



EU4Energy Governance: High-level Policy Talks on the Natural Gas Market Design for Georgia

Venue: Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel, Rose Revolution Square 1, 0108 Tbilisi, Georgia

Date: 4-5 October 2018

DAY 1, 4 October 2018

Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 – 10:00

Opening

Welcome remarks:

Energy Community Secretariat, EU4ENERGY

**Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
of Georgia**

EU Delegation to Georgia

10:00 – 10:30

Mr. Predrag Grujičić

*Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community
Secretariat*

Ms. Natia Turnava

*Deputy Minister of Economy and
Sustainable Development of Georgia*

Amb. Carl Hartzell

Ambassador of the EU to Georgia

Session 1: Natural gas market of Georgia: between the present and the future

Panel discussion

- *Status quo of Georgia's natural gas market*
- *Alternatives for natural gas supplies to Georgia*
- *Planned opening of the natural gas market*
- *Ways to enhance competition & increase liquidity*
- *Full deregulation of natural gas prices*
- *Envisaged structure of the natural gas market*
- *Planned reforms, threats & opportunities*

10:30 – 11:30

Moderator:

Mr. Predrag Grujičić

*Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community
Secretariat*

Panellists:

Ms. Natia Turnava

*Deputy Minister of Economy and
Sustainable Development of Georgia*

Ms. Irina Milorava

Chair, GNERC

Mr. David Tvalabeishvili

General Director, GOGC

Mr. Jaba Khmaladze

General Director, GGTC

Ms. Mariam Valishvili (tbc)

Advisor, SOCAR Georgia

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break



Session 2: Essentials of the natural gas market

<p>Organisation of the natural gas market and the development of prices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Scope & structure of the natural gas market</i> • <i>Wholesale & retails trade in natural gas</i> • <i>Natural gas commodity & financial markets</i> • <i>Opening of the natural gas market in Georgia</i> • <i>Market price signals in a competitive market</i> • <i>Protection of vulnerable customers</i> • <i>Setting the regulated transmission tariffs</i> 	<p>11:45 – 12:15</p>	<p>Mr. Peter Pozsgai <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Natural gas balancing & ancillary services market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Balancing functions & responsibilities</i> • <i>Operational & commercial balancing</i> • <i>Balancing responsible parties</i> • <i>The role & functions of the TSO</i> 	<p>12:15 – 12:45</p>	<p>Ms. Karolina Čegir <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Q&A session</p>	<p>12:45 – 13:00</p>	

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Session 3: Organised natural gas markets

<p>Organisation & functioning of the gas exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case study: establishment, organisation, functioning & operation of the Baltic gas exchange</i> 	<p>14:00 – 14:45</p>	<p>Mr. Gintaras Buzkys <i>Chief Business Development Officer, GET Baltic</i></p>
<p>Q&A session</p>	<p>14:45 – 15:00</p>	

Session 4: Public service obligations in the natural gas sector of Georgia

<p>Supply of natural gas within the framework of public service obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The concept of public service obligations</i> • <i>Guaranteed supply & supply of last resort</i> • <i>Designing special public service obligations</i> • <i>Specificities of Georgia’s natural gas sector</i> 	<p>15:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Mr. Andrius Šimkus <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
<p>Q&A session</p>	<p>16:00 – 16:15</p>	

Closure of Day 1

<p>Closing remarks & open discussion</p>	<p>16:15 – 16:45</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Predrag Grujičić <i>Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community Secretariat</i></p>
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17:00 Networking Cocktail



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DAY 2, 5 October 2018

Registration and welcoming coffee	09:30 – 10:00	
Session 1: Natural Gas Market Concept Design for Georgia		
Essentials of the Draft Natural Gas Market Concept Design for Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Contents, regulatory scope & legal effects</i> • <i>Proposed solutions for Georgia</i> • <i>Next steps in establishing the regulatory framework</i> 	10:00 – 10:30	Mr. Andrius Šimkus <i>Gas Expert, Energy Community Secretariat</i>
Q&A session	10:30 – 10:45	
Gas release programmes as an instrument to improve gas market functioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reasoning for gas release programmes (GRPs)</i> • <i>Historical examples of GRPs in Europe</i> • <i>Learnings from European GRPs</i> • <i>Specific conditions in Georgia</i> • <i>Properties of different potential GRP designs for the Georgian gas market</i> 	10:45 – 11:30	Mr. Georg Fischer <i>Senior Consultant, WECOM</i>
11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break		
Closure of Day 2		
Closing remarks & open discussion	11:45 – 12:45	Moderator: Mr. Predrag Grujičić <i>Head of Gas Unit, Energy Community Secretariat</i>

13:00 Networking Lunch

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A robust legislative and regulatory framework is vital for the development of a sustainable energy sector. The EU4Energy governance project, part of the EU4Energy Initiative of the European Union, works with the six Eastern Partner countries to strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks, to draft policy recommendations, and to help identify investment opportunities in key strategic energy infrastructure projects.