



EU4Energy Governance: High-level Policy Talk on the Implementation of the Law on Energy and Water Supply in Georgia (in the area of gas)

Venue: Teleconference via Zoom

Date: 23 September 2020, 10:00 – 14:15, Tbilisi time (8:00 – 12:15, Vienna time)

Presentation title	Hour	Speaker
Opening		
Welcome remarks	10:00-10:15	<p>Mr Janez Kopac, Director, Energy Community Secretariat</p> <p>Mr David Tvalabeishvili, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p> <p>Mr David Narmania, Chairman, GNERC</p> <p>Ms Sigrid Brettel, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation Georgia</p>
Session 1: Unbundling and the creation of an independent gas TSO		
State of play in the unbundling process	10:15-11:30	<p>Mr Zaza Chikhradze, Head of Energy Reforms and International Relations Department, MoESD</p> <p>Mr Teimuraz Gochitashvili, Professor, Advisor, Head of Strategic Planning Department, GOGC</p> <p>Mr Nugzar Dvali, Deputy Head of Legal Department, GGTC</p> <p>Mr Predrag Grujicic, Head of Unit, Energy Community Secretariat</p>
Lessons learnt from the unbundling process in other Contracting Parties		
Discussion		All participants
Session 2: Development of the Georgian Natural Gas Market Concept Design		
Presentation of the work and the main elements of	11:30-12:30	Mr Irakli Galdava , Deputy Director General, Georgian Energy Exchange



the proposed Natural Gas Market Concept Design

Potential of Georgia to become a regional gas trading centre

Discussion

Mr Gregor Weinzettel, Gas Expert,
Energy Community Secretariat

All participants

Session 3: Overview of the secondary legislation stemming from the Law on Energy and Water Supply

Adopted acts and legislation in the pipeline

12:30-13:00

Ms Salome Janelidze, Director of
Legal Department, GNERC

Discussion

All participants

Session 4: New rules on the establishment of a supplier of last resort (SoLR) in gas

Overview of the EU4Energy action

13:00-13:45

Mr Peter Pozsgai, Gas Expert,
Energy Community Secretariat

Presentation of the proposed regime for the appointment and operation of the SoLR

Mr Andrius Simkus, Founder and
Managing Partner, Simkus Energy
Consulting

Discussion

All participants

Session 5: Closing session and press briefing

Concluding remarks and farewells

13:45-14:15

Mr Janez Kopac, Director,
Energy Community Secretariat

Press Q&A

Representatives of the press

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