

# The Greek Energy Market: Reforms, Challenges and Regional Developments

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### **Evolution of Energy Mix in Greece Fuel Market Shares in Electricity Generation, 2014 - 2019**

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# Transformation of the Greek Energy Sector (I)

### More competitive, compliant and connected.

Anti-trust measures	New Investors in	New Market Roles:
on incumbents:	TSOs	Aggregators,
Electricity Auctions,	(ADMIE, DESFA),	Paper traders,
Gas Release	Gas DSOs and	Clearing parties,
Programme.	Suppliers.	EV service providers.
Cross-border Infrastructure	Harmonized market rules.	<b>New Key Entities:</b>
Gas: TAP, IGB, East	Gas: Capacity Auctions	Hellenic Energy
Med.	and Balancing Platform.	Exchange,
Electricity: Euroasian,	Electricity: New Markets	- Energy Clearing
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# Transformation of the Greek Energy Sector (II)

### More resilient and on clean energy transition.

LNG Terminal Expansion and Upgrading.	FRSU Alexandroupolis. Underground Storage in Kavala.	Preventive Action Plan. Cost-efficient measures were adopted.
RES Market Share > 23% in electricity production.	Transition from Feed- in-Tariffs to Feed-in- Premium.	Gas Network is expanded. 250 mil € investments.
2600 MW auctioned over 2018-2020.	8.5 bil € investments up to 2030.	Island interconnections and small-scale LNG.



## Indicators of Market Evolution

PPC Retail Share: 74 % vs. 98% in 2015. 50% in Medium Voltage.

PPC Wholesale Share: 48% in 2018.

Gas share: 45 % vs. 20% lignite in July 2019.

**DEPA Wholesale Share (1<sup>st</sup> Resale):** 

58% in 2018, 19%-55% in 2019.

**DEPA Import Share:** 

72% in 2018, 31-63 % in 2019.

LNG utilization exceeded 40%.

**Reverse flow from Greece to Bulgaria.** 

**Consumers switching electricity supplier:** 

<u>338.000 in 2018 vs. 186.000 in 2017.</u>

Access to gas: 1500 km network development. CNG in 9 regions.

Alternative gas suppliers:

50% of new connections in Attica.



# **Power Derivatives Market**

- ✤Risk hedging.
- Multiples the value of physical market.
- ✤Rulebooks under public consultation.
- Product: Financial derivatives contract based on average spot price over delivery period.
- Option of physical delivery on Day-ahead Market, via Priority\_Price-Taking Orders.

Advantages of a financial contract with the <u>option</u> of physical delivery

- Appealing both to financial and non-financial entities.
- Liquidity is gathered into a single pool.
- Counterparty risk is minimised. Clearing by EMIR-authorised CCP.
- Not required for both buyer and seller to request physical delivery.
- Common practice (e.g. EEX, HUDEX).

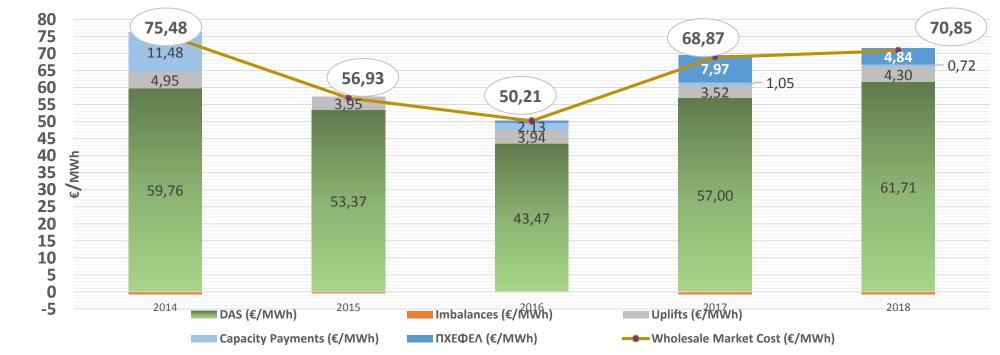


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### **NOME Electricity Auctions**

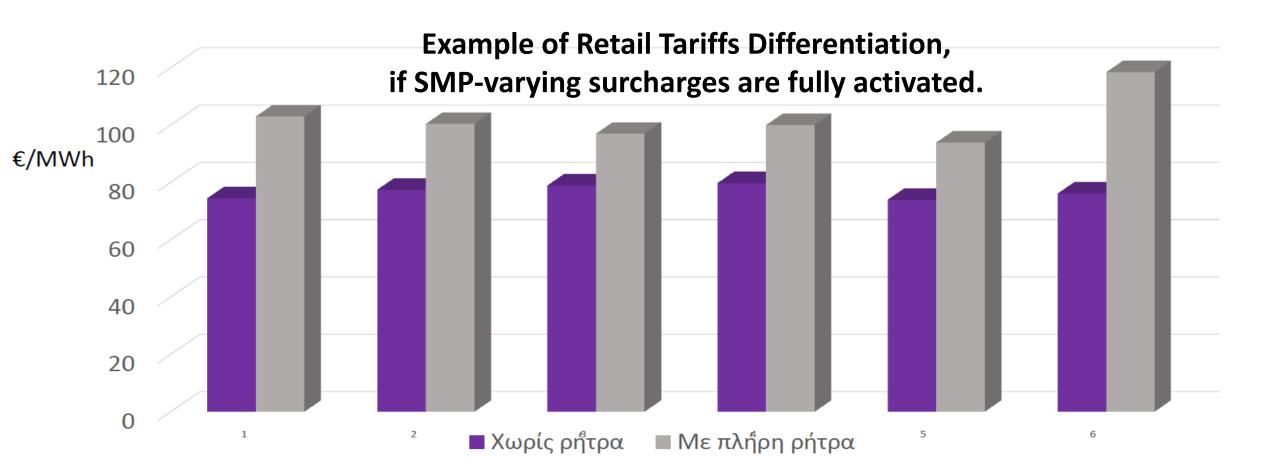
- 20 suppliers. 12 auctions.
- Total Volume: 41.62 TWh. Average Price: 48.29 €/MWh.
- Total benefit: 566 mil € (Dec 2016 July 2019) on wholesale market cost.



### **Evolution of Wholesale Market Cost**

# PAGE Retail Prices: Transparent, Well-explained, Comparable

- Price Comparison Tool: Essential for Consumer Protection.
- □ Time-varying surcharges: reflecting fluctuations of SMP, wholesale costs, or CO2.

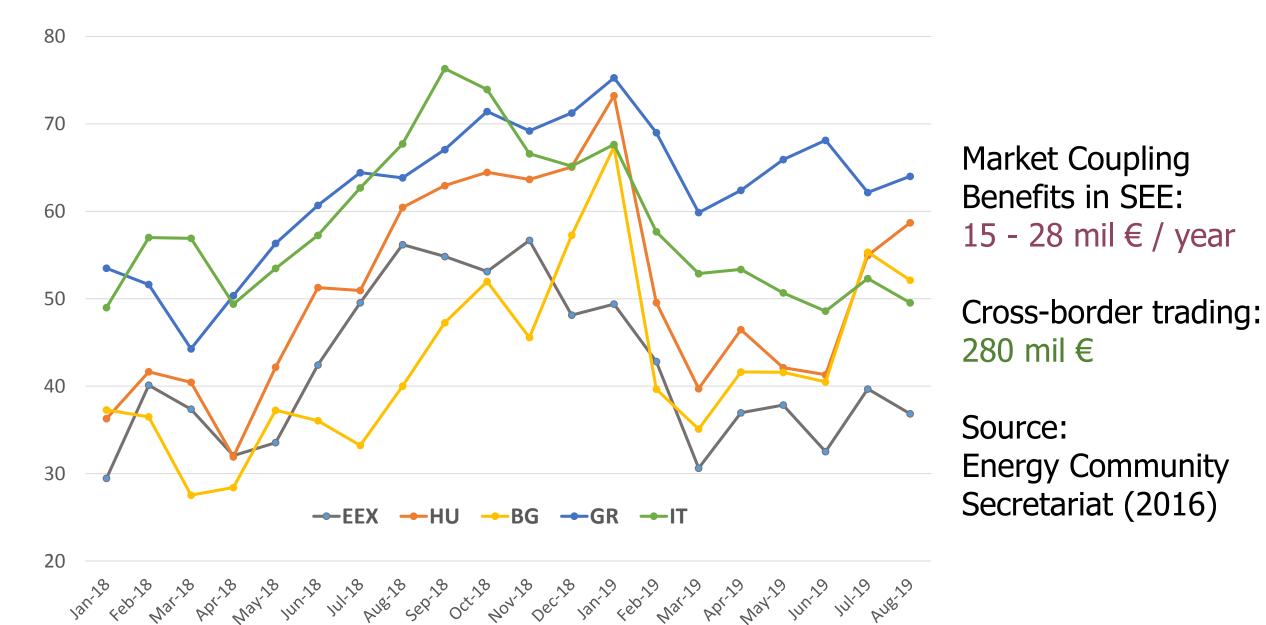




## **Regional Cooperation: Essential at Several Levels**

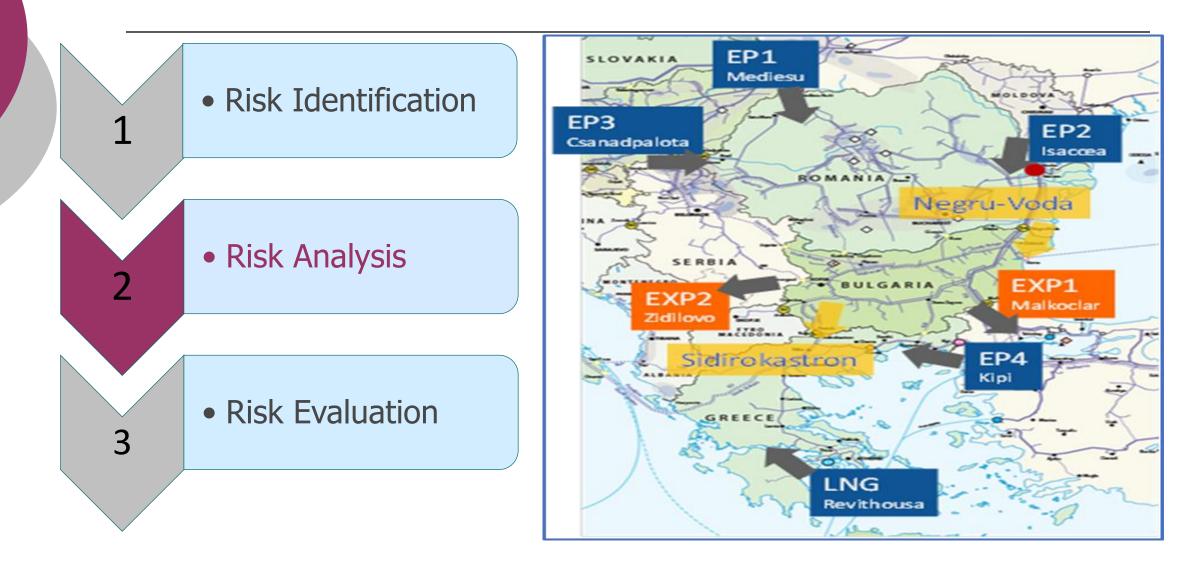
- Risk assessment and crisis mitigation both for electricity and gas.
  Solidarity obligations: in progress.
- □ Capacity mechanisms: Cross-border participation is a key element.
- □ Regional Operational Centers: reserves requirements and sharing.
- □ RES Schemes: Participation in RES tenders from other Member States.
- □ Still, regional challenges emerge in SEE.
- ✓ Efficient co-operation on gas framework and infrastructure projects.
- Coupling of electricity markets: Delayed. But, positive momentum.
- Electricity Interconnections: Limitations.
- From market fragmentation towards coupling and Power Exchange mergers.

### **Price Convergence? Market Coupling Potential**





### Trans-Balkan Joint Risk Assessment RAE: Co-ordinator



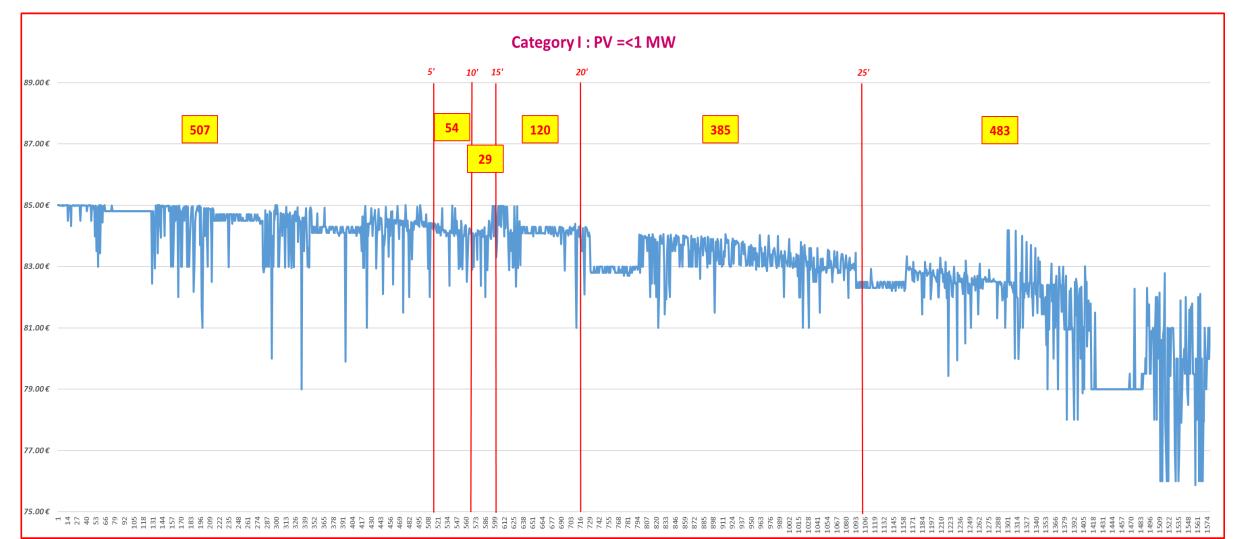


### New Regulation 941/2019 on Risk-Preparedness in Electricity

- Regional and bilateral measures to prevent and mitigate crises.
- Crisis coordinator, tests, trigger points for non market-based measures.
- Assistance mechanisms.
- 5.1.2020. Member States designate the Competent Authority.
- ENTSO-E submits to ACER proposed methodologies for regional electricity crisis scenarios, short-term and seasonal adequacy assessments.
- European Commission may issue guidance on fair compensation in assistance mechanisms.
- 5.3.2020. ACER approves the above methodologies.
- 5.9.2020. ENTSO-E identifies regional crisis scenarios.
- 5.1.2021. Competent authorities identify national crisis scenarios.
- 5.4.2021. Draft Risk Rreparedness Plans are completed. Consultation and Submission to ECG.
- 5.1.2022. Approval and Publication of the 1<sup>st</sup> Risk Preparedness Plan.

### **RES support arising from auctions -Competition drives down prices**

### Auction for PV = <1MW (2 July 2018)





### **Challenges for the Sector and Consumers Bills**

#### □ Cost efficiency

- ✓ Production costs: Mining activity at a loss of 200 mil € in 2018 (PPC unbundled financial statements).
- ✓ Network costs: CEER Benchmark Study for European TSOs.
- ✓ Under-investments in electricity networks. Still, momentum in island interconnections.
- □ DSO Charges: Accumulated under-recovery of 100 mil €.
- □ RES Account: Reduction of RES levy for LV consumers -> ~ 200 mil € deducted from RES Account.
  Withholding of 4 mil ton allowances in July 2019 (Market Stability Reserve) ->
  ~ 60 mil € reduction of inflows to RES Account.
- □ PSO Account: Essential to be financed by state budget to avert deficit.
- □ Gas tariffs: Level of socialization of infrastructure.
- □ Key Drivers of Future Developments:
- ✓ Target Model: Implementation Dates, Market Parameters, Surveillance.
- ✓ Capacity mechanism (strong impact on PPC new lignite plant).
- $\checkmark\,$  NOME auctions.
- ✓ Structural measures (Decision on Lignite Case, DG Comp investigation).
- ✓ PPC restructuring. Privatizations.



### **Retaining Order in a Profound Transformation**

□ From Market Design and Structural Changes -> Cross-sectoral synergies.

- □ " Phase transitions create order in an expanding universe " (*Physics*).
- □ " Instead of two opposed polarities, there is a continuous spectrum" (*Mathematics*).



