator: Arben Killokoqi, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- Oleksandr Kharchenko, Energy Industry Research Center, Ukraine
- Carolina Novac, Energy Consultant to the Prime Minister, Moldova
- Olena Antonova, Energy Market Expert, Ukraine
- Fatih Kölmek, USAID Energy Security Project, Ukraine
- Irakli Galdava, GENEX, Georgia

15:15 Networking coffee

15:45 **Panel Debate II – Boosting the green investments in the Energy Community: ready to take-off?**

While following EU's ambitious energy and climate targets will need a significant increase of new renewable capacities in the Contracting Parties, the time has come to scrutinise the investment environment and the demand for green electricity in the Energy Community. The panel will investigate challenges that investors face and how investors' needs can fit with consumers' affordability, without repeating the design mistakes of the past. The panel will also explore ways to raise awareness and trigger demand for guarantees of origin and corporate PPAs.

Moderator: Naida Taso, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- Xavier Casals, IRENA
- Jovanka Atanackovic, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia
- Paul Smith, Emergy
- Joop Hazenberg, RE-source
- Selma-Penna Utonih, Greenfact

17:00 **Panel Debate III – Fast-forwarding decarbonization or back to regulation: response to the energy crisis?**

The recent energy crisis, amplified with the war in Ukraine offers a glimpse into how the future could look like in case fuel scarcity and price volatility lead to solutions that could impede the decarbonisation trajectory. Not only have global CO2 emissions returned to their highest level in history in 2021 due to the increased use of coal, but the Contracting Parties also relied heavily on coal and oil, as well as on financial injections to the electricity incumbents rather than real investments in green future. The panel will discuss actions and tools needed to accelerate decarbonisation while ensuring secure and affordable energy in the challenging environment.

Moderator: Dirk Buschle, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- M. Kusari, MP, Kosovo* [tbc]
- Milica Knezevic, ECRB
- Leigh Hancher, Baker Botts
- Rozeta Karova, Energy Community Secretariat

18:00 **Close of day 1**
Nicolas Kuen | European Commission

19:30 **Cocktail reception**, Hotel Royal Olympics

Program – Day 2

Thursday, 2 June 2022

09:00 **Opening**

Welcome

Nina Grall, Energy Community Secretariat

09:15 **Panel Debate IV – Coupling of Contracting Parties into single European market: has the time come?**

The discussion on the market coupling of the Energy Community into single European day-ahead market is shifting from abstract to reality. By the end of 2022, day-ahead markets are expected to be established in most of the Contracting Parties, while the Electricity Regulation and the Network Codes and Guidelines which should allow for the market coupling between Contracting Parties and with EU Member States are expected to be adopted. The panel will reflect on these expectations and a necessity for speeding up market coupling in the context of ensuring cost-effective decarbonization and robust energy pricing in the small energy markets.

Moderator: Jasmina Trhulj, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- Miha Pregl, SDAC
- Jerome la Page, EFET
- Milena Stoyanova, ENTSO-E
- Sokol Dishnica, ALPEX
- Arnold Weiss, EPEX SPOT

10:30 Networking coffee

10:45 **Panel Debate V – Integrating large-scale renewables: are the transmission networks ready?**

Increased interest in the large-scale integration of renewables into the grids sparked a discussion on the needs to reinforce Contracting Parties' networks by constructing new transmission lines and substations and increase flexibility resources within their power systems. The panel will discuss to which extent Contracting Parties' power systems can accommodate renewables and if available flexibility resources on an hourly, daily, weekly and annual level are enough to balance the power systems. The panel will also investigate what types of new flexibility sources are needed.

Moderator: Davor Bajš, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- João Gorenstein Dedecca, Trinomics
- Christopher Andrey, Artelys
- Antun Andric, HOPS
- Ranko Redzic, CGES
- Utkin Vadym, DTEK
- Andrija Volkanovski, DG Energy

12:00 Panel Debate VI – Integrating customers into the market: are the distribution networks ready?

The adoption of the Electricity Directive in November 2021 in the Energy Community emphasized the role of distribution network as a backbone of customer-oriented system enabling active participation of the customers in the electricity market, with their new roles as producers, energy storages, providers of flexibility or system services. The panel will identify key drivers for customer's active participation, the ways and obstacles to incentivize active customers' participation directly, in aggregation scheme and energy communities, as well as active customers' rights.

Moderator: Milka Mumovic, Energy Community Secretariat

Speakers:

- Sasho Saltirovski, ECDSO-E
- Sophia Politopoulou, HEDNO
- Minea Skok, EIHP
- Tomi Medved, IRI-UL

13:15 Conclusions

14:00 Close of the Forum and farewell lunch