

Meeting of Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum

Minutes

13 October 2016, Sarajevo

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mr Mladen Bosić, Chairman of House of Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as Chairman of the Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum (ECP).

2. Presentation on State of Energy Community Acquis Implementation 2016 and Future Work

Mr Janez Kopač presented the state of acquis implementation in the Energy Community Contracting Parties based on the Secretariat's recently published Annual Implementation Report. He gave an overview of the regional initiatives in the Energy Community region, including the Western Balkan 6, Sustainability Charter, Central-South Eastern Europe Gas Connectivity Initiative (CESEC) and projects of Energy Community interest.

He also presented new legislation in the area of environment - update of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Sulphur in Fuels Directives, inclusion of the Environmental Liability and Strategic Environmental Assessment Directives and a recommendation to transpose the Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Mechanism Regulation – adopted by the Energy Community Ministerial Council in October 2016. In addition, he outlined the Energy Community's future work in the areas of harmonisation of rules on value added tax related to cross-border trade in electricity and public procurement rules for purchase of products and services in the network energy business. The presentation is available on the Energy Community website¹.

3. ECP – Activities in 2017

Mr Bosić announced that the next meeting of the Parliamentary Plenum will take place on 28 March 2017 in Brussels. Members asked the Secretariat to establish formal cooperation with the European Parliament as soon as possible.

The following meeting of ECP would take place back-to-back to the Energy Community Ministerial Council, which is scheduled to take place on 20 October 2017 in Pristina, Kosovo.

4. Energy Community Declaration

Members decided to postpone the adoption of the Energy Community Declaration due to several country delegations not being present at the meeting.

¹ https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4440401/429B024C237E684DE053C92FA8C0E471.pdf.

5. ECPP – Draft Rules of Procedure

The adoption of the draft rules of procedure was postponed until the next Parliamentary Plenum meeting in Brussels in March 2017 in order to take into account the view of European Parliament representatives.

Bosnia and Herzegovina expressed concern regarding the provision that only two representatives of each National Parliament were able to take part in ECPP. The Secretariat explained that Parliaments may also appoint two alternative Members, who may take the place of a Member who is unable to attend a Meeting when the Secretariat has been duly informed.

6. Presentation on Energy Poverty

Members heard a presentation of the report "Energy Poverty in South East Europe: Surviving the Cold", edited by Stefan Bouzarovski (University of Manchester, UK) and presented by lead author of the report Slavica Robić (DOOR, Croatia). The presentation is available on the Energy Community website².

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members: Mladen Bosić, Aleksandar Damjanovic, Safer Demirovic, Vladimir Marinkovic

Alternative Members: Mirvan Dzemail, Predrag Kožul, Žarko Mićin, Andrej Yaroslavovich Lopushanskij, Ljilja Zovko

Energy Community Secretariat: Janez Kopač, Barbora Poyner, Svitlana Karpyshyna

Parliamentary Secretariats: Nenad Pandurević

² https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4440399/429AFBC67CBF6547E053C92FA8C07F68.pdf