



Co-funded by the European Union

## MEDREG – ECRB Workshop

### Future of Net-Metering and Renewable Energy Support Auction Mechanism in the MEDREG and ECRB Regions

**Tuesday 18 June 2019, 09:30 – 13:00**

**Hotel Mak Albania, Tirana**

---

Net metering (NEM) is an enabling policy designed to foster private investment in renewable energy. The concept of net metering is mostly applied in the promotion of decentralized electricity generated from renewable energy sources. Net metering is a regulatory scheme under which the excess electricity injected into the grid can be used in a later stage to offset consumption during times when the onsite renewable generation is either absent or insufficient. In other words, net metering allows consumers to partially or completely offset their electricity use through the employment of self-produced electricity with electricity from renewable energy sources (RES-E) systems.

Indeed, net metering permits consumers who generate some or all of their own electricity to use that electricity anytime, instead of using it when it is generated. This is particularly important with renewable energy sources like wind and solar, which are non-dispatchable (when not coupled to storage).

On the other hand, feed-in-tariff and auction mechanisms for promoting renewable energy sources have become increasingly popular and the number of countries that have implemented those mechanisms steadily increased through time. In addition, feed-in-tariff and auction models have gained popularity due to their flexibility of design, the increased certainty they lend to prices and quantities, the degree of commitment and transparency they create and, most importantly, their potential for supporting price discovery mechanisms, guiding the evolution of price trends.

More specifically the role of auctions in supporting price decreases is to spur a competitive environment. However, country-specific factors play a fundamental role in individual auction results and can explain discrepancies in prices around the world. Among others, these factors include: 1) country-specific costs and conditions, such as RES availability; 2) investors' confidence related to the presence of a conducive environment as shaped by the credibility of the off-taker and the periodicity of auctions; 3) other policies to support RES development, such as fiscal incentives, grid access and priority dispatch; 4) features of auction design.

The discussions from the workshop will be shared within the MEDREG and ECRB communities as a further contribution to our ongoing efforts to facilitate and develop a common regulatory culture and a regionally coherent approach to specifically renewable energy market regulation in the Mediterranean region and Energy Community.

<b>DRAFT AGENDA</b>	
<b>09:00 – 09:25</b>	<b>Welcome coffee and registration</b>
<b>09:25 – 09:45</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
5 min	<b>Mrs Gulefsan Demirbas – MEDREG President</b>
5 min	<b>Mr Giorgi Pangani – ECRB President</b>
5 min	<b>Mr Petrit Ahmeti – ERE President/MEDREG Vice President</b>
5 min	<b>Mr Leonidas Kioussis - European Commission</b>
<b>09:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>Mr. Niko Peleshi – Head of the Energy Parliamentary Commission (TBC)</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: Net-Metering - Cost and Competitive Indicators in the MEDREG and ECRB Region and the Role of IFIs</b> <b>Moderation and topic introduction: Prof. Pedro Verdelho - ERSE Commissioner and MEDREG RES WG co-Chair</b> <b>Mr Qais Samara – PERC Palestine</b> <b>Mr Petrit Haziri – ZRRE Kosovo*</b> <b>Mrs Dorina Perister - EBRD</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: RES Auction Mechanisms and the Role of Energy Regulators</b> <b>Moderation and topic introduction: Mrs Marie Therese Richter – Energy Community</b> <b>Mrs. Marilena Delenta – CERA/ MEDREG RES WG co-Chair</b> <b>Mr Elton Radheshi - ERE Albania</b> <b>Mr Leonidas Kioussis - European Commission</b> <b>Mr Fabian Wigand- Associate Director Navigant</b>
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Wrap-up and conclusions</b> <b>Mrs Nina Grall – ECRB</b> <b>Mr Hasan Ozkoc –MEDREG Secretariat</b>
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>MEDREG and ECRB Presidents</b>



Co-funded by the European Union

<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
--------------------	--------------